



## TABLE TALK August 2025

### Evangelical Lutheran Church

#### From the Pastor:

Dear Friends,

Have you ever googled our congregation online? If you do, you can read some reviews that people wrote about their experiences at ELC. Here are some of them:

"Started to come to worship here at ELC two years ago. I appreciate the well planned worship services - I always get so much from the sermon, the music, the prayer, the community. At children's sermon twenty or so children come forward. I always leave with a smile on my face and inspired to live a life to reflect God's love."

"To me, this church is "HOME." I have attended many churches in my life and I find ELC of Waynesboro is one of the most caring & encouraging churches as their love for God pours out of their hearts on a daily basis."

"The spirit is alive in this church. It is an amazing place to grow in faith! My 3 year old son AND 87 year old grandfather both love it. All are welcome!!"

"Evangelical is the most open and welcoming place of worship!" "A good place to start your Sunday and week." "Best church ever go." "Felt very welcomed." "Lots of fun."

It warms my heart to see such positive feedback. Our church is truly a home, a community, and a place where all are welcome. Thanks be to God! And thanks be to Pastor Dennis, Linda, and all of you, who have faithfully participated in the life of our beloved congregation.

As we celebrate Pastor Dennis's forty years of ministry, we'll be able to express our utmost gratitude for the time he and Linda spent in this place, within our church, building a community of faith and encouraging all of us to grow in love for God and one another. God has blessed our church with the leadership of Pastor Denis and Linda, and their impact will continue to resonate with this congregation for many years to come.

I hope that all of us will have the opportunity to express our gratitude for their wonderful ministry in this place and will have a chance to bid them farewell and wish them Godspeed on their next journey.

As for us, we have a foundation on which we can continue to build our beloved community of faith, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Waynesboro, which remains a family of faith built on one cornerstone: Jesus Christ and His love for us and the world. I am looking forward to seeing the amazing things that God has in store for us as we welcome a new associate pastor and step into a new and bright future with faith and love.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Dennis and Linda as they transition into the next stage of their life, pray for the call committee as they continue the work on our church's profile and please pray for Andrea and I, as we navigate not only this transition, but also as we all together embrace the amazing things God has prepared for us.

May God bless us all as we continue to be "HOME", community, and the best church ever. 😊

Peace,

Pastor Drahus



**Worship Times:****9:30AM Unity Service**

**This service will continue to be  
live-streamed on our YouTube channel**

**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCaeKa1\\_Uo4qnV58do3c00Iq](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaeKa1_Uo4qnV58do3c00Iq)**

**CALL COMMITTEE**

Please keep these people in your prayers as they go through this discernment and decision process. The members of the call committee for the Associate Pastor elected by the Synod Council are as follows: Kurt Johnson, Bobbi Kelso, Emily Lego, Ethan McDonald, Mandy McDonough, and Dr. Bob Zimmerman.

**ELC TRANSITION TASK FORCE**

As our congregation undergoes the pastoral transition, Pastor Drahus has been meeting with a transition task force to receive feedback and engage in conversations about the upcoming months. The task force serves as a sounding board and provides advisory support during this time of transition. Members of the task force are Linda Bennett, Bobbi Blubaugh, Kurt Johnson, Bobbi Kelso, Rachel Moritz, Jeff Rock, Brian Walker, and Dr. Bob Zimmerman. Feel free to reach out to Pastor Drahus or any member of the committee with any questions you may have. Thank you for your continuous prayers and support.

**"MEET AND GREET" WITH PASTOR DRAHUS**

Before ELC votes on whether to call Pastor Drahus as the new senior pastor of ELC, a "meet and greet" meeting will be held in the sanctuary on Thursday, August 21, at 7:00 PM. At this time, the congregation will have the opportunity to ask any questions. Pastor Drahus and Andrea are looking forward to this meeting!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a congregational meeting on **August 24th**, following our Unity Service. Please plan to attend as we will be voting on whether to bring Pastor Drahus on as our next senior pastor.

**PASTOR DENNIS' RETIREMENT**

After the worship service on **August 17th**, we will gather together to thank Pastor Dennis and Linda for all they have done for our congregation and our community! If you haven't RSVP'd for the luncheon yet, please do so immediately by calling the church office. If you'd like to contribute to the monetary donation we are gifting them, please drop it off at the church office by **August 6th**. Thank you!

**YOUNGER CHILDREN RECEIVING THE WAFER ONLY DURING HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in, with, and under the bread and wine to nourish the faith of Christians and the church. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. We share in a sacred meal that spans all time and space. The uncontainable presence, grace, love, forgiveness, and mercy of Christ come to us in simple bread and wine.

In the ELCA, the norm is for baptized Christians to receive the sacrament, as this is a Christian sacrament that nourishes and strengthens faith in Christ. It is also the norm for Christians to receive instruction before receiving the sacrament and to continue reflecting on and learning about the sacrament throughout their lives as Christians.

