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British Columbia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

May 28, 2025

BC Synod announcements are sent out on **Wednesdays**. Do you have an announcement you want to send out? Please send it to bcsynod@elcic.ca **no later than 9:00 pm on the Sunday prior to the week of first publication**. All announcements may be edited as needed. Thank you.

Prayer Petitions for This Sunday and Next Sunday

To download the **BC Synod 2024-2025 Prayer List for Congregations**, please [click here](#). It can also be found on our website bcsynod.org under Resources.

Sunday, June 1st we pray for:
Grace Lutheran in Burnaby - Rev. Nathan Fong
Mount Zion Lutheran in Smithers

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Full Communion Cycle of Prayer. Please [click here](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

- **NEW** [ELCIC Annual Report Now Available](#)
- **May 31** [Climate Justice- A Christian Journey](#)
- **May 31** [Deadline for Charitus Grant Applications](#)
- **New June 1** [is Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday](#)
- **June 5-7** [Worship and Music Symposium in Camrose, Alberta](#)

- **NEW June 7** [Bloomin' Tea, Port Alberni](#)
- **NEW June 7** [Sharing Memories at Prince George](#)
- **NEW June 13** [Sugar and Spruce Coffee House, Coquitlam](#)
- **June 15-17** [Four-College Conference: "Homes of the Sacred"](#)
- **June 23** [Young Adults Zoom Call](#)
- **Update** [National Convention](#)
- [Summer Sermon Series 2025](#)
- [CLAY Registration](#)

For more details, other announcements,
prayer requests and resources, [see below](#).

PRAYERS

Prayer for Pastor Kristen Steele

Thank you for your continued prayers for Pastor Kristen, her family and the people of
Shepherd of the Valley in Langley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tea at Trinity, Porty Alberni

It's a Bloomin' Tea!

from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm on June 7th, 2025
Trinity Community Hall 4766 Angus St. (Corner of 5th & Angus)

Come enjoy tea and treats with us! 🌸 \$25 per person

Tickets available at the door and at the Funk Trunk
or reserve a table by calling Alison @250-724-2580





“Sugar and Sprice” Coffee House Fundraiser

DRINKS, BITES, & TUNES
AT THE

SUGAR & SPRICE CAFÉ

ENTRY BY
DONATION

MUSIC BY :
THE FOREST ARCHIVE
TWO CENTS FLAT
NIKOLAJ HANSEN + FRIENDS
+ MORE

JUNE 13TH, 2025, 7-10PM
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN
CHURCH, 1504 SPRICE AVE.

PROCEEDS GO TO IGNYTE YOUTH

Come and enjoy an evening of great music, tasty coffee and treats, and good company at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (1504 Spruce Ave.).

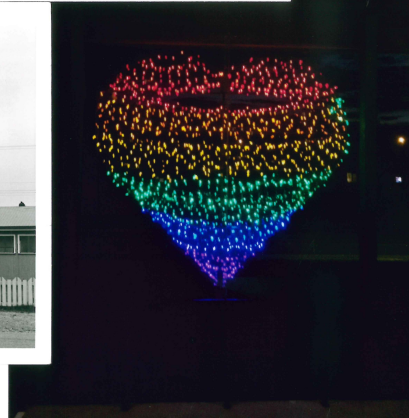
Admission and concessions **by donation**.

All funds raised go to ignYte, the joint youth ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran and St. Laurence Anglican for their trip to **CLAY**.

