

TABLE TALK October 2025

Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastor:

Dear Friends,

You'll be reading this message only a couple of days before we have an opportunity to hear Pastor Rosalie Brunner preach at our church. I am thrilled that she is our candidate for an Associate Pastor. Pastor Rosalie will no doubt bring with her gifts that will further the ministry of our congregation. Her dedication to pastoral care and visitation, her passion for preaching and worship leadership, her experience with Christian education, and her passion for children and youth ministry are all notable aspects of her ministry. I have no doubt that her creativity will inspire all of us and will enhance our mission together. I had the opportunity to speak with Pastor Rosalie on several occasions, and I believe that the two of us will work very well together. I'm looking forward to getting to know her better and seeing what great things God will accomplish through her in our midst. Please pick up and read Pastor Rosalie's profile. It is available at church. You can also look her up online and listen to some of her sermons. But most importantly, I want to encourage you to come on **Saturday**, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. to meet and greet Rosalie. You'll have the chance to hear more about her story and to ask her questions. Then, on Sunday, October 5, Pastor Rosalie will preach at both 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services. She will lead the children's message at the second service and will have one more opportunity to meet you during the Sunday school hour. There will be a congregational meeting after both 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship services, where the congregation will be able to vote to call Pastor Rosalie as our next Associate Pastor. I do not doubt that the vote will be positive and the support of the congregation unanimous. If the congregation decides to call Rosalie, we will then have several opportunities to get to know her better, and also to show her our welcome. More information on that will follow after the vote. In the meantime, please continue to pray for the call process and for Pastor Rosalie, as she continues to discern her call and prepares to spend October 4th and 5th at our church. If you have any questions concerning the call process or Pastor Rosalie, don't hesitate to reach out to the church office. May God continue to guide us on this exciting journey!



Peace,

Pastor Drahus

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Worship Times:

8:00am Traditional

10:45am Celebration

Our 10:45 AM service will continue to be

live-streamed on our YouTube channel

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COFFEE HOUR RETURNS!



Feel free to join us for drinks and snacks from 9am-10:30am in the welcome center.

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!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

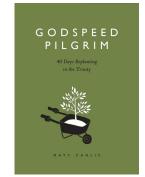
The Women's Bible Study group will meet on **Tuesday, October 14, at 12:00pm** in the parlor of ELC. We will be following up on our study of Sarah by discussing her slave, Hagar. Please bring your own lunch and drink since we decided we like a quieter atmosphere than a restaurant. New members are welcome. If you want more information, contact Judy Reed at: reedjudy1945@gmail.com, cell phone 331-7549 or home phone 717-749-3452.

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, We meet in the community room. If you would like more

information, visit livegodspeed.org You can also contact Karen Walker with

questions, karenawalker@icloud.com.

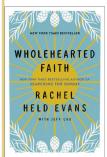


JOSHUA'S MEN

This study group reconvenes on **Sunday, October 12 from 4-7PM** in the ELC Community Room. Our next and last session will be Sunday, November 9, also from 4-7PM in the ELC Community Room.



Questions - Contact Information: Jeff Rock / jeffrock@yahoo.com / 717-387-1746

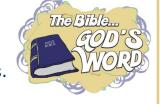


ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL- WHOLEHEARTED FAITH

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. The book can be purchased on Amazon for \$10.25. We are meeting in room 208. Carole looks forward to sharing this exciting spiritual adventure with you!

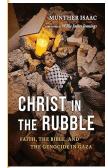
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—THE AUGSBURG CLASS

The Augsburg Class welcomes any adult wanting to explore God's Word through a standard scripture series of lessons. This Bible study class uses the International Sunday School Lessons, also known as the uniform series. It provides a structured, six-year plan for studying the entire Bible.



Participants share through discussion, prayer, reflection and song. Joyce Nowell is the coordinator. We meet in the parlor.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL— CHRIST IN THE RUBBLE



The Palestinian Christian study group will meet in the Scout Room (downstairs near the Community Room) at 9:30 AM, led by Peter Van Breemen. We will read aloud from a book by ELC Pastor Munther Isaac who is a Palestinian Christian. The book is "Christ in the Rubble - Faith, the Bible, and the Genocide in Gaza" provided by Peter Van Breemen. If you want to get the book at your own expense, it is \$25 on Amazon. We may also show videos of Pastor Isaac. Each week we will concentrate on reading the material. Briefly afterward - like ten minutes - we will pray and/or fellowship. Peter Van Breemen's email is

pavb2008@gmail.com. Home phone is (717)-655-7663.

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 are on Tuesdays, October 7th, 21st, and 28th, at 8:30 AM at the Parlor House Restaurant (724 South Potomac Street, Waynesboro). 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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Our congregation is blessed to share our green space with our community as a small dog park. Our neighbors are very grateful and appreciate having this dog park in an area of town with limited pet-friendly green spaces. Over the past couple of years, we have used our dog park to bless the animals on St. Francis of Assisi Sunday. This year we'll continue in this neat tradition. Join us on **Sunday**, **October 5**, at 2:00 p.m. at the dog park for a brief blessing of the animals.

