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**British Columbia Synod**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

**October 30, 2024**

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## Prayer Petitions for This Sunday and Next Sunday

To download the BC Synod 2023-2024 **Prayer List for Congregations**, please [click here](#). It can also be found on our website [bcsynod.org](http://bcsynod.org) under the Resources.

Sunday, November 3rd we pray for:  
*Lutheran Church of the Cross in Victoria - Rev. Lyndon Sayers*  
*For prison chaplains and their ministries*

**Lutheran Anglican Cycle of Prayer** for Advent 2023 to Reign of Christ 2024.  
To download your copy, please [click here](#).

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **NEW** [Leaders Continue to Call for Peace in Palestine and Israel](#)
- **NEW** [Lebanon Emergency Appeal](#)
- **November** [Racial Justice Workshops](#)
- **Nov. 5 & 6** [Cross-Canada learning events](#)
- **Reminder Nov. 7** [Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering](#)
- **Nov. 15 & 16** [Conversations about MAID](#)
- **Nov. 16** [Voices for Peace Conference](#)
- **Nov 27** [BC Synod AGM](#)
- **NEW** [National Convention Discernment Process](#)
- **August 21-24, 2025** [CLAY](#)
- [Annual Report Covers](#)
- [Great Joy for All: A new Advent / Christmas program for children and youth](#)
- [Subscribe to Canada Lutheran](#)

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

## PRAYERS

### Prayer for Bishop Kathy

Please continue to hold Bishop Kathy in your prayers. Please pray for continued good medical care, restored strength, complete healing, and that she may be surrounded and filled with God's peace that passes all understanding.

### 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

### Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering

#### Thursday Morning Brew (for active rostered leaders)

Meets monthly

Next date: **Thursday, November 7 at 9 am**

[Click here join the Morning Brew by ZOOM,](#)

Or call in by dialing: 778-907-2071

Meeting ID: **408 774 692**

Password: **372384**

#### More Leisurely Brew (for retired rostered leaders)

Meets monthly

Next date: **Thursday, November 7 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, November 7 at 7pm**

[Click here to join the meeting,](#) or contact the synod office if you need to connect by phone

## BC Synod AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the BC Synod for 2024 will be held on *November 27, 2024, 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](#).

## ELCIC NEWS

### Give in Support of the Lebanon Emergency Appeal

The graphic features a large, dark plume of smoke rising from a cityscape, with a red banner at the top that reads "LEBANON EMERGENCY". Below the smoke, a yellow box contains the text "Donate now". Underneath that, a red box says "2X IMPACT" and "Individual donations matched" with the "Canada" logo. To the right, the "HUMANITARIAN COALITION" logo is displayed with the tagline "Together saving more lives" and a list of partner organizations including UNICEF, World Health Organization, and others.

The [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#) (ELCIC) joins in support of [Canadian Lutheran World Relief](#) (CLWR) and the Humanitarian Coalition in responding to the growing crisis in Lebanon. Members of ELCIC are encouraged to pray for those who are affected and suffering, and to give generously to those who are in need.

Your gift will provide emergency supplies, clean water, and protection for the vulnerable. Gifts from individual Canadians are being **matched by the Canadian government for a limited time until November 3rd at 11:59 p.m.** Cheques mailed and stamped before the due date will be included in the match. Please make sure to mail in your cheques to CLWR at 400-185 Carlton Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J1. You may also give your donation over the phone at 204-694-5602 or toll-free at 1-800-661-2597 during office hours. Please give urgently and provide life-saving aid to twice as many people in Lebanon. To start giving online or to find more information, please go to: [clwr.org](http://clwr.org).

### Leaders Continue to Call for Peace in Palestine and Israel





[Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's](#) National Bishop Susan C. Johnson and [Anglican Church of Canada's](#) acting Primate, Archbishop Anne Germond have written to the Prime Minister regarding the urgent need for peace in Palestine, Israel, and the Middle East. To read the letter, please [click here](#).

