

# TABLE TALK October 2022

### **Evangelical Lutheran Church**

#### From the Pastor:

Last month I shared with you the formation of a vision team. Although we have only met one time so far, I believe we have already begun to realize the challenges before congregations today, but also, the amazing opportunities to strengthen our member's faith as well as reach out to a broken world with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will meet again at the end of September, and then begin a ministry of discipleship with other churches based out of Williamsport Pa. Pastor Drahus and I have come to know the lead pastor and other staff from that congregation. We met them at the Fresh Expressions Conference in Richmond last spring. They have a ministry that has provided them with a more intentional, perhaps systematic, way of leading people into a deeper faith life with Christ. We have visited them and they have invited us, and a few other churches, to become involved in this ministry. Some of the members of the Vision Team will begin meeting on Wednesday evenings to share in this ministry, which gives us the opportunity to discern whether, or not, it could become an important part of our faith journey here at ELC. I told Pastor Drahus just today that I am very excited about this experience and can't wait to get started. The team will meet every Wednesday for about 8 weeks in the fall and another 8 weeks in the spring. We will Zoom with the other churches part of the time, and the other part will be discussion within our own team. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and stamina (most people on the team have extremely busy schedules in life). Our meetings will last for 2 hours, and we will have some outside assignments.

Although this will be a big challenge for many of us, we do believe the investment is worth the time and energy. I will keep you updated on the ministry as we progress.

Thanks for all the prayers!

Blessings

**Pastor Dennis** 

PS Our indoor picnic was amazing!! Thanks so much for all who helped plan, and organize our day!

#### The Chosen

Last spring a group of us watched the series "The Chosen". A number of people asked if we would gather again to watch season 3. Well, for those who may be interested, season 3 has not been released yet. I have read

release dates anywhere from December 2022-March 2023. When season 3 is released, I will reach out to gauge the interest level in gathering together. Until then, I have DVD copies of both seasons and you are welcome to borrow either one. Just let me know! I thought they were two great seasons and helped me think about just how human Jesus' disciples were, and how his life and teaching began to totally transform them into his faithful disciples. I can't wait until season 3!! I will keep you updated!!





### **Worship Times**

### 8:00 AM • 10:45 AM

Our 10:45 AM service will continue to be live-streamed on our Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/elcwaynesboro/ and our YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaeKa1\_Uo4gnV58do3c0OIg

### **WORSHIP UPDATE**

We are finally returning to passing the peace! While some people are really excited about us returning to passing the peace, others many still be uncomfortable with the practice. What we would like to recommend is that those who do not wish to pass the peace with a handshake can simply cross their arms over their chest and say peace be with you to those who are near them. We also would like to ask everyone to remain in their pew during the passing. Our first Sunday to return to this practice will be Sunday, October 2nd. Because passing the offering plates is cumbersome we will continue to collect our offerings in the offering boxes at the sanctuary entrances.

### **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Pastor Dennis is having a new member class this fall starting **Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>.** The class will meet during the Sunday school hour (9:30 AM - 10:30 AM) and meet every

Sunday until November 13<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please email the office @ officemanager@elchome.org or drop a note in the mailbox outside of the office on Sunday morning.

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY - HELP NEEDED**

The Social Ministry Committee would love to have a few more people who would be willing to donate items for funeral luncheons. We are hopeful we won't need your help too often, but many of those who used to serve in this way, are no longer able to do so. The committee will provide the items that are needed, and you can choose which items you would like to donate. If interested, please add your name to the sign-up list in the Narthex or contact Lena Rowe - 717-749-7027 or Gretchen Minnich -717-762-0643. Thank you!

### **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 9TH**

Due to the Family Retreat at Camp Nawakwa October 7th-9th, we will not have any regular children's Sunday School.

### JR. YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!

Calling all 4th and 5th graders to join us at ELC on October 14th from 6-7:30 PM for games and dinner! We'll be hanging out with the middle and high school youth, challenging them to Gaga Ball, Air Hockey and more! Come see what youth group is all about!

