

TABLE TALK

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Join Us for Sunday Worship
Starting September 6th
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To worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
in a meaningful and inspirational way;
to proclaim the good news of God's love through Christ;
to minister to those whose lives we touch in the church,
in the community, and in the world;
to teach and train our members to be
more effective disciples for Christ;
to help our members to discover, develop,
and use their individual spiritual gifts;
to seek out people in the community
who do not know Jesus,
to encourage them to become his disciples, and then
to help them become responsible church members;
and to build an atmosphere of Christian love.



TABLE TALK February 2021

Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastor:

Have you ever gotten "spring fever"? I have never been much of a winter person. I love a good snowfall, but the cold dreary days drive me crazy. I remember in college and in seminary thinking I just need some sun and warm weather or I will go nuts. Well, although last fall wasn't too bad, and actually the winter has not been as nasty as some, I still find myself saying, "I just need some sun and warm weather". Actually, I find myself saying, "I need to get out"!! Can you relate?

Although I am not always good at taking my own advice, recently I have given an extra effort to do some of the activities that I have encouraged you to try over the last few months. Activities meant to help keep one's sanity and good health. I have bundled up and gone for quiet walks in the cold, I have bundled up and sat in the sunshine for a little while to get some vitamin D, and I have taken a few mountain drives/walks to be in God's beautiful creation. I am also focusing on my spirit as Linda and I have started a new daily devotional, and I am spending a little extra time in God's Word.

Many of you may be struggling at this time of year as well. Please know, your pastors, our church staff, and many of our members are praying for you. Certainly all that may not cure our "spring fever/cabin fever", but it all helps. As always, please reach out to us if you need anything, even a listening ear or prayer! As I said last month, we will get through this, together!!!

Upcoming worship

We will hold a virtual worship service on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 7pm. We also have purchased 100 small packets of ashes for our members/visitors, to pick up from the church if they would like to actively participate in the imposition of ashes. Each packet contains enough ashes to mark at least 4 people. We are scheduled to receive the packets today and will have them available in the Welcome Lobby during normal business hours beginning Feb. 1st. We believe instructions are included in the packets. More direction will be given during our service. If you are unable to stream the service, you can simply dip your finger in a little olive oil and then into the ashes, and either mark yourself, or have someone mark your forehead with the cross and say, "remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return". As always, please call us with any questions. We can also drop them off for you if you are uncomfortable coming into the lobby.

Beginning with our Ash Wed. Service, and continuing through our mid-week services, Pastor Drahus and I will be focusing our Lenten theme around the six windows in the sanctuary. In a very simple, yet eloquent way they show some of the powerful scenes from the life of our Savior. Although beginning on February, 21st we hope to be back in person on Sundays, our midweek Lenten services will all be virtual. The reason for this is because we plan to do a modified version of the Holden Evening Prayer Service. We know many people will want to sing along with the beautiful songs, and thought this way everyone can sing at home. As always, we know it is not perfect, but we are trying to find a balance.

Thanks again for your prayers and support!

Pastor Dennis





Join us Virtually for worship

9:30 AM Sunday Morning

Our 9:30 AM service will continue to be live-streamed on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/elcwaynesboro/>

and posted to our YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaeKa1_Uo4gnV58do3c00Ig

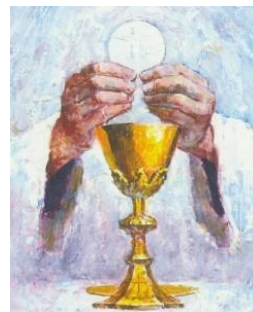
At this time, all worship services will continue to be held virtually. Starting **February 21st** we will go back to in person worship at **8 am and 9:30am**. We will continue to live-stream our 9:30 AM service on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/elcwaynesboro> and post to our You Tube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaeKa1_Uo4gnV58do3c00Ig

Please join us virtually if you are able. You can download a copy of our bulletin on our website www.elchome.org to follow along with the service. We miss you and we look forward to when we can gather again. Take Care and stay safe!

At this time, we are also asking all ministry groups to meet virtually. If you need help setting up a Zoom meeting, please contact Tracy in the office.

HOLY COMMUNION - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

Holy Communion will be offered the first Sunday of each month at both the 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM services and also at our first Sunday back to in person worship **February 21st**. The communion will be individually prepackaged, and you will receive it upon arrival and then we will take communion in our pews after the words of institution.



DRIVE-UP COMMUNION FEBRUARY 22ND

We realize quite a few members are still not comfortable coming to in person worship. We want to reiterate that we 100% support your decision. Since we are planning to celebrate Holy Communion the first Sunday each month, we want to give an opportunity for those who cannot attend, but who would like to receive the Lord's Supper. On Monday morning, following the first Sunday of the month and also on **Monday February 22**, the pastors will offer a "Drive-Up" Holy Communion. They are going to ask members who couldn't attend and wish to receive Holy Communion to enter the parking lot from the second street entrance, and proceed to the drop off portico. The pastors will be there to offer Holy Communion from **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**. Once you have received the elements they will say the blessing and they will need to move on to the next member.

CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children Sunday school classes will be held in person starting Feb.21st @ 10:30AM in Fellowship Hall.

ELC Congregation Council
Pam Wagaman ~ **President**
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Social Ministry- Linda Rausch
Stewardship-Jim Folk
Worship & Music- Pam Wagaman
Youth-Cathy Robinson

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The next Congregational Council meeting will be on February 9, 2021

Roll Call: Pastor Drahus, Pastor Dennis, Michelle Kring, Barb Carroll, Cathy Robinson, Andy Rovelstad, Sean McDonald, Linda Rausch, Jeff Cecco, Chuck Morningstar, Barry Drexler, Pam Wagaman, Greg Newlin, Alan Pitts, Jim Folk, Laura Oslik

Excused: MaryBeth Johnson

- Learning about the tech and the effectiveness of the Facebook Page.
- Very positive response about the gift cards and gift bags given out.
- Going to reach out to some to see if there is more needed.
- Teenagers really appreciated the gift boxes.
- Resources were provided for the faith formation materials for families to take part in at home, using Milestones Ministries Program.

Meet the Staff



Pastor: Rev. Dennis Beaver
Associate Pastor: Rev. Drahus Oslik
Office Manager: Tracy Nickel
Office Secretary: Shelley Baer
Treasurer: Andy Rovelstad
Financial Secretary: Joyce Manges
Children's Ministry Coordinator: Abbi Bakner
Director of Music and Organist: Deborah L. Zacher
Contemporary Music Team Leader: Karen Walker
Housekeeper: Tammy Ditch

Moving??? We want to stay in touch! Please let the church office know of your new address as soon as possible.



Hospitalized???

Unless you or someone you designate contacts the church office we may not know of your illness. Privacy laws have changed—the best way we learn of your health issues is when you tell us. Thank you and please pass the word. The same is true for nursing homes.



Thank you for supporting the ministries of ELC. You can now give conveniently via your smart phone or online. Just go to www.elchome.org or download the GIVE+App.



Our Time, Talents, and Treasures: Financial Reports

Income and Expenses (Year to Date) as of January 2021	
Monthly Offerings Received To Date	\$ 29,861.00
Monthly Expenses To Date	\$ 51,949.53
YTD Income	\$ 45,355.82
YTD Expenses	\$ 51,949.53
YTD Expenses Under (Over) Income	\$ (6,593.71)



RENOVATION FUND

Renovation Fund: as of January 2021

Renovation Fund Offering YTD: \$6,998.00

Mortgage Paid YTD: \$3,728.50



WAYNESBORO COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES FOOD PANTRY

JANUARY COLLECTION



Feeding the Community

We are still collecting items for the WCHS food pantry. Please feel free to drop your donations off during office hours Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.



Feeding the Community

This month we are focusing our collection on canned Fruit.

Thank you for your continued support!

TO CANCEL OR NOT TO CANCEL THAT IS THE QUESTION!

Canceling worship services on Sunday mornings is often a very difficult decision. As everyone is aware the weather predictions don't always hit the mark. If you ever are unsure if our worship is canceled, please check our Facebook page, Web page, or call the church (we will put it on the answering machine). If you are unable to find the information you may call one of the pastors at home.



If conditions are dangerous please stay home and be safe. We will do our best to be here to lead worship, but if conditions are too dangerous we will cancel either one or both services. Thank you for understanding. If you have any questions please see one of the pastors.

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on your generous donation, we are truly humbled and grateful. Knowing that we have community members who are so eager and willing to help their neighbors reinforces our vision and mission of service to the community. We are so grateful for all the shoe boxes you provided that helped make the holidays bright for many families. You truly made a difference in your community this year.



With sincere gratitude

Denise Esser – Executive Director WCHS



Members of Our Congregation: Holly Carey, Ruth Durbin, Jenny Frantz, Karla Oller, Sonja Payne, Phyllis Shindle, Cindy Smith, Karen Walker and Don Wolfe

Friends of the Congregation: Carol Carroll, Donnie Cordell, Bonnie Kendall, Susan & Alan Oakes, Dave Overcash and Ruthie Strider

(Names will be posted for a month. If you would like to have them on longer, please contact the church office.)

Milestones Ministries

Faith Formation at Home

Dear ELC Families with Children and Youth,

We understand that this pandemic has been very hard on everyone. Not being able to come to worship, Sunday school, confirmation, or many other church activities has made the faith formation in our families more challenging.

That's why we're introducing something new this year! In January we launched our ELC Faith Formation Ministry titled, *Milestones Ministries*. It gives practical tools that will help you to share your faith at home with each other.

Every family will receive a **Taking Faith Home Bulletin Insert** each week. These will be emailed to each family or could be picked up each Sunday once we're back in worship. These bulletins will correspond with the Sunday's Gospel Readings and will include:

- Four Key Faith Practices (caring conversations, devotions, service, rituals and traditions)
- Weekly prayer, Bible verse, mealtime prayer and blessing
- Suggested daily Bible readings and hymn for the week



In addition to Taking Faith Home Inserts each family will receive **Taking Faith Home Cards** which are designed to allow families to nurture their faith at any time and place! Each card contains a variety of faith-building activities, allowing one to pick and choose what is most beneficial in your current setting. They feature a theme statement, key scripture verse, a prayer and blessing that complement the key verse, and a caring conversation and service question to provide meaningful and faith-forming conversations. The cards are based on *Five Principles* for living and passing on faith, *Four Keys* for practicing faith, and the *Three Characteristics* for Christians.