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## 2025 National Convention

Discernment Process Launched in Advance of ELCIC National Bishop Election



After 18 years of service leading the ELCIC as national bishop, Rev. Susan Johnson has announced she will be retiring from her role at the conclusion of her current term, which coincides with the 2025 National Convention.

To assist the church in this transition, National Church Council (NCC) has thoughtfully considered a discernment process in the lead up to the election of the new national bishop.

[More information can be found here.](#)

Resources for the 2025 National Convention and the discernment process [can be downloaded here.](#)

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## 2024 Voices for Peace Conference - November 16

The **2024 Voices for Peace** is a free hybrid event taking place **on November 16, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**. The theme for this year is **Ancient Wisdom, Modern Peace: Indigenous Insights for a better future**. Join this event along with other peace-minded folks for small group discussions and times of prayer. For more information and to register for this event, [please click here](#).

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## Annual Report Covers

Every year the ELCIC produces Annual Report Covers that can be used by any ELCIC congregation or ministry as a cover to your annual report. Included on the Annual Report Covers are devotions to open and close your annual meeting. These resources are now available to order. The resources are free although we do invite

congregations to help cover the cost of postage (about \$25 per package). Order your copies today: <https://form.jotform.com/ELCIC/2024-annual-report-covers>



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Do you and your congregation subscribe to [Canada Lutheran](#)? The award-winning publication of the ELCIC is a hard-copy magazine published eight times a year and can also be viewed fully online. Stay up to date on local and international news from across the Church, read captivating features and narratives from Lutheran writers, while getting to know your national and synodical bishops on a more personal level. With a new database for 2024, subscribing congregations can now manage their own subscriptions online. *Information for congregational subscription plan renewal is hitting the mail this week so watch for your renewal packages!* Canada Lutheran is only a click away! [Learn more here.](#)

## Great Joy for All: A new Advent / Christmas program for children and youth

In 2020, church leaders from Twin Cities ELCA congregations (Holy Trinity, Grace University, St. Michael's, Edina Community, University Lutheran Church of Hope, and Augsburg University) commissioned a new expansive language liturgy. The result, *Sighs Too Deep for Words*, was rich in production and reception, transforming not only their original congregations' worship practices but many others who implemented it. In 2024, the group commissioned local pastor and author Rev. Emmy Kegler to create a Christmas program for children and youth. The result, *Great Joy for All*, is now available for order. <https://htlcmpls.org/great-joy-for-all-christmas-program/>