**Sharing Memories of Our Saviour's Lutheran
Church in Prince George**

June 7th 2:00-4:00 PM

**An opportunity to share memories, view church
photos from over the years, and and enjoy some
appetizers.**



BC Young Adults Zoom Call

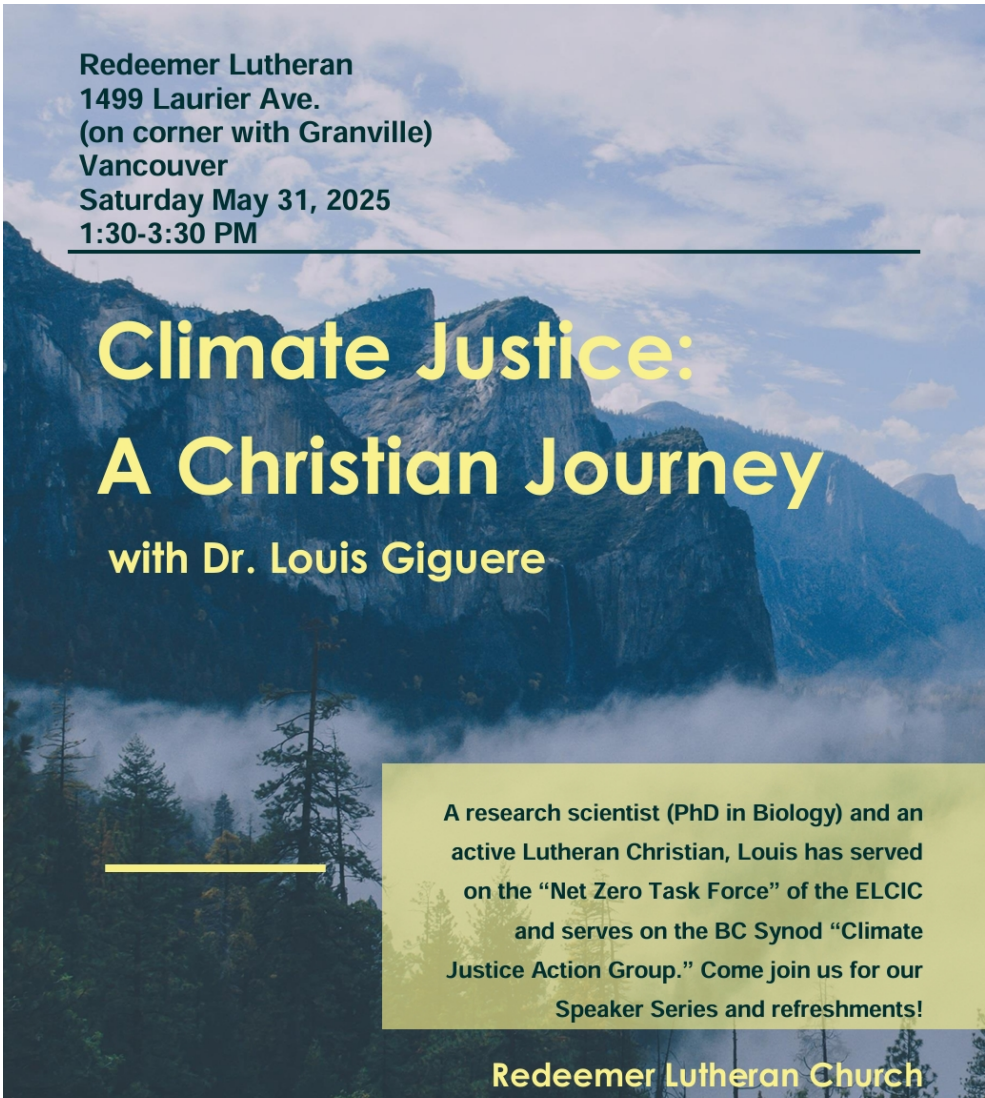
We are excited to invite all Young Adults within the BC Synod to join our first Young Adults Zoom call, taking place on **Monday, June 23, 2025 at 7 pm** (Zoom link below). The BC Synod hosted a Synod Conversation earlier this year, during which participants shared our dreams, hope and vision for the church and how we can grow that vision together. A group of Young Adults met during the Synod Conversation and shared their hope to build a community within the BC Synod for Young Adults. We would be delighted if you joined!

Topic: BC Synod Young Adult Zoom Call
Time: Jun 23, 2025 07:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/84448114323>

Climate Justice: A Christian Journey

Redeemer Lutheran , Vancouver



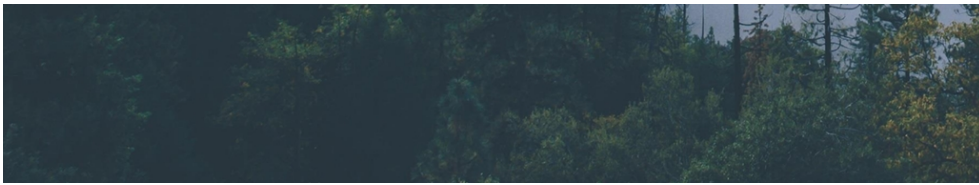
Redeemer Lutheran
1499 Laurier Ave.
(on corner with Granville)
Vancouver
Saturday May 31, 2025
1:30-3:30 PM

Climate Justice: A Christian Journey

with Dr. Louis Giguere

A research scientist (PhD in Biology) and an active Lutheran Christian, Louis has served on the "Net Zero Task Force" of the ELCIC and serves on the BC Synod "Climate Justice Action Group." Come join us for our Speaker Series and refreshments!

Redeemer Lutheran Church



ELCIC NEWS

Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday



The ELCIC recognizes Sunday, June 1 as [Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday](#). This joint day of emphasis with the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) is an opportunity to lift up our partner churches in the region—The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

“These are our partner churches. That means we have an ongoing relationship with them and a commitment to walk with them in times of joy and in times of adversity,” said ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson.

[Find out more about Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday here.](#)

ELCIC Annual Report Now Available

The report can be downloaded here: <https://elcic.ca/annual-report/>



Summer Sermon Series 2025



For the sixth year in a row, the ELCIC bishops and assistants to the bishops have agreed to provide sermons for congregational use **from May to September 2025**.

[The first available sermon will be for May 25.](#)

Resources include both text and video files of the sermons for each week. These are downloadable files that may be used as part of your congregation's worship in whatever works best for your context.

As sermons are submitted and edited, they will be posted publicly to the online folder and made available for download.