### **CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE**

The Christian Education Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Welcome Center. We plan activities for our children, ages 3 through 5th grade! For example, the committee helps plan the annual outdoor movie night, 4th and 5th grade youth group activities, the Christmas Pageant, Mother's Day gifts and more! Would you be interested in joining us? If so, please reach out to Bobbi Blubaugh or Becky McDonald. We'd love to have you!

### **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN YOUTH**

## Grades 6th through 12th Upcoming Events:



**Movie Night** - Come join us on Saturday, October 1st at 7:00 PM in the ELC green space area. We will be showing the movie Dogs Way Home. Bring a friend and something to sit on.

Lock-In – Friday, Oct. 14th – Saturday, Oct. 15th – We will meet at church at 6:00 PM. We will have 4th and 5th grade Junior Youth joining us for the first hour and a half to play some games and have pizza with us. We'll continue after 7:30 PM with a movie and Bible Study. We'll end the lock in at 8:00 AM with breakfast on Saturday morning. You're more than welcome to invite a friend, if you're doing so, please talk to Pastor Drahus ahead of time. Don't miss this opportunity and join us for this amazing youth group fall kick-off.

<u>Fall Foliage Day at Camp Nawakwa</u> - Sunday, October 23rd from 1pm-6pm, Camp Nawakwa is having their annual fall festival! Return to camp for the afternoon to enjoy fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends or introduce new folks to camp. An evening meal is included. Enjoy Pumpkin Painting, Apple Butter Boil, Hayrides, Hiking, and More! Cost is \$15 per person (4 and under free) which includes all activities and the evening meal. Please RSVP to Becky or sign up outside the sancturary.

**Fall Cabin Retreat** – Friday, December 2nd – Sunday, December 4th Come and join us for our annual Fall Cabin Retreat. It's going to be an amazing time filled with games, Bible study, outdoor worship, hanging out by the fire, s'mores, and Tactical Laser Tag in the woods!!! And of course don't forget to bring those flashlights and dark clothes for capture the flag. Mark your calendars and be sure to register! This is once again an amazing opportunity to invite your friends. The cost of the retreat is \$25. We will head out from church parking lot on Friday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM. We will be back on Sunday, December 4th at 11:30 AM. We will have outdoor worship at the cabin! Parents and families are invited to join us.

**Confirmation Mentors** -- This year we have 13 confirmands in our confirmation program. We'd like



for each of our confirmands to have a mentor that would pray for them, check in with them every once in a while via note, card or a phone call, and be there for them as spiritual support and guidance. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to be there for our confirmands and make a difference in their lives. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex sign up area. Thank you!

<u>Confirmation Worship Service</u> – Confirmation Worship service will be on Reformation Sunday, October 30th at 10:45 AM worship. Six of our 9th graders have successfully completed the requirements of the program. They have been faithful and involved with the confirmation ministry and now will publicly affirm their baptism and become adult members of our congregation. There will be a brief parents and confirmands (9th graders only) meeting on Sunday, October 2nd right after 10:45 AM where we'll discuss the details of the confirmation worship service.

### **ICONS IN TRANSFORMATION ART EXHIBIT AT ELC**

A full schedule of events is on tap at Evangelical Lutheran Church to commemorate the exhibit, Icons in Transformation, November 19<sup>th</sup> through January 28<sup>th</sup>.



The traveling display hosted by our church will feature contemporary works by Ludmila Pawlowska, an international artist with Ukrainian-roots and traditional Orthodox Icons from Vassilevsky Monastery, Suzdal, Russia. Pawlowska encourages people to make their own interpretations from her modern, three-dimensional artwork. Intended as a source of inspiration, the display is "to reflect the nature of a religious experience, allowing the viewer to rediscover the qualities of form, depth and wealth in religious content and the language of iconography used in a contemporary form," according to Pawlowska. She and her husband, Jan Lech, of Sweden, will be

on hand for a reception, open to the public, set for 5 p.m. Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> at the church. <u>All ELC members are invited to attend!</u> The sign-up sheet is in the narthex sign-up area.

**Self-guided tours** of the exhibit, featuring more than 150 pieces of artwork, will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays starting November 22<sup>nd</sup> (excluding Thanksgiving). The exhibit will be open with **docents/guides** from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday

starting December 1<sup>st</sup>, as well as Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. starting Nov. 27 (excluding Christmas Day and New Year's Day).

