

From: BC Synod - ELCIC bcsynod@elcic.ca 
Subject: Synod Announcements - September 16, 2026
Date: September 16, 2026 at 1:00 pm
To: oslcospika@gmail.com

B

[View this email in your browser](#)



British Columbia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

September 16, 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, September 20
Dunbar Lutheran in Vancouver – Rev. Elina Singh
For our BC Synod Staff and Synod Council

You are also invited to continue to hold Pastor Kristen Steele in your prayers.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- **NEW** [ELCIC Mission Fund Grant Applications Now Open!](#)
- [Resources for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility \(DEIA\)](#)
- **Sept** [Hills of Peace - Invitation to Attend Education Programs](#)
- **Sept 17 - Nov 5** [Liberating Lutherans: Theology & Organizing for the Church Today](#)
- **Sept 20** [135th Anniversary Mt Zion](#)
- **Sept 29** [Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC Notice of Special General Meeting](#)
- **NEW Oct 26** [Forget-Me-Not Cafe](#)
- [Job Opportunity - Youth Minister](#)
- [Living Water Season of Creation 2026](#)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELCIC Mission Fund - Grant Applications

We are inviting applications for grants to fund neighbourhood and community experiments and learning opportunities that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- a) explore what God is doing in your neighbourhood
- b) seek to develop relationships with others in your community
- c) encourage participation in God's mission in the local community
- d) encourage action and reflection learning

Through these experiments, we will continue to learn from and with each other as we share our stories, experiences, and our learning with the rest of our synod and the wider church. Experiments need not be large-scale or require the commitment of large dollar amounts. Successful applications are inspired by imagination and a curiosity about what God is up to in our midst.

Grants are funded by the ELCIC through the ELCIC Mission Fund and are given on a one-time basis and are not intended to subsidize ongoing funding needs of regular church programming. Grant recipients will be invited to submit the "faith story" of their missional experiments, which will be shared with the synod and the communities and be asked to give an accounting of how the grant money is spent, and to return any unused funds.

The application deadline is October 15, 2026

Applications and information can be found [here](#).

Please note that all congregations and groups that receive funding must complete the reporting form when their experiment is complete. This allows us to reconcile funds and report to the National Church, which is a requirement of our committee. It also gives you a chance to reflect with your team and share your experience with us. The updated reporting form contains both reflection questions and a space for financial reconciliation, and is available in word or pdf format here: <https://bcsynod.org/resources/funds-grants>

Forget-Me-Not Cafe, Penticton, Oct 26



The Forget-Me-Not Cafe 

A Dementia Friendly Neighbourhood Cafe
welcoming those with dementia
& their family or friends

Next Cafe:

Monday October 26, 2026

11:30am - 1:30-ish (\$5.00/person) 

Enjoy lunch, music, arts,

conversation & laughter

Pre-register for the Forget-Me-Not Cafe by:

- Calling 250-492-6861 or
- Emailing: pentictondementiacafe@gmail.com


Our Redeemer Lutheran Church*
 1370 Church Street, [Penticton](#)

THANK YOU to our SPONSORS!

H. Baessler & E. Turner,
A. & W. Gehringer, R. & B. Park

KH Kemp Thompson, E. Little, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

M. Acorn, Dragon Boat Pub, Dusters Cleaning Service, R. Fairbridge,
G. Reis, Quality Greens, Cobs Bread

Hills of Peace - Invitation to Attend Education Programs

Indigenous Persons and Lutherans:

The program will begin on Sunday, September 20th. With the support of our Church Council, Pastor John will host these opportunities for us to learn, listen, and talk together. There will be five sessions, held on Sundays after church.

Holy Baptism:

Sessions will be offered **Monday 10:00-11:00 am (beginning Sept 14th) and Thursday 6:30 – 7:30, beginning Sept 17th.** Pastor John will host several sessions with an opportunity for us to learn, listen, and talk together about the sacrament of Baptism and what it means in the Church.

Zoom participation is an option. Call [\(250\) 828-2221](tel:2508282221) or write to office@hillsofpeace.com for more information or to sign up today!

More information can be found on their Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1EaWSAPqrZ/>

Liberating Lutherans: Theology & Organizing for the Church Today

Spirit of Life and Church of the Cross are collaborating on an education offering. Liberating Lutherans: Theology & Organizing for the Church Today. September 17 to November 5, 8 Thursdays for 60 minutes per class over Zoom.

This is a reading and discussion group that will offer a brief survey of liberation theology in the context of application for ministry today. The idea grew out of the small group discussion around Broad Based Organizing at the One Body Gathering in Coquitlam in June.

This online theology course is free and open to anyone who wants to join. It is not a synod offering, but a conversation two congregations are opening to others. There will be a syllabus ready by early September, but

conversation two congregations are opening to others. There will be a syllabus ready by early September, but you can expect excerpts and articles from authors like James Cone, Wil Gafney, and Gustavo Guitérrez. As well as applications of organizing and theology principles participants will be invited to make in their own ministry context. Rather than following one book we will be making readings available online that everyone can access.