At ELC Waynesboro, we offer First Communion instructions to all baptized children who have entered second grade. An age requirement reflects the church's desire for those receiving the sacrament to examine themselves and understand what they are receiving. However, such examination and understanding are a part of ongoing, life-long education and faith formation.

**What about the children who are younger than the second grade who would like to receive only the wafer during Communion, but have not yet received First Communion instructions?**

Many Lutheran churches allow children to receive the wafer to help them feel included. The wafer is received without the words, "Body of Christ given for you", which means this is not a Holy Communion, but rather an act of inclusion and love of all children of God, regardless of their age.

If families would like their younger children to receive the wafer during Holy Communion, please notify the pastor or a communion assistant. If you have any questions about Holy Communion, please speak with one of the pastors.

**COFFEE BAR VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

The Coffee Bar is looking for a volunteer to take charge of the coffee hour. This includes lining up people to set-up and clean-up on Sunday mornings, buying supplies for both coffee bar and fellowship hall, stocking the bar weekly, and making lemonade. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Manges at (717) 404-5568.

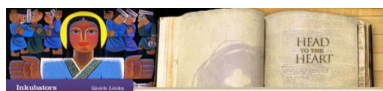
**PRINTED DIRECTORY UPDATE**

The printed church directories are in! For those who pre-ordered a printed directory, they can be picked up in the Narthex. A limited number of extra copies are available from the church office for those who would still like a copy. We are asking for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of printing. Donations can be placed in the offering boxes or the box outside of the office. Thanks and enjoy!



**CONFIRMATION CAMP FUND**

We had 17 confirmands attending All Saints Confirmation Camp this summer! Confirmation camp is an annual, week-long retreat held at Camp Nawakwa, playing 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 for the Confirmation Camp Fund. We hope that you'll continue to support this ministry with your special contribution or loose offering. In 2025, these collections will occur on the 5th Sunday, August 31, and November 30. 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 continuous support!

**CONFIRMATION MENTORING MINISTRY**

We are grateful to all confirmation mentors and prayer partners who, throughout the year, take the time to stay in touch with our confirmands. This year, we'd once again like each of our confirmands to have a mentor who would pray for them, check in with them periodically via note, card, or phone call, and be available as a 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 parlor lobby. Thank you!

**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 21, 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.

**2025 CONFIRMATION WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Traditionally, we confirm our 9th-grade youth after they complete their confirmation program on Reformation Sunday. This year, Reformation Sunday will be on **October 26**. There will be an informational meeting for parents and all 9th-grade youth on **Sunday, September 21, immediately following the second worship service**. At this meeting, we will discuss the upcoming confirmation worship service, and families will receive all the needed information.

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

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday

8/6 Ruthie Good  
8/7 Carolyn Chaney  
8/7 Norma Horst

8/9 Carol Cool  
8/13 Betty Emery  
8/17 Verna Lutz  
8/19 Yvonne MacBride

8/22 Doris Minnich  
8/26 Susan Seaks  
8/31 Norma Lohman

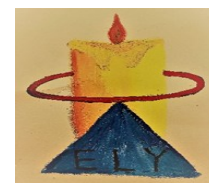




## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grades 6th through 12th

# Upcoming Events



### SENIOR HIGH POOL PARTY!

If you are a **rising 9th grader through 12th grader**, you are invited to come swim, play and eat at our annual Sr. High pool party on **August 10th from 3-7pm!** It will be at the McDonald home (11110 Gehr Rd). Bring your favorite picnic snack and a lawn chair– and, of course, **BRING A FRIEND!** Check your email for more information and to **R.S.V.P. by August 8th.**



### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHURCH LOCK-IN KICK-OFF



This year's youth ministry kick-off lock-in will happen on Friday, **September 12, 2025**. 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 complete an ELC liability/health form before attending. At the lock-in, we will play games, including the ultimate game of flashlight tag. We will also have an awesome Bible study and an inspiring evening worship in the new chapel. Do not miss this opportunity to join us for this amazing youth group fall kick-off.

### ALIVE 2025 - 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 26 – Sunday, September 28, 2025**. 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 Better Together. Registration letters will be mailed to all middle school-age youth. Please mark your calendars!



### CHURCH PICNIC IS SEPTEMBER 7TH

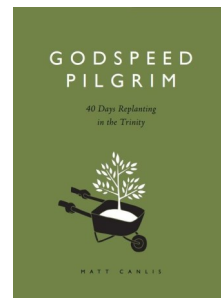


Our annual church picnic will be at ELC on the Sunday after Labor Day, **following the 10:45 service**. The church will provide chicken, hot dogs & drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

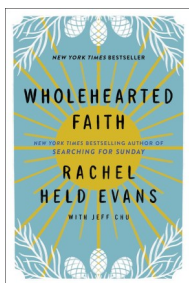
# Sunday School Resumes September 14th!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—GODSPEED

This fall, join us as we journey "Godspeed" (the pace of being known). Journey with us as we explore what it means to be present to where we are, and present to who surrounds us. Let's slow down so God can catch up to us! If you would like to join us on this journey, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so study guides can be ordered. (The cost of the guide is \$19 per person.) If you would like more information, visit [livegodspeed.org](http://livegodspeed.org). You can also contact Karen Walker with questions, [karenawalker@icloud.com](mailto:karenawalker@icloud.com).