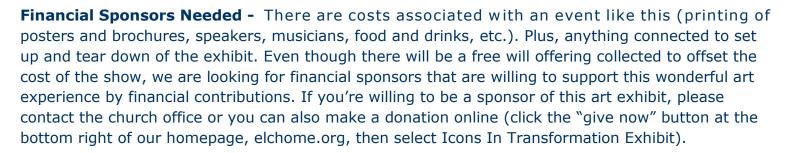
There will be **concerts** at 4 p.m. on Sundays in the sanctuary, starting with an organ recital December 4<sup>th</sup>, a concert by the Towne Singers December 18<sup>th</sup>, a choral concert January 8<sup>th</sup> and a concert by the Appalachian Winds January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Advent series lectures** by faculty of the United Lutheran Seminary in connection with the exhibit also will be offered in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. Thursdays December  $1^{st}$ ,  $8^{th}$  and  $15^{th}$ .

The last day of the exhibit and a **closing reception** will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28th. <u>All ELC members are invited to attend.</u>

Admission to all events is free. A free will offering will be collected.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of Pawlowska's art will be donated to the Ukrainian refugee relief efforts.



We thank you in advance for your generous support!

For more information about the exhibit, visit: <a href="http://elchome.org">http://elchome.org</a> or call 717-762-9151.

For more information about Pawlowska, visit: <a href="https://www.ludmilapawlowska.se/">https://www.ludmilapawlowska.se/</a>

### **ICONS IN TRANSFORMATION - HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?**

We had a wonderful committee working on this project for months now, but with an exhibit of this size, we will need a lot of support from the congregation as well. And there are plenty of opportunities to actively participate! We really hope you'll join us!

**Unloading and Setting Up of the Exhibit** – On Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> we will need a team of people to unload the crates with art. The following two weeks, Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> we will need help with setting up the show. We'll need help with putting the stands together and hanging the artwork.



**Docents** – we'll need a group of people who would like to be the docents, or exhibit guides, during our guided hours. These will be on Thursdays and Sundays in two hour long increments. The training will be done prior to the show.

**Special Events Ushers** – we'll need ushers to direct our guests during the concert and lecture series. Please see the dates above.

**Helping with Fellowship Events/Receptions** – we will have two receptions with light hors d'oeuvre and drinks. We will need help with food prep, set up and tear down, and serving the food. The dates of the receptions are Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you're able to help with any of the above listed needs, please call the office or sign up on the sign-up sheets in the narthex sign-up area. Thank you!

### **CHRISTMAS CANTATA**



You are invited!! Join the Cathedral Choir in singing our Christmas Cantata this year. The cantata will be performed during the special unity service on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 9:30 am.

"Capticle of Joy" retails the story of hope and now life in the birth.

"Canticle of Joy" retells the story of hope and new life in the birth of Christ. Let the music reawaken the promise of God's presence and love in our lives and remind each of us that our faith is a song





Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30 pm and will last approximately 45 minutes. We look forward to seeing you there!

# 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.

10/7 Phyllis Griffith
10/9 Polly Cave
10/12 Ellen Hess
10/25 Louise Morningstar
10/26 Robert Cave
10/28 Wanda Newlin

### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Join us at the Parlor House Restaurant on **Tuesdays at 8:30 AM. We do not meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month!** 

If you like to discuss news headlines and look at them from Biblical perspective, Tuesday Morning Bible Study is a place for you. We'll continue with our usual format; first we have breakfast and time of fellowship, and then we study the

Wired Word Bible Study. Each study is on a different topic so you can join anytime. We are always done by 10:00 AM. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith.





### **WAYNESBORO COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES** FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



### OCTOBER FOOD COLLECTION - HARVEST HOME

Our Harvest Home Collection will take place on Sunday, October 16th. All non-perishable good are welcome, but the WCHS food pantry is especially in need of hot chocolate, coffee, bottled water, condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise), canned yams, Instant Potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, spam, spaghetti sauce and chef Boyardee Spaghettios. All food items will be donated to Waynesboro Community and Human Services to help the less fortunate. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### To All my friends at ELC in Waynesboro



Thank you for all your prayers, cards, flowers, and well wishes as I recover from my recent stroke. I so much appreciate all of your kindness and support as I continue to heal.

