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British Columbia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

November 4, 2026

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

To download the **Updated BC Synod 2025-2026 Prayer List for Congregations**, please click here.

It can also be found on our website bcsynod.org under Resources.

Sunday, Nov. 8
Peace Lutheran in Abbotsford - Rev. Dean Andersen (interim)
Emmaus Lutheran in Burnaby - Rev. Timo Saarinen

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Full Communion Cycle of Prayer. Please click here

HIGHLIGHTS

Please note that Synod Office will be closed on Wednesday, Nov 11th

- **NEW** **Compensation Guidelines for 2027** can be found on our website here
- **NEW** **BC Synod Council Highlights** can be found on our website here
- **NEW** Annual Report Covers Now Available
- **Nov 5** Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering
- **Nov 14** Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?
- **Nov 15** CLAY coffee chat for leaders!
- **Nov 21** BC Synod Youth Connect
- **Nov 21** Winter Fair at Hills of Peace, Kamloops
- **Nov 24** Advent / Lent Book Study
- **Nov 28** Craft Fair at King of Life, Coquitlam
- **NEW Dec 1** BC Synod AGM
- **NEW Dec 6** Save the Date - Christmas Carols at the Border
- **Feb 22-26** Engage Difference DUIM 2027
- Living Systems - Exploring Everyday Relationships

For more details, other announcements, prayer requests and resources, see below.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering

Thursday Morning Brew (for all rostered leaders)
Meets monthly
Next date: **Thursday, Nov 5 at 9 am**

Click here join the Morning Brew by ZOOM,
Or call in by dialing: 778-907-2071
Meeting ID: **811 6876 9079**
Passcode: **926542**

More Leisurely Brew (for retired rostered leaders)
Meets monthly
Next date: **Thursday, Nov 5 at 10am**

Click here to join the meeting, or contact the synod office if you need to connect by phone.

Lay Leader Gatherings
Meets monthly
Next date - **Thursday, Nov 5 at 7pm**
Topic: Planning for Advent

Click here to join the meeting, or contact the synod office if you need to connect by phone

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Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church together with Lynn Valley United Church is hosting a Panel Discussion on **November 14 at 3:00pm** - "Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?"

For more information, and to register, please click here.



November 14, 3:00pm



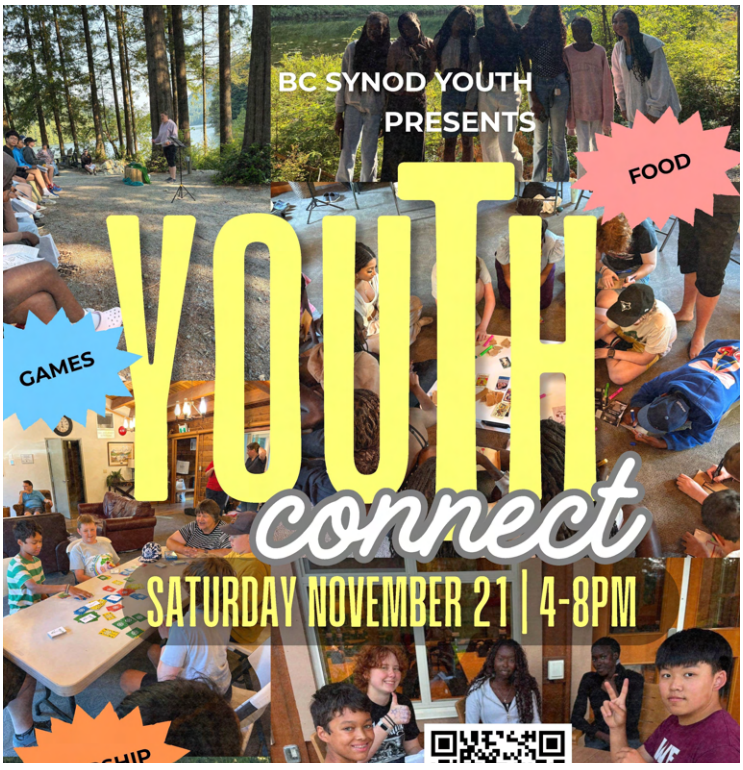
Rabbi Laura Duhan-Kaplan Shadia Qubti Ron Dart

Join Lynn Valley United Church and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for a truly eye-opening panel exploring the complex intersection of faith, politics, history, justice, and peace. Hosted at Lynn Valley United Church, this event will prompt attendees to ask, in a time of deep polarization, how can Christians move beyond slogans and engage in the realities of Palestine and Israel with humility, compassion, and courage?

Learn more and register now:

3201 Mountain Highway, North Vancouver
www.lynnvalleychurch.com

BC Synod Youth Connect





Winter Fair at Hills of Peace, Kamloops



[A Beautiful Year: Book Study for Advent and Lent]





Join us for an Advent and Lenten book study online (on Zoom) based on the book,**" A Beautiful Year:** by Diana Butler Bass, * a renowned theologian and author.

Click here to view a short video by Diana Butler Bass introducing the book.

*This book is available to purchase on Amazon.ca for $27.00 + taxes (hardcover) or Kindle version: $21.99 + taxes

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Craft Fair at King of Life, Coquitlam



NOVEMBER 28TH
10AM TO 3PM

Come Celebrate the Season & Find Some Special Handmade Gifts!



BC Synod AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the BC Synod for 2026 will be held on **Dec 1, 2026, at 7:30 pm** on the Zoom online platform. Anyone who holds membership in a congregation of the BC Synod may vote. More information can be found here

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Christmas Carols at the Border

Join our Northwest Washington Synod siblings and BC Synod friends for **Christmas Carols at the Border** on the afternoon of **Sunday, December 6,** 2026, at the Peace Arch Border Crossing in Surrey, BC / Blaine, WA.

Come lift your voices in song as we celebrate friendship, fellowship and hope, and sing together for a more peaceful world!

Watch this space for confirmation of the event time coming soon.

ELCIC NEWS

Annual Report Covers Available Now





Are you preparing for your Annual General Meeting? Even if planning is still far away, our Annual Report Covers are now available! These are offered free to any congregation or ministry across the ELCIC. The cover includes devotions for opening and closing your annual meeting. Orders are expected to be mailed shortly. When placing your orders, congregations are invited to help cover postage costs at a fee of approximately $25 per package. To place your ELCIC 2026 Annual Report Covers, please click here.

Youth Ministry - CLAY 2027 in Nanaimo

SAFE HARBOUR

CLAY 2027 • Nanaimo, BC

Lutheran and Anglican youth and their leaders are invited to attend CLAY 2027 - Safe Harbour! The gathering will take place **August 19-22, 2027** in Nanaimo, BC at Vancouver Island University. CLAY is an opportunity to gather with youth age 14-19 from across Canada for a time of fellowship, worship, learning, and fun! Want to learn more? Check out updates that will be coming out on the website at claygathering.ca and watch our socials for more info (Instagram, Facebook). Deacon Gretchen is hosting a **coffee chat for leaders on November 15, 4:00 p.m. Saskatchewan time**. Please register when you click here.

MORE NEWS

Exploring Everyday Relationships

living systems counselling & training

For more information and/or to register please click here



DUIM 2027

Registration is now open!

To register click here and to download a pdf poster click here

Registration closes January 31st





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. To better serve you, please contact the synod office before dropping by to ensure someone is present to receive you.

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