Not only are the sermons helpful to use if you need to cover vacation leave over the summer but they are a wonderful way to introduce members of your congregation to our bishops and assistants to the bishops from across the ELCIC.

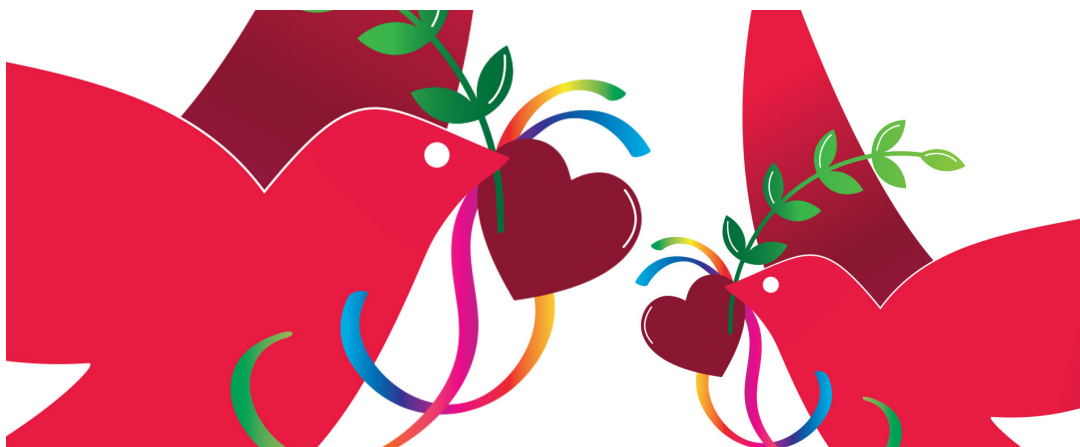
[To access these resources, please complete the following form by clicking here.](#)

CLAY Registration



Registration for CLAY 2025 is ongoing. To register for this gathering and for more information, please visit: www.claygathering.ca . Stay up-to-date with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and X; and [sign-up for the newsletter](#) today!

2025 National Convention News



National Bishop Discernment Process

In April, the National Church Council's Pre-Identification Committee [shared that it had received seven submissions for possible names for National Bishop](#) with six names choosing to move forward in the process. [The names of these individuals, along with their bios and introductory videos are now available on the ELCIC website.](#)

Countdown to Convention

Want to stay up to date on Convention news? The ELCIC is once again providing a weekly email update for those interested in following along as we prepare for the 2025 National Convention. [Countdown to Convention](#) is a weekly e-newsletter filled with updates, highlights and information leading up to the gathering. Delegates are automatically subscribed, but if you're eager to stay connected to convention communication, [sign up here](#). Watch for the first Countdown to Convention to be emailed out later this week!

MORE NEWS

Four-College Conference: “Homes of the Sacred” June 15-17, 2025 (in-person or online)



This year's conference focuses on questions of sacred space, such as:
What is sacred space? How do we participate in co-creating sacred space? What theological responses and practices equip us for engaging hope in the world today?

More information, the full schedule and registration are online: [Four-College Conference: “Homes of the Sacred” - Lutheran Theological Seminary](#)

The in-person registration includes all meals.

Worship and Music Symposium

June 5-7 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Camrose, Alberta.

To see the brochure click [here](#).

Call for Partner Grant Program Applications

Charitus is excited to announce the launch of the [2025 Partner Impact Grant Program](#), offering matching grants to ELCIC congregations and institutions for projects addressing social and environmental needs in both church and broader community contexts. Grants of up to \$3,000, covering up to 75% of project costs, are available to support impactful initiatives under three key objectives:

1. **Elimination of Poverty:** Projects like low-income meal programs, food distribution, and essential items assistance.
2. **Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples:** Initiatives to promote awareness, education, and community engagement, such as healthy meals, cultural camps, and work programs.
3. **Sustainable Environmental Practices:** Ideas such as energy-efficient lighting upgrades, water conservation measures, or rain barrel installations.

This is an opportunity for your congregation or Synod to receive financial support for projects that make a tangible difference. Though examples are provided, we encourage creativity—let the Holy Spirit guide your ideas!

Applications are open to all Charitus partners and congregations supported by their Synod. The deadline for submission is **May 31, 2025**. For more details or to apply, visit [Charitus Grant Application](#).

Questions? Contact Krista at 1-888-308-9461 ext. 3 or krista@charitus.ca.

Let's work together to create lasting impact!

Transitions in Ministry

Transitions, Vacancies and Call Processes in the BC Synod can be found here:

[Transitions in Ministry | Resources | British Columbia Synod \(bcsynod.org\)](#)

BC Synod Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

BC Synod staff work a variety of hours in various locations, including from home offices.

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The message field of the eTransfer should explain what the payment is for. (It is like the memo field of a cheque, but with more space). If a congregation is doing their monthly congregation remittance, then the remittance form can be emailed or mailed separately at the same time that the transfer is done.

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