Most Sincerely,

Roberta (Bobbi) Biesecker

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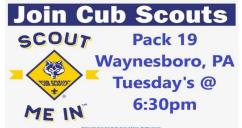
Special thanks to Pastor Dennis and Pastor Drahus for keeping in touch and checking up on me!



We are very grateful for all of the cards we received after Denny's mom passing. Each one was appreciated.

Thank you - The Minnich Family

### JOIN CUB SCOUTS



Meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall at ELC. Cub Scouting is for Kindergarten through 5th Grade and is open to both boys and girls! We treat our Pack like a family and Cub Scouting can be fun for the Waynesboro, PA entire family! Cub Scouting is fun, hands-on learning that will prepare these young boys and girls for what lies ahead today and the rest of their lives! For more information contact Erin Atherton, Pack 19 Assistant Cubmaster, at pack19wbo@mail.com



This event will take place at St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran church located at 2695 Luther Dr. Chambersburg PA 17202

To sign up or for more information, please call 717-261-1213 or email office@stlukechambersburg.org

#### **ELC Congregation Council** Pam Wagaman ~ **President** Chuck Morningstar~ Vice President

Michelle Kring~ Secretary Andy Rovelstad ~ *Treasurer* 

Gary Biesecker Andrea Brown Barb Carroll Jeff Cecco Barry Drexler Jim Folk Sean McDonald Greg Newlin Laura Oslik Alan Pitts Linda Rausch Cathy Robinson

#### **Council Liaisons**

Christian Ed-Michelle Kring Evangelism- Barry Drexler Family Ministry- Barb Carroll, Laura Oslik Finance-Alan Pitts Mutual Ministry- Chris Kopco Nominating - Alan Pitts Personnel-Rachel Moritz Property-Greg Newlin, Sean McDonald Social Ministry - Linda Rausch Stewardship-Jim Folk Worship & Music- Gary

Youth-Cathy Robinson

Biesecker

### CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING **SUMMARY**

### The next Congregational Council meeting will be on October 11th, 2022

Roll Call: Gary Biesecker, Andrea Brown, Pastor Dennis, Pastor Drahus, Michelle Kring, Sean McDonald, Laura Oslik, Alan Pitts, Cathy Robinson, Andy Rovelstad, Pam Wagaman.

Excused: Jeff Cecco, Barry Drexler, Jim Folk, Chuck Morningstar and Linda Rausch,

- Monday Night football going well, about 14 participants.
- Vision team meets on September 29 and on October 5 will start to meet on Wednesdays at the church from 7-9 for the Discipleship course.
- We are starting a new member class and have several families that will participate.
- 13 confirmands this year.
- Middle school retreat coming up with 12 middle schoolers.
- Senior high will start Sunday School and will focus on social statements for the church on a variety of issues.

### 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: Becky McDonald

Director of Music and Organist: Deborah L. Zacher

Contemporary Music Team Leader:

Karen Walker Housekeeper:

Tammy Ditch

**Nursery Caretaker: Emily Cordell** 

### Hospitalized???

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



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.



### **ELC'S NEW MOBILE APP IS HERE!**

We're excited to announce ELC has upgraded our mobile app! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile to replace GivePlus Mobile. You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation. If you have questions or need assistance with our new mobile app, please contact the church office.

### Our Time, Talents, and Treasures: Financial Reports

Income and Expenses (Year to Date) as of September 21, 2022	
Monthly Offerings Received To Date	\$ 30,462.68
Monthly Expenses To Date	\$ 30,338.91
YTD Income	\$ 392,803.88
YTD Expenses	\$ 447,917.19
YTD Expenses Under (Over) Income	\$ (55,113.31)



### RENOVATION FUND

Renovation Fund: as of September 21,2022

Renovation Fund Offering YTD:\$ 22,809.00

Mortgage Paid YTD:\$ 33,556.50





### TABLE TALK

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