



TABLE TALK

February 2026



Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from Jesus Christ, our Lord. It feels almost surreal that the whole transition period, at least the logistical part, is already behind us. It was quite a journey, including calling Pastor Rosalie and hiring the remaining staff: Becky McDonald as business manager, Hayley Martz as secretary and children's ministry coordinator, and Bobbi Kelso as the youth director. I feel really blessed to have such a wonderful team to work with and to serve God here at ELC and Waynesboro Community. As we look forward, celebrating the past, we are also asking, what's next?

The church council met last month for a council retreat, discussing the survey results from the call process. We looked at what the surveys said about our core strengths, hopes, and longings, and healthy tensions. Among our core strengths, our congregation highlighted pastoral leadership, a strong sense of welcome and belonging, and youth and children's ministry. These are the foundations of our identity as a congregation. Among our hopes and longings, a strong desire for continued growth, deeper discipleship, and more community outreach was expressed. These are areas of great potential and future ministries. And among healthy tensions, things that were expressed were worship style, change versus stability, and politics. These are things the congregation expressed not necessarily to be fixed, but to be held in careful balance.

The council had looked at all the answers with patient discernment, and we had meaningful conversations about what these surveys are saying about our current state of ministries and the future ahead of us. Every congregation has to navigate the changing world, adapting its Gospel mission to new challenges and opportunities. It is our hope to continue together with the council and the whole congregation to explore and discern the ways God is calling us to grow and to serve. Among the first initiatives we're looking at is small-group ministry. It will help our community of faith build deeper relationships with one another, grow in faith and discipleship, and discern ways we can reach our neighbors.

During Lent, we'll explore ways to meaningfully implement small groups, engaging all ages in intentional discipleship, and empowering our community of faith to be a living witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I can't wait to see what God has in place for us in this upcoming year.

Peace,
Pastor Drahus





Worship Times:

8AM Traditional Worship

10:45AM Celebration Worship Service

**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_Uo4gnV58do3c00Iq



WINTERFEST 2026: "BETTER TOGETHER"



Winterfest 2026 was a huge success!! 15 high school youth alongside several adult chaperones from ELC joined together with over 250 other youth and adults from across the synod and beyond in Lancaster for a weekend of faith, service, fellowship, and fun! This year's theme "Better Together" invited our youth to explore the ways in which community makes a difference in their lives and in the lives of others. Alongside small group table talk sessions, large group worship, and community fun, we all joined together for a very special service event on Saturday afternoon. Working with *Rise Against Hunger*, Winterfest participants packed 30,000 meals that will go primarily to children in other countries facing the realities of extreme hunger. As we poured rice, dehydrated vegetables and nutrient packets into bags, weighed them, sealed them and packed them into boxes, it was clear the theme of "Better Together" came to life in our youth. Thank you to everyone at ELC who continue to support opportunities like Winterfest for our



you. What you do makes a difference and the impact of this community can be seen beyond one weekend for months and years to come. Interested in attending Winterfest 2027? Upcoming 9th-12th graders AND young adults 18-25 are welcome to attend! January 8-10th 2027 we will be engaging the theme of "Rhythm!" Mark your calendars and join us for this amazing weekend!



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THANK YOU

"Our middle school youth helped to make quilt squares at Alive this fall, and then our Sewing Belles made quilts out of them. Thank you!"



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Join the Tuesday Morning Bible Study to discuss news headlines from a Biblical perspective. This month's meetings are at **February 3rd, 17th, 24th, at 8:30 AM** at The Parlor House Restaurant (724 S. Potomac St., Waynesboro) in the back banquet room. Each session includes breakfast, fellowship, and a Wired Word Bible Study, ending by 10:00 AM. New participants are welcome anytime!

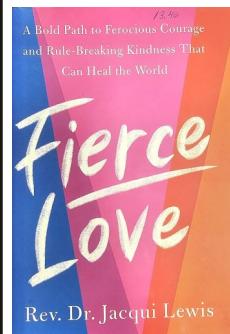


WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study group will meet on **February 10 at 12:00 noon** in the Welcome Center. Please bring your own lunch and drink. This month we will be learning about Miriam of the Old Testament, and we welcome new people to join us. Contact Judy Reed for questions. 717-331-7549.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY



Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis' book, Fierce Love, is packed with stories: stories of sacrifice and resilience, stories of truth-telling and forgiveness. There are nine stories that fall into three categories: those that relate to you and the way you think about and treat yourself; those about how you behave in your community; and those about how you relate to the world. I love a good story. How about you? If you care to join us, the class will begin meeting on **February 22nd at 9:30AM** during the Sunday School hour. The book can be purchased from Amazon for \$13.84. The room number for this class is #208. Contact Carole Kipe if you have any questions.

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!





Grades Pre K-5th



Upcoming Events

CHILDREN'S WINTER FUN DAY

Mark your calendars for **February 28th**! Join us for a fun-filled evening featuring an **indoor snowball fight** and a **movie starting at 6:00 PM**. We'll have **popcorn and other yummy snacks** to enjoy during the movie. Come wearing some comfy jammies. We can't wait to see you there!



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!



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. *



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



2/1 Britt Barbara
2/9 Bill Hine
2/13 Al Hoover
2/18 Ralph Henicle
2/21 Pat Radtke
2/28 Eva Cunningham



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grades 6th through 12th



Upcoming Events

MISSION TRIP DEPOSIT DUE

The deposit for the mission trip \$150 is due on **February 8th**. Checks can be made out to ELC with mission trip deposit in the memo and checks can be given to Bobbi.

SOUPERBOWL OF CARING - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8TH



Keep an eye out on **Sunday, February 8th** for our youth and their 'Souperbowl of Caring' buckets! Each year, over the weekend of the Superbowl, ELC participates in the 'Souperbowl of Caring', this is an event run by Tackle Hunger, a non-profit that works to eradicate hunger in our local communities. This event, supported by churches across the country, encourages congregations to give back to their local food charities that support community members in need in their own backyards. ELC donates the funds raised from the 'Souperbowl of Caring' to The Lunch Place, currently run out of Christ United Methodist Church right across the street! Following both services, youth will stand outside the doors of the sanctuary with buckets, encouraging folks to donate spare cash and change that will go directly to serving our neighbors in need. Questions? Contact Pastor Rosalie.

CAMP SUNDAY IS COMING!

We'll have a special guest on Sunday, **February 8th**!

Nawakwa Director Kelsey Tomilson will be here to lead us in songs and games during the Sunday School hour. She'll also share with us during Temple Talk at both services. Wear your camp gear and come ready for some fun!



The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

CHILI LUNCHEON - YOUTH FUNDRAISER - SUNDAY, FEB 15TH @ 12:00 NOON



It's time for the Chili Luncheon! Join us on **Sunday, February 15th** following the 10:45 service in the fellowship hall for a delicious selection of chili prepared and served by our youth to raise money for Camp and the Mission Trip at Nawakwa this summer. This is