We are excited to start this new journey of reimagined faith formation in 2021. We pray that you will join us and that together as a family you will take the time to nurture your Christian faith, strengthen relationships and make meaningful memories for the years to come.

We can't wait to see how God will touch your life and the lives of your children and youth through this wonderful ministry.

Pastor Drahus and Abbi

TUESDAY MORNING ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday morning bible study will take place every Tuesday **at 9:00 AM** via Zoom. Each participant will receive an email invite to join the study. The Bible Study will start at 9:00 AM and will take an hour. We understand that not everyone will be able to join us via Zoom, but we believe this is the safest way for us to come back together. We will resume the in-person meetings as soon as the Covid-19 restriction are lifted. Each study is on a different topic connected to something that has been in the recent news headlines. If you'd like to join us this year via Zoom, please contact to church office to provide your email address.

OFFICE STAFFING

We will continue to have office hours from 9:00AM – 12:00PM Monday – Friday, but we want to do all we can to keep our staff healthy and safe. Our staff will work from home as much as they can, and our tentative in-office schedule is listed below. We will all still be available via email and phone at home if you have any concerns or needs, so please feel free to reach out. We miss seeing all of you so much and cannot wait until everyone feels comfortable to come back together. Until then, please stay safe and healthy.

Monday – Tracy & Joyce (9:00AM-12:00PM) Andy (afternoon)

Tuesday – Pastor Drahus & Abbi (9:00AM-12:00PM)

Wednesday – Pastor Dennis (9:00AM-12:00PM) Abbi (11:00AM-2:00PM) Andy (afternoon)

Thursday – Shelley (9:00AM-12:00PM)

Friday – Tracy (9:00AM-12:00PM) Andy (afternoon)

**Celebrating 80 or More
Years of Life
Let us Rejoice with them!!
Happy Birthday!**

*Addresses may be found in the church directory or
by calling the office.*

*William Hine– 2/9
Mary Chaney– 2/23*

WAYNESBORO AREA FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES FREE WEBINARS

Waynesboro Area Fellowship of Churches are hosting free webinar sessions to teach, encourage, and learn on how best to reconcile our differences in this world TOGETHER. For more information visit www.WAFChurches.com to register please visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/>

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a nation wide movement inspiring people to give locally to make a collective impact on hunger . This year, as usual, it will beheld on Super Bowl Sunday February 7th. We are unable to gather in person for the collection, but we would still love to help "Tackle Hunger" in our community. If you would like to make a monetary donation, we will have a collection box in the Welcome Center **Monday February 1st - Friday February 5th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**. Donations can also be mailed or dropped in the box on Church St anytime. All donations will be given to The Lunch Place. Thank you for helping us "Tackle Hunger" here in Waynesboro!



Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and denial of ego. The last week of Lent is Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday. Following the New Testament story,

Jesus' crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, and at the beginning of the next week the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday recalls the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries in order to replicate the account of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days. This is known as one's Lenten sacrifice. Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional or praying through a Lenten calendar, to draw themselves near to God.

Lent is traditionally described as lasting for 40 days, in commemoration of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before

IMPROVING OUR TECHNOLOGY

If you have been streaming our services hopefully you have noticed a huge difference in the quality of the audio-visual since we began many months ago. Originally, we were using the pastors' personal cell phones to stream the services. A few months ago we purchased a camera to help us improve the quality. Currently the camera sits on a huge tripod in the middle of the sanctuary to help stream the service. Obviously the camera is not a long term solution. Recently Pastor Dennis participated in a seminar where the presenters said that although many people have been patient with the quality of many church's current streaming, over time, most will expect even a higher quality. They also said that most churches will continue to stream their services long after the pandemic ends, and that most will continue to stream as part of their in-reach, and outreach ministries.

Because we believe in the importance of reaching out to those who simply cannot attend on Sundays, and because we believe we will continue to stream long after the pandemic is over, we have recently made a decision to majorly upgrade our audio/video equipment. Our church council recently approved investing a little over \$10,000 to improve our capabilities, not only to stream, but also to record other ministries in our congregation. Although that is a substantial amount to invest, we felt it was necessary to continue to improve the quality, and the ease to stream and record.

Because we did not anticipate this update in the fall, we did not budget for this upgrade. Although we could use some of our savings to help cover the cost, we are asking if anyone is interested in supporting this ministry, above their normal contributions, to consider making a donation to help cover the cost. As always, we thank you for your prayerful consideration. If you are interested in making a donation toward this project you can send a check earmarked "audio/visual update" or contact Andy Rovelstad, or one of the pastors.

Thank you for your consideration, but also thank you for your patience as we learn a whole new way for us to communicate the gospel. What a journey!!

ELC Church Council