



TABLE TALK September 2024

Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastor,

Busy, Busy, Busy!!

I think most of us can relate to that phrase. Young families (back to school activities, middle aged (building careers,) and older adults (doctor appointments, and family visits), tend to keep everyone quite busy.

As I look at the church calendar for the fall, I see busy, busy, busy! The good news is that all of it is good busy. We have so many opportunities to grow spiritually, to worship, and to serve God, God's church.

Please take time to look through this newsletter to see where you can grow, worship, and serve our God for all he has done for you. Yes, I totally understand that it means to put a couple more things on your busy calendar, but some of these activities will enrich your life, faith, and church.

One activity I would like to raise up is a new worship opportunity on the first Wednesday of the month. Although our "First Wednesday Worship" will usually be on the first Wednesday of the month, there will be a few on other Wednesdays due to scheduling.

The services will be in the newly furnished chapel. The services will tend to be more meditative and experiential. They will be held from 7:00pm until approximately 7:30pm. Hopefully they will provide an intentional quiet space in the middle of the week. After the service everyone will be invited to stay in the chapel for a time of quiet and prayer.

The first service will be held on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00pm. My hope is that the services will provide us a time to spiritually join with one another in prayer, and reflection.

I hope you will add the service to your "busy" schedule. Although we join every Wednesday in December (Advent), the other months will be just once a month.

I look forward to being with you.

Pastor Dennis





Worship Times:

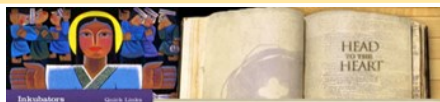
9:30am Summer Worship Service

8:00am Traditional

10:45am Celebration

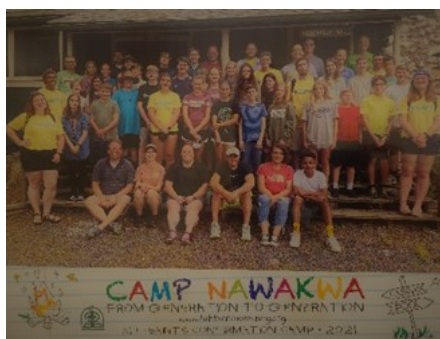
**Our 10:45 AM service will continue to be
live-streamed on our YouTube channel**

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



CONFIRMATION PARENTS AND YOUTH MEETING

Attention all families of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade youth. We will have our initial confirmation meeting in the upstairs confirmation room (Room 206) on **Sunday, September 15, at 9:30 AM**. At this meeting, we will cover all the details about the ELC Confirmation Ministry. We hope that both parents and youth will be able to join us. We're looking forward to another wonderful confirmation year.



CONFIRMATION CAMP FUND

We have 18 confirmands participating in the All Saints Confirmation Camp this summer! This is by far the largest group we had. Confirmation Camp is an annual, week-long retreat that takes place at Camp Nawakwa and it plays a crucial role in the faith growth of our confirmands. This is not a cheap ministry but a very important one and it can happen thanks to your financial support to the *Confirmation Camp Fund*. We hope that you'll continue to support this

ministry with your special contribution or loose plate offering. **In 2024, these collections will occur on the 5th Sunday, June 30, September 29, and December 29.** You're welcome to contribute to this fund at any time. A special envelope is included in your monthly offering envelope packet. Thank you for your support!



YOUTH CHURCH LOCK-IN

This year's youth ministry kick-off lock-in will happen on **Friday, September 13-14**. We will meet at church at 6:00 PM. Junior youth (4th and 5th grade) will join us for the first hour and a half. We'll order pizza for dinner and will have snacks later in the evening. We will end the lock-in with breakfast on Saturday morning. You're more than welcome to invite your friends; if you're doing so, please talk to Pastor Drahus. All friends must fill out an ELC liability/health form

beforehand. At the lock-in, we will play games, including the ultimate game of flashlight tag; we will have an awesome Bible study and inspiring evening worship in the new chapel. Do not miss this opportunity to join us for this amazing youth group fall kick-off.

4TH/5TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

You are invited to join our middle school and high school youth groups for games and pizza on **September 13th from 6-7:30pm** at ELC! Come see what youth group is all about!

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN YOUTH

Grades 6th through 12th

Upcoming Events:



ALIVE 2024 - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT AT CAMP NAWAKWA

Attention all middle-schoolers!!! Once again, this fall, we are attending **ALiVe**, a middle school retreat at Camp Nawakwa! The dates for this annual event are **Friday, September 27 – Sunday, September 29**.

The weekend retreat combines faith formation teaching in small groups around a common theme. It includes large group gatherings with live music and singing, speakers, videos, games, and lots of fellowship and inspiring worship. Campfires, mealtime, free time, and rec are all balanced with the learning sessions, so youth have a holistic experience of Christian community, faith formation, and fun! The theme of this year's ALiVE retreat is Fingerprints. Registration letters will be mailed to all middle school-age youth. Please mark your calendars!