OPEN POSITION FOR ELC STAFF

Children's Ministry Coordinator

Do you love working with children? The Children's Ministry Coordinator (CMC) is responsible for developing a high quality, spirited, inviting ministry program for the children and youth (up to 5th grade) of ELC. This person will work closely with the Christian Education Committee to plan events for this age group, including the Fall Festival, Christmas Pageant, Palm Sunday, and Vacation Bible School. This position allows the CMC a lot of flexibility in how to implement these activities and the creativity to make changes and come up with new ideas! This position requires approximately 20 hours per week (some weeks will be less, some will be more). If you are interested in this position, please contact Rachel Moritz at moritzrl@hotmail.com.



Birthday

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



10/7 Phyllis Griffith 10/12 Ellen Hess 10/17 Sharon Hunt 10/25 Louise Morningstar 10/25 Harry Watson 10/28 Wanda Newlin



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grades 6th through 12th



Upcoming Events

FALL YOUTH CAR WASH FUNDRAISER— OCTOBER 12TH



Come and have your car washed by our youth! The youth will wash cars in our church parking lot on **Sunday, October 12, 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 FUNDRAISERS

If you wish to attend the mission trip this summer, please be sure to check your emails and sign up for the required fundraisers. If you have not received this email, please call the office.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING

The youth mission trip meeting will be held on **October 19th** following the 10:45am service.

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

This year's youth ministry kick-off lock-in will happen on Friday, October 24th, 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.

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**.



FUN FACTS ABOUT ROSALIE BRUNNER

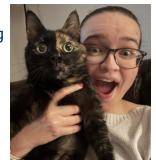


Hello ELC! I am so excited to meet you all soon and feel so blessed to be welcomed by your community! Until then, here are a few fun facts about me:

1. I was born and raised in Wernersville/Robesonia, PA (about two hours from Waynesboro). My parents still live in Wernersville, not far from our home ELCA church and my grandmother's farm where my older brother and I enjoyed growing up and getting messy! Additional fun fact: my brother is getting married in just a few weeks!

2. I attended college at Messiah University in Mechanicsburg, PA! With a little interruption for the pandemic, I graduated as a Sociology/Anthropology major and headed off for my next steps, at Luther Seminary in St Paul, Minnesota! Three years, and a lot of snow later, I left for my pastoral internship/vicar year in Loveland, Colorado!

- **3.** During these years, I've enjoyed working and volunteering at one of my favorite places Camp Kirchenwald! Don't worry, Nawakwa fans, I've enjoyed some time there as well :) While my specialty was working with the youngest campers, I also love my time adventuring, rock climbing, hiking, canoeing, kayaking and simply being out in the beauty of God's creation!
- 4. Besides ministry, my other deep passion is doula work! I am trained as a birth and postpartum doula and have loved my time caring for families in those precious moments surrounding the arrival of a new baby. This work has taken me as far as Karatu, Arusha, Tanzania! Early this year, I spent a few weeks serving at clinics and experiencing birth in a new culture an incredibly eye-opening and life-changing experience. Needless to say, having a baby in my arms is absolutely my happy place:)
- **5.** When I'm not engaged in church work or doula life, I love music and being crafty! I play the guitar and ukulele, and adore a good campfire sing -a-long anytime! At home you can find me on my couch, knitting or crocheting with my cat Nux (pronounced 'nooks' it's the Greek for 'night'). She's a sweet companion who clearly doesn't enjoy having her photo taken!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our next annual congregational meeting will be held on **October 5th,** after both services.

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

Council Liaisons

Brian Walker

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 Meeting Summary: September 9th, 2025

Roll Call: Pastor Drahus

Linda Bennett, Bobbi Kelso, Sean McDonald, Laura Oslik, Brian Walker, Chuck Morningstar, Ron Cordell, Janene Petrie, Gary Biesecker, Pauline Stoops, Andy Rovelstad

Excused: Amy Pitts New Business

- ♦ Pastor Rosalie Brunner was introduced and all council members briefly introduced themselves.
- Pastor Drahus shared a short background of Pastor Rosalie Brunner.
- ♦ Date of the congregational meeting October 5th.

Next council meeting:
October 14th@ 6:30pm



Pastor

Rev. Drahus Oslik

Business Manager Becky McDonald

Office Secretary Hayley Martz

Treasurer Andy Rovelstad

Children's Ministry Coordinator

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



Income and Expenses (Year to Date) as of September 18, 2025	
Monthly Offerings Received To Date	\$24,382.60
Monthly Expenses To Date	\$25,879.21
YTD Income	\$439,741.23
YTD Expenses	\$450,150.32
YTD Expenses Under (Over) Income	(\$10,409.09)

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

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

Join Us for Sunday Worship at 8am & 10:45 AM





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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.