



## Evangelical Lutheran Church

### *From the Pastor:*

Beloved church,



We have entered into yet another new season! For some the 2025 calendar year may have flown by in the blink of an eye and for others it may feel like the conclusion of a very lengthy journey. Wherever you may find yourself, know that your church community at ELC is incredibly grateful for your presence over this past year, in every place and in any capacity- we are glad you are here!

Now, we are into the month of January, 2026 and many folks have been wondering, "what's next ELC?" The beginning of a new calendar year is often a time when people will wonder about plans, commitments and resolutions for the next 365 days. It is wonderful to hear how excited folks are about the plans of the church and where we are turning our attention to next! So our answer to "what's next?"... "Give us one minute..."

In the flurry of excitement over the past few months with Pastor Dennis retiring, Pastor Drahus flying solo for a while before a swift and successful call process that brought your new pastor to the wonderful people of ELC, we are needing just a minute to breathe. Now this does not mean, Pastor Drahus and I, the staff and council are not in the process of dreaming for what comes next. It does mean we are taking the time to feel well connected to one another and this community amidst all the transition before jumping into what comes next with both feet.

So what can you do as we enter into this new season of waiting and dreaming together? Sometimes those New Year's resolutions can become overwhelming when we commit to too much too fast, so consider these small things and whether you can simply add one or two to your life over the next few months:

- Connect to someone you haven't seen or heard from in a while. A phone call or a brief note in the mail saying you are thinking of someone can go a long way. Try reaching out!
- Consider a new devotional practice. Reading your Bible does not have to take hours out of the day. A verse or two in the morning, or to close out your day can be a beautifully centering practice of faith and life.
- Pray for us! Pray for the current and future members of ELC. Pray for your pastors, staff and church leadership. Pray for the community that surrounds us in Waynesboro and beyond. Prayer is an amazing gift.

Thank you for being a part of this faith community at ELC. Blessings on the beginning of your new year - we are looking forward to walking this next season alongside you!

Pastor Rosalie



### Worship Times:

**8AM** Traditional Worship (Jan. 18 & Jan. 25)

**9:30AM** Unity Service (Jan. 4 & Jan. 11)

**10:45AM** Celebration Worship Service (Jan. 18 & Jan. 25)

**Our 10:45 AM and 9:30AM Unity services will continue to be live-streamed on our YouTube channel**

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



### THANK YOU!



Thank you to all who gave to the flower memorials. We were able to give \$1000 to Waynesboro Community and Human Services this December!

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Program. Thank you to the parents, and grandparents for getting bringing the kids to practice, and helping with practice. A special thank you to Bobbi, Debbie, and the Christian Ed committee for all that you do to make these programs possible.



### 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, January 6th, 20th, 27th, 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.



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Women's Bible study group will meet on **January 13** at 12:00 noon in the Welcome Center. Please bring your own lunch and drink. We will be discussing Mary Magdalene this month, and we welcome new members. Contact Judy Reed if you have questions: Cell: 717-331-7549 Home: 717-749-3452

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The fellowship committee will meet on **Monday, January, 12th at 6:30pm** in the Welcome Center. Bring a dessert to share if able. All are welcome to join!



## INSTALLATION OF PASTOR DRAHUS OSLIK & PASTOR ROSALIE BRUNNER



On **Sunday, January 11, 2026, at our 9:30 a.m.** Unity Worship Service, the Evangelical

Lutheran Church of Waynesboro, will gather in joy to celebrate the installation of Pastor Drahus Oslík as Senior Pastor and Pastor Rosalie Brunner as Associate Pastor. A reception will follow the service, and all are warmly invited.

In Lutheran tradition, installation is the moment when a pastor is formally entrusted with serving a specific congregation. It affirms that God has called this pastor to this place and that the pastor and the congregation are committing to shared ministry. The rite highlights mutual promises—pastors to preach, teach, and care; the congregation to pray for and support them—trusting that the Holy Spirit guides their work.

As both Pastor Drahus and Pastor Rosalie start their new roles, we give thanks for God's faithfulness and look forward to the ministry we share. Please join us for worship and for the reception as we celebrate this joyful beginning. May God who calls us into ministry together strengthen us for every good work in Christ.



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING COLLECTION



Help ELC Youth to tackle the hunger in our community. The youth will be collecting donations during **Super Bowl Sunday on February, 8th**, after both worship services. The proceeds of this *Souper Bowl of Caring Collection* will go to the ministry of The Lunch Place. Thank you in advance for your support and for making a difference in our neighborhood!

## LOOKING FOR SOME ADVENTUROUS PEOPLE!



Are you handy with tools? Do you consider yourself a novice (or professional) problem solver? The office is looking for help with some projects. Please reach out to Becky in the office if you'd like to help!



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## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Grades Pre K-5th



# Upcoming Events

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS

Children's Choir rehearsals will be starting back up **in January on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6pm.** All are welcome!



### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We welcome all ages to our Children's Message! 4th through 12th graders, don't be shy! Come join in the fun with the younger ones- we want to hear from you as well! 3 year olds through 3rd graders are then welcome to leave for Children's Worship directly following the message.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Reserve the dates today! **June 15-June 18.** Our first committee meeting will be **Tuesday, February 24th at 7pm in the Community Room.** We hope to see you there!



### CHILDCARE



Parents/Guardians, if you find you need childcare during the Sunday School hour for children under 3 years old, please reach out to the office and let us know. We want you to be able to attend a Sunday School class yourself, too, if you wish!