2024 ELC FAMILY RETREAT--FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Join us this fall for the ELC Family Retreat at Camp Nawakwa! Come to strengthen your faith and your relationships with your friends at ELC! The retreat will take place from **Friday, October 4 to Sunday, October 6**, at Camp Nawakwa, only 45 minutes from Waynesboro, in the wonderful Zinn-Tozer Lodge. There are 10 rooms available on a first-come basis; each has three single beds and one full-size bed. Additional small children may be put into the same room if you bring playpens or sleeping bags. If needed, additional housing might be arranged.

The retreat's goal is to provide ELC families with time together, a time of prayer, study, worship, and fellowship in God's beautiful creation at Camp Nawakwa. There will be plenty of time for rest, walks in nature, games, sports activities, and time to visit and fellowship with one another. There will also be special evening devotions with Donkey for the children.

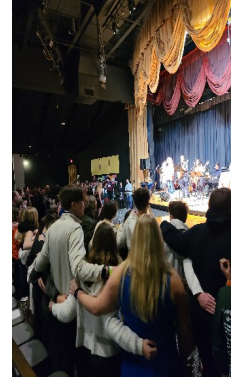
We will all share in the meal preparation and kitchen duties. We will begin the retreat with dinner at 6:00 PM on Friday, October 4, and conclude with breakfast & worship on Sunday, October 6. The retreat costs \$75 per adult for the whole weekend. Children under age 18 are free. Registration forms are available in the Narthex! **The registration deadline is Sunday, September 15**. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Drahus.





WINTERFEST 2025 – SENIOR HIGH YOUTH EVENT IN LANCASTER, PA

We are returning to a senior high youth event called Winterfest this winter! Winterfest has a long tradition of faith formation with senior high students in our synod! All ELC youth in grades 9th through 12th are invited! Winterfest will be hosted at Wyndham Resort, Lancaster, on **January 3-5, 2025**. Youth can look forward to various social activities and games in addition to our faith-formation conversations and teaching. The community feel that has defined Winterfest for generations will also be a prominent part of this year's event, alongside inspired worship and time for reflection and sharing. The Winterfest theme 2025 is "Fingerprints," based on Psalm 8:3-9. Please mark your calendars and make sure to register! The registration forms will be available this fall.



SAVE THE DATE-FALL FESTIVAL FOR EVERYONE!

Join us on **Sunday, October 20th** for our second annual fall festival! Hot cocoa, games, food, and fellowship! You won't want to miss it!

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE!

Be sure to pick up one of these engaging bulletins for your child(ren) before the service begins. Available on the sign-up table in the Narthex, they are designed to help our youngest members connect with the service in a fun and meaningful way!

YOUTH CAR WASH

Come and have your car washed by our youth! The youth will wash cars in our church parking lot on **Sunday, September 22, starting at 8:00 AM and ending at noon**. The proceeds will go towards the youth's annual mission trip. Thank you for your continuous support!

MISSION TRIP DATE CHANGE

The Mission Trip Parents and Youth Meeting has been moved from September 15th to **Sunday, October 13th**.

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.

Barry Drexler 9/11

Betty Petrie 9/30

Frances Betts 9/20

Carole Kipe 9/26

Duke White 9/27

Jo Ann Elliott 9/28



WAYNESBORO AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE FAIR

This year we are participating in the community service fair on **September 14th** at Memorial Park from noon until 4pm. Come check out our table and stick around to play some games! Bring your friends who are looking for a new church to attend!

OIL PAINTING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



If you have visited our Fellowship Hall during the past two plus months, you probably have noticed that positioned along the north wall is a large 6 x 8ft oil painting and various working artists' equipment. Renown portrait artist Marjorie Tressler created this painting of her interpretation of Christ with children in 1990. Utilizing her acquired experience, she is now refining that work. Upon completion, the artwork will be presented as a gift to the ELC.

CHURCH PICNIC – SAVE THE DATE



Our annual Rally Day / Indoor Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 8, 2024 in Fellowship Hall**. So, save the date for this popular potluck event! Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

SUNDAY MORNING STUDY

September is a great time to begin a new learning journey. Join us as we explore the book, *Bearing God's Name, Why Sinai Still Matters*, by the author Carmon Joy Imes. Have you ever wondered what the Old Testament has to do with your life as a Christian today? Some Christians think we should discard the Old Testament, now that we have the New Testament, but Imes disagrees. Imes takes us back to Sinai, the ancient mountain, where Israel met their God. We will learn about and discuss the meaning of the events that took place there as a way for discovering how the story of Israel turns out to be our story too, and why Sinai still matters for those of us who follow Jesus today.

This will be a 10 week study group which will begin on **Sunday, September 22**, during the church school hour and end on November 24th. You can order the paperback book through Amazon for \$14.99. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex hallway. For our first session, please read the Introduction and Chapter 1. Check out the discussion questions on page 195 and come prepared to have a lively discussion.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Pastor Dennis and Pastor Drahus will be teaching a new members class this fall starting **Sunday, October 6th**. The class will meet during the Sunday school hour (9:30am-10:30am) and meet in the community room every Sunday until November 10th. If interested, please email the office @officemanager@elchome.org or drop a note in the mailbox outside of the office on Sunday morning.

