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British Columbia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

October 14, 2026

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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, October 18

*Lutheran Church of the Cross in Victoria - Rev. Lyndon Sayers and Rev. Eli Deifeld
For prison chaplains and their ministries*

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Oct 15** [ELCIC Mission Fund Grant Applications Deadline](#)
- **Oct 16** [World Food Day Resources](#)
- **Oct 25** [Join Us for ELCIC's 40th Anniversary Worship Service](#)
- **NEW Oct 25** [Celebrating 65 Years of Gloria Dei!](#)
- **Oct 26** [Forget-Me-Not Cafe](#)
- **Nov 14** [Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?](#)
- **Feb 22-26** [Engage Difference DUIM 2027](#)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Us for ELCIC's 40th Anniversary Worship Service - October 25



As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada celebrates 40 years in 2026, members and congregations from across the church are invited to come together for a special **National Worship Service on Sunday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m. (Saskatchewan Time)**. Led by National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the service will be livestreamed from Camp Kinasao at Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan, where youth from across the Saskatchewan Synod will gather for a weekend retreat. Please plan to join our celebration worship via livestream by [clicking here](#). And [click here to access the website page](#) for worship resources for this Sunday.

Celebrating 65 Years of Gloria Dei!





Join us on **Sunday, October 25 at 11:00 a.m.** for our **65th Anniversary Festival Service**, with **Bishop Kathy Martin**, Synod Bishop, and special music by our choir.

Following worship, we'll enjoy a catered anniversary lunch with guest speaker **National Bishop Susan Johnson (retired)**.

Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for the Festival Service. The anniversary lunch is a ticketed event and, as we have now reached capacity, we are unable to accommodate walk-ins.

Come celebrate 65 years of faith, worship, and community with us!

Any clergy in attendance are invited to vest. The liturgical color is red.

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

The application deadline is October 15, 2020

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>

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](#).



Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?

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.

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



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

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MORE NEWS

World Food Day – October 16



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

A day where we unite in prayer for those who don't have enough to eat. At CLWR, we continue to see conflict, droughts and disasters make it tough for families to put enough food on the table. Resources include:

- [Prayer from Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer](#) – National Bishop, ELCIC
- [Sermon](#)
- [PowerPoint slide](#)
- [Bulletin insert](#)
- World Food Day – October 16th – Nearly one third of the world's population can't afford healthy food. This World Food Day, please join us in prayer for a future where everyone has enough to eat. Visit clwr.org/wfd for resources and to learn more.

[View all resources for World Food Day.](#)

DUIM 2027

Registration is now open!

To register click [here](#) and to download a pdf poster click [here](#)

Registration closes January 31st



**Engage
Difference!**

DUIM 2027

(Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry)

Ottawa, Ontario - February 22–26, 2027

Kanata United Church | 33 Leacock Dr, Kanata, ON K2K 2B9

Registration has two options:

- Commuters who will join daily after breakfast.

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- Residential who will stay at the Kanata Comfort Inn.

 This program is in person.

 Bursaries are available for participation.

 If childcare is a barrier, email intercultural@councilofchurches.ca

 [See Program Agenda](#)

Commuters:
\$950

Residential:
\$1,770

Do not miss this opportunity to engage with diverse leaders and learn about interculturality together!!

REGISTER NOW!



Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning
 Forum pour le leadership et l'apprentissage interculturels

Transitions in Ministry

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

[Transitions in Ministry | Resources | British Columbia Synod \(bcsynod.org\)](https://bcsynod.org/transitions-in-ministry-resources)

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

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