## Cross-Canada Learning Events

 <b>ELCIC Cross-Canada Lutheran Day of Learning and Evening Bible Study</b> Tuesday, November 5, beginning at 10:30 EST In-Person and On Zoom	 <b>Canadian Council of Churches 80th Year Anniversary Events</b> Wednesday November 6, beginning at 10:30 EST In-Person and On Zoom
<b>10:00 AM EST In-Person Registration and Coffee</b> Mt. Zion, 29 Westmount Road, Waterloo, Ontario	<b>10:00 AM EST In-Person Registration and Coffee</b> Mt. Zion 29 Westmount Road, Waterloo, Ontario
<b>10:30 AM EST Acknowledgement and Morning Welcome</b> Rev. Dr. Philip Mathai, Host Pastor Greetings from MLUC and LTS <b>Celebrating the ELCIC and Predecessor Archives Collection</b> Rev. Dr. Karin Achtelstetter, CEO of CLWR Amanda Oliver, Head, Laurier Archives and Special Collections	<b>10:30 AM EST Acknowledgement and Morning Welcome</b> Rev. Dr. Philip Mathai, Member CCC Governing Board  <b>Stories of Vitality from 80 years of Ecumenism in Canada: Contexts</b> Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, 80th Anniversary Historian: Themes Rev. Peter Noteboom, CCC General Secretary: Margins Rev. Karen Kuhnert, Eastern Synod (ELCIC) Archivist: Discrimination
<b>12:30 PM EST On Zoom Highlights from Issues of the 2022-2024 Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology</b>	<b>Listening to Young Adults in the Canadian Ecumenical Movement</b> Emily Savage, CCC Vice-President Marina Fanous, CCC Young Adult Engagement Animator
<b>1:30 PM EST Acknowledgement and Afternoon Welcome</b> <b>Continuing Education</b> by Lisa Thiessen, ED, ELCIC Group Services  <b>Listening to Experiences of Young Canadian Lutherans</b> Kristina Kuhnert - Young Canadian Lutherans (YCL) Movement Fred Sourial - Ontario Rebecca Wong - British Columbia TBA	<b>4:00 PM EST Blessing &amp; Sending</b> , Rev. Dr. Das Sydney, CCC Past President
<b>Listening to Experiences Approaching the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Lutheran Women in Canada</b> Rev. Dr. Susan C. Johnson, ELCIC National Bishop Rev. Karen Kuhnert, Archivist, Eastern Synod Rev. Victoria Mwamasika, Zion Lutheran Church, Weyburn, SK Rev. Deacon Sherry Coman, MLUC, Eastern Synod TBA <b>Services of Support from GSI</b> by Lisa Thiessen, ED, Group Services	<b>7:00 PM EST 80th Anniversary Evening</b> <b>Singing Lament and Hope Towards Peace</b>
<b>4:00 PM EST Blessing and Thanksgivings (4-15 and)</b>	

7:00 PM EST Bible Study: *Experiencing Gospel* with the author Rev. Dr. Gordon Jensen in Waterloo at Mt. Zion

In-Person Registration  
<https://form.jotform.com/242486985429270>

ZOOM:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ofu-tqTktG9N\\_LvXB9jdwivhyFVHt5la0#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ofu-tqTktG9N_LvXB9jdwivhyFVHt5la0#/registration)

Music leadership by Dr. Andrew Donaldson and Wendy Wyatt Donaldson  
"Climate, Peace and Security" by Cesar Jaramillo, ED, Project Ploughshares

In-Person Registration  
<https://form.jotform.com/242486985429272>

ZOOM:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvce2vpzMiHNS0Mxhlp36Ta3zG1csVDfd2#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvce2vpzMiHNS0Mxhlp36Ta3zG1csVDfd2#/registration)

#### November 5th- Zoom Registration:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ofu-tqTktG9N\\_LvXB9jdwivhyFVHt5la0#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ofu-tqTktG9N_LvXB9jdwivhyFVHt5la0#/registration)

#### November 6th- Zoom Registration:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvce2vpzMiHNS0Mxhlp36Ta3zG1csVDfd2#/registration>

## Upcoming Racial Justice Workshops

Sign up for a series of online workshops and learn how to start conversations addressing racism in the church and Canadian Society. Carmen Ramirez (she/her), Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will lead four workshops on racial justice. They are intended to be taken consecutively. **Sessions start in November 2024.** [Download the workshop flyer here.](#)

## CLAY 2025



The next **Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering (CLAY)** will take place in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, **August 21-24, 2025**. Held every two years, CLAY is a national event that brings together Anglicans and Lutheran youth and their leaders for an inspiring experience of faith, community and leadership building through worship and learning. Sign up for the latest updates at [www.claygathering.ca](http://www.claygathering.ca) and stay connected on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

MORE NEWS

## Conversations About MAID

Friday, November 15 & Saturday, November 16

### North Lonsdale United Church

3380 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver, BC V7N 3K2

A collaboration of St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, North Lonsdale United Church and Reflector Project, this conference aims to help people navigate spiritually, ethically and personally questions and situations around MAID. The conference is not about arguing a position on an issue, but rather helping individuals and families with questions and challenges.

Click here for more information and to register, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/conversations-about-maid-tickets-1025555894287>

## 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://British Columbia Synod (bcsynod.org))

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