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL— WHOLEHEARTED FAITH



Carole Kipe will be teaching a 5 week study using the book called, [Wholehearted Faith](#), by Rachael Held Evans. This book is for those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness, based on God's grace and love. We will begin our study on **Sunday, September 14th**, during the church's Sunday School hour. The book can be purchased on [Amazon](#) for \$10.25. Please sign up for the class if you are going to join us. Our meeting place is yet to be determined. Carole looks forward to sharing this exciting spiritual adventure with you!

## GET READY FOR CAMP SUNDAY AT 9:30AM ON SEPTEMBER 14TH!

The children's Sunday School classes will be holding our annual Camp Sunday to kick-off our Sunday school year! Everyone is welcome to join us to hear from our children and youth about what they learned and did at Camp's Nawakwa and Kirchenwald this summer! Wear your camp shirts and come ready to share, sing, and play games!



## Fall Bible Studies

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Women's Bible Study group will meet for a light lunch on **September 9th at 12:00 noon** at Judy Reed's house, 308 Frick Avenue, Waynesboro. We will study Sarah of the Old Testament, and we welcome new people to join our group. Please email [reedjudy1945@gmail.com](mailto:reedjudy1945@gmail.com) or call 717-749-3452 if you plan to attend.

### 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 16, 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 focuses on a different topic, allowing you to join at any time. We are done by 10:00 AM. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in faith.



## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

### ELC Congregation Council

Chuck Morningstar ~ President  
 Sean McDonald ~ Vice President  
 Laura Oslik ~ Secretary  
 Andy Rovelstad ~ Treasurer  
 Linda Bennett  
 Gary Biesecker  
 Ron Cordell  
 Bobbi Kelso  
 Janene Petrie  
 Amy Pitts  
 Pauline Stoops  
 Brian Walker

**No Council Meetings were held during  
June and July.**

Meeting Summary: May 6, 2025

**Roll Call:** Pastor Dennis, Pastor Drahus, Linda Bennett, Gary Biesecker, Ron Cordell, Bobbi Kelso, Sean McDonald, Chuck Morningstar, Janene Petrie, Amy Pitts, Andy Rovelstad, Pauline Stoops, Brian Walker

**Excused:** Laura Oslik

### **New Business**

- ◆ We need two more additional handicapped parking spots. Council determined that the spots will be located directly across from the current handicapped spots. Ron will coordinate with committee for signage
- ◆ Congregation Concerns-
  - a. Discussion on volunteers. Brainstorming ideas on how to get more of the congregation to participate.
  - b. The church directory is almost 100% finished.
- ◆ Retirement dinner plans for Pastor Dennis will be held on August 17, post service.
- ◆ There will be a congregational meeting on August 24.

**Next council meeting:  
August 12 @ 6:30pm**

### Council Liaisons

Christian Ed-Sean McDonald  
 Evangelism- Amy Pitts  
 Family Ministry- Laura Oslik  
 Finance- Linda Bennett  
 Mutual Ministry- Pastors  
 Nominating- Sean McDonald  
 Personnel-  
 Property- Mark McDannell  
 Social Ministry- Janene Petrie  
 Stewardship- Brian Walker  
 Worship & Music- Gary Biesecker  
 Youth-Bobbi Kelso



### **Pastor**

Rev. Dennis Beaver

### **Associate Pastor**

Rev. Drahus Oslik

### **Office Manager**

Shelley Baer

### **Office Secretary**

Becky McDonald

### **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

### **Nursery Caretaker**

Emily Cordell

### MOVING? PHONE OR E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGING?

We want to stay in touch! Please let the church office know of your new address, phone number or E-mail as soon as possible.



### HOSPITALIZED OR CHANGE IN HEALTH?

If you or someone you know becomes ill, injured, hospitalized, or is moving, please let the office know. Unless you or someone you designate contacts the church office, we may not know about this. Privacy laws have changed—the best way we learn of your health issues is when you tell us.



### ELC'S MOBILE APP IS EASY TO USE!

If you haven't yet upgraded to our mobile app, Vanco, you are missing out! Our eGiving provider has launched an updated 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.

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



<b>Income and Expenses (Year to Date) as of July 23, 2025</b>	
Monthly Offerings Received To Date	\$30,214.03
Monthly Expenses To Date	\$43,549.05
YTD Income	\$362,453.22
YTD Expenses	\$362,961.26
YTD Expenses Under (Over) Income	(\$508.04)

# TABLE TALK

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Office Hours  
Mon.-Thurs. - 9:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m.  
Fri. -9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Join Us for Sunday Worship  
9:30 AM



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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.