HARVEST HOME OCTOBER FOOD CART COLLECTION

Our Harvest Home Collection will take place on **Sunday, October 6th**. We will be doing a blessing of the quilts. We will be collecting donations for the Food Pantry and Backpack Program (Waynesboro Community Human Services). Both of the programs help the less fortunate in our community. Donated items should be placed in the Food Cart in the church hallway.

All non-perishable goods are welcome, but the food pantry is especially in need of Oatmeal, Granola, Raisins-large boxes, 100% Fruit Juice, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Spam, Peanut Butter, Bakes Beans, Hamburger, Chicken, or Tuna Helper, Stuffing Mix Coffee, Hot Chocolate Mix, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Flour, Sugar, Cake, Cookie or Brownie Mix, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, and BBQ Sauce. All food items will be donated to Waynesboro Community and Human Services to help the less fortunate.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible study luncheon group will meet **Tuesday, September 11 at Toledo's Italian Restaurant at 12:00 noon**. We are planning to study women of the Bible this year. New members are welcome. Contact Judy Reed 717-749-3452 for more information.



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues this fall. If you like to discuss news headlines and look at them from a Biblical perspective, Tuesday Morning Bible Study is a place for you. Our meetings will resume on **Tuesday, September 17, at 8:30 AM at the Parlor House Restaurant** (724 South Potomac Street). We'll meet in the back banquet room and continue with our usual format: breakfast and time of fellowship. Then, we will study the Wired Word Bible Study. Each study is on a different topic, so you can join anytime. We are done by 10:00 AM. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to grow in faith.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REPAIRS

The property committee is looking for anyone who may have experience in plaster work. The church has some areas that need the plaster repaired. If you have experience or know someone who does, please reach out to Jeff Mace or Greg Newlin.

MORNING COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers for Sunday morning coffee hour. If you would like to help one Sunday a month, please notify Joyce Manger at 717-404-5568. We need set-up/server from 7:30am to 9:30am and a server/clean up from 9:30am to 10:45am.

SHEPHERD STAFF UPDATE EMAIL

You may have received an email regarding shepherd staff needing to update information. Shepherd Staff is our database that stores our member information such as address, birthdays, and contact information. If you received an email please contact the office so we have your updated information.

ELC Congregation Council

Chuck Morningstar ~ **President**
 Sean McDonald ~ **Vice President**
 Laura Oslik ~ **Secretary**
 Andy Rovelstad ~ **Treasurer**
 Linda Bennet
 Gary Biesecker
 Andrea Brown
 Chris Kopco
 Ron Cordell
 Art Koenig
 Harold Moritz
 Greg Newlin
 Janene Petrie
 Amy Pitts
 Cathy Robinson
 Pauline Stoops
 Brian Walker

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
 SUMMARY

The next Congregational Council meeting will be on September 10, 2024.

Roll Call: Chuck Morningstar, Andy Rovelstad, Linda Bennett, Andrea Brown, Chris Kopco, Ron Cordell, Art Koenig, Harold Moritz, Greg Newlin, Janene Petrie, Amy Pitts, Pauline Stoops, Brian Walker

Excused: Gary Biesecker, Sean M., Laura Oslik, Cathy Robinson

- Pastor Dennis reported that staff evaluations are being done.
- There is a new member class coming in October.
- The church got new carpet in the Chapel, (C. Morningstar) new cross, furniture and new kneelers are coming soon.
- New Keys and Locks for the church, re-keying and fobs: See packet- Goal is to have one master key to open doors. Proposal is from Nancy's Locks in Chambersburg, PA.
- Plaster is breaking away from ceiling in Usher room Need someone to plaster. Leak in Youth room with pool table.

Council Liaisons

Christian Ed-Sean McDonald
 Evangelism- Amy Pitts
 Family Ministry- Laura Oslik
 Finance- Linda Bennett
 Mutual Ministry- Chris Kopco
 Nominating- Cathy Robinson & Greg Newlin
 Personnel- Harold Moritz
 Property- Greg Newlin
 Social Ministry- Janene Petrie
 Stewardship- Art Koenig
 Worship & Music- Gary Biesecker & Brian Walker
 Youth-Cathy Robinson

Meet the Staff



Pastor: Rev. Dennis Beaver
Associate Pastor: Rev. Drahos Oslik
Office Manager: Shelley Baer
Office Secretary: Hayley Martz
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: Cathy Robinson & Lorna McDannell
Nursery Caretaker: Emily Cordell

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.



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 August 26, 2024	
Monthly Offerings Received To Date	\$ 34,441.18
Monthly Expenses To Date	\$ 33,749.12
YTD Income	\$ 409,905.65
YTD Expenses	\$ 416,060.60
YTD Expenses Under (Over) Income	\$ (6,154.95)



RENOVATION FUND

Renovation Fund: as of August 26, 2024

Renovation Fund Offering YTD: \$ 21,447.50
 Mortgage Paid YTD: \$ 24,748.00
 Mortgage Balance: \$ 432,338.02



TABLE TALK

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Mon.-Thurs.

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fri.-9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

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Mission Statement

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.