Expect around 20 pages of reading per week. This is not an academic course, it is about making theology accessible to everyone.

For more info contact either of the church offices, who will forward your email to the leaders: Audrey Guay, Pr.

Aneeta Saroop, and Pr. Lyndon Sayers

Contact: spiritoflifelutheranoffice@gmail.com

lutheranchurchofthecross@shaw.ca

L	L	F	THEOLOGY &
I	U	A	ORGANIZING FOR THE
B	T	L	CHURCH TODAY
E	H	L	
R	E	L	SEPTEMBER 17 -
A	R	L	NOVEMBER 5
T	A	L	8 THURSDAYS
H	Z	L	7:15 - 8:15 PM
I	S	L	MEET OVER ZOOM
G		L	
		L	FREE & OPEN TO
		L	EVERYONE IN THE BC
		L	SYNOD & FRIENDS
		L	
		L	WEEKLY READINGS &
		L	SPECIAL GUESTS
		L	LEADERS: AUDREY
		L	GUAY, PR. ANEETA
		L	SAROOP, PR. LYNDON
		L	SAYERS

SPIRITOFLIFELUTHERANOFFICE@GMAIL.COM
LUTHERANCHURCHOFTHECROSS@SHAW.CA

135th Anniversary at Mount Zion, Sept 20





CJAG - Living Water - Season of Creation 2026

The BC Synod Climate Justice Action Group (CJAG) invites Lutheran congregations to celebrate the global and ecumenical initiative "Season of Creation" this Fall. The logo, "Living Water," portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility.

Season of Creation starts September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and end October 4th, the day of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Please look up the 2026 Celebration Guide at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

A PDF with more info can be downloaded [here](#).



IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Job Opportunity - Youth Minister

Are you a relational, pastorally gifted leader
with a heart for young people?

Good Shepherd Lutheran and St. Laurence Anglican in Coquitlam

are two congregations working together across their traditions:
affirming, justice-oriented, and investing in dedicated professional
youth ministry leadership to build on strong foundations
and grow what they have begun together.

This is a role for someone who loves working with young people, thrives on genuine relationships, and is ready
to build something meaningful in partnership with a community poised for growth
To see more details and learn how to apply please [click here](#) or check out the ignYte page on Good Shepherd's
website [here](#).

ELCIC NEWS

Resources for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA)



The [ELCIC website](#) has a dedicated Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) webpage with resources to support congregations as they continue learning, reflecting and working toward becoming more diverse, equitable, inclusive and accessible faith communities. The webpage brings together resources in four main areas, offering tools and materials that can be used by congregations for learning, discussion and reflection. Resources are added and updated from time to time, as new materials become available to support the church's ongoing work in DEIA. To explore and view these resources, please [click here](#).

Resource updates:

[Equipping the Church to Dismantle White Supremacy](#)

[Pastoral Letter from ReconcilingWorks](#)

[The Movie 1946 that Shifted Culture](#)

More News

Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC Notice of Special General Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC calls a Special General Meeting for Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 7:00 PM. The mode of meeting will be hybrid: both in-person at 375 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver, and by Zoom.

Per the Society's Bylaws, all members of ELCIC-BC Synod congregations and all members of parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada in British Columbia are eligible to become members of the Society by registering for and attending the AGM.

The purpose of the Special General Meeting is to approve the Society's Audited Financial Statements for the 2025 Fiscal Year and appoint the auditor for the 2026 Fiscal Year.

The Board welcomes everyone to attend in person in the facilities located at 375 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver, or by Zoom. To attend by Zoom and to obtain the link, please register by contacting Chair Stephanie Oldford, at stephanie.oldford@gmail.com no later than Noon on Monday, September 28, 2026.

On behalf of the Board,
Stephanie Oldford, Chair

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.

Website: [British Columbia Synod \(bcsynod.org\)](http://BritishColumbiaSynod.org)

Contact us:

Office phone: 604-524-1318

Bishop Kathy Martin - kmartinbcsynod@gmail.com

Rachel Genge (Administrative Assistant + BC Canada Lutheran editor - remote) - bcsynod@elcic.ca

Aparna Jacob (Administrative Assistant - Synod Office) - bcsynod@elcic.ca

Rev. Elina Singh (Assistant to the Bishop + Executive Administrator - Synod Office) -

esinghbcsynod@gmail.com

Rev. Matthew Senf (Assistant to the Bishop for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations - deployed) -

msenf@elcic.ca

Rev. Aneeta Saroop (Assistant to the Bishop for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - deployed) - asaroop@elcic.ca

eTransfers are linked to the office email address: bcsynod@elcic.ca

Auto Deposit has been enabled. No password is required.

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.

Do the church council and members of your congregation receive the
Synod Announcements directly?

We encourage you to forward this email to them so that they can
[sign up for The Synod Announcements](#)

Copyright © 2026 BC Synod - ELCIC, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you are on our contact list or because you have asked to receive our announcements.

Our mailing address is:

BC Synod - ELCIC
80 East 10th Ave.
New Westminster, BC V3L 4R5
Canada

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).