*Happy Birthday*

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

*Happy Birthday*

*1/20 Kenneth Jones  
1/26 Lamar Creager  
1/26 Robert Hess  
1/30 Robert Brown  
1/30 Bette Gartzke*



## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grades 6th through 12th

# Upcoming Events



### SENIOR HIGH SERVICE EVENT AND LOCK-IN!

**Friday, January 23rd - Saturday, January 24th**

Attention all senior high (9-12th grade) students- you asked and Bobbi & Pastor Rosalie heard you! We're having a senior high only lock-in on **Friday January 23rd into Saturday January 24th!** But before we relax and unwind together at church, we are going to begin our evening by serving our neighbors at New Hope Shelter. We will **meet at ELC at 4:00 PM on Friday evening** to prepare a taco dinner before heading over to New Hope and sharing that meal with our community members in need. Afterwards we will head back to ELC to debrief and enjoy a night of lock-in fun together! **Pick up is at 8:00 AM Saturday the 24th.** It is important that we have enough youth to prepare and serve the meal, so please **RSVP to Pastor Rosalie or Bobbi by Sunday, January 18th.** Hope to see you there!



### YOUTH GROUP CHILI LUNCHEON

The Youth Group will be serving chili, cornbread, dessert, and drinks after the 10:45 am worship service **on February 15th.** There will be a free will offering. Come by for great food and even better fellowship!



### WINTERFEST 2026 – SENIOR HIGH YOUTH EVENT IN LANCASTER, PA

The ELC High School Youth are off to Winterfest -15 of them! We are thrilled to have such an amazing group of youth joining together at the Wyndham Retreat Center in Lebanon for three days of workshops, small groups, music, worship and community building with youth from across the synod and beyond. Participating youth and parents - be on the lookout for a letter and email with necessary forms for the event. ELC Community - please pray for our youth and their leaders as we embark on this amazing weekend together!



Questions? Contact Pastor Rosalie or Bobbi.

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## WAYNESBORO CHS: JANUARY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

All non-perishable goods are welcome, but the Waynesboro Human Services food pantry is especially in need of:

◇ Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes ◇ Stuffing Mix ◇ Canned Corn, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Potatoes ◇ Canned Pumpkin ◇ Canned Fruit ◇ Cranberry Sauce ◇ Canned Gravy ◇ Chicken Broth ◇ Cream of Mushroom Soup ◇ Egg noodles ◇ Cake Mix

All food items will be donated to Waynesboro Community and Human Services to help the less fortunate.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



## DVD DONATIONS

If anyone is looking to get rid of any unused DVDs, we are taking up a collection to give to the migrant workers. You can drop your donations of at the office during our office hours.



## HELPING THOSE IN NEED

This Christmas season, we invite you to support our benevolence funds and local charities. You may designate gifts to the Member Assistance Fund (helping those in our congregation) or the Local Benevolence Fund (supporting individuals and families in our community). You can also give to our partner organizations: The Lunch Place, The New Hope Shelter, or Waynesboro Community and Human Services. Place your check in an offering box and note the intended fund on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity and care this season.



## 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, webpage, 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. 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. If the schools close due to weather, the office will be closed.



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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

### ELC Congregation Council

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

Meeting Summary: December 9, 2025

### Roll Call: Sean McDonald

Pastor Drahus, Pastor Rosalie, Linda Bennett, Amy Pitts, Sean McDonald, Laura Oslik, Brian Walker, Janene Petrie, Andy Rovelstad, and Bobbi Kelso.

**Excused:** Gary Biesecker, Ron Cordell, Chuck Morningstar, and Pauline Stoops.

### New Business

- ◆ A good month, we are in a good place as we approach the end of the year.
- ◆ 21 kids at the cabin retreat along with Bobbi Kelso. It was a great experience.
- ◆ Advent study is going well, well attended.
- ◆ Parking issues have gotten better, only 2 cars continue to park in the lot during service.

**Annual Council Retreat:  
 January 10, 9am-1pm**

### Council Liaisons

Christian Ed-  
 Evangelism- Amy Pitts  
 Family Ministry- Laura Oslik  
 Finance- Linda Bennett  
 Mutual Ministry- Chris Kopco  
 Personnel- Rachel Moritz  
 Property- Ron Cordell  
 Social Ministry- Janene Petrie  
 Stewardship- Brian Walker  
 Worship & Music- Gary Biesecker  
 Youth-



## Meet the Staff

**Pastor**  
 Rev. Drahus Oslik

**Associate Pastor**  
 Pastor Rosalie Brunner

**Business Manager**  
 Becky McDonald

**Office Secretary & Children's  
 Ministry Coordinator**  
 Hayley Martz

**Treasurer**  
 Andy Rovelstad

**Director of Music and Organist**  
 Deborah L. Zacher

**Contemporary Music Team Leader**  
 Karen Walker

**Housekeeper**  
 Cathy Robinson

**Nursery Caretaker**  
 Emily Cordell

**Youth Director**  
 Bobbi Kelso

### 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 December 17, 2025	
Monthly Offerings Received To Date	\$14,425.85
Monthly Expenses To Date	\$44,002.21
<b>YTD Income</b>	<b>\$595,360.21</b>
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>\$599,654.84</b>
<b>YTD Expenses Under (Over) Income</b>	<b>(4,294.63)</b>

# 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 at 8am &  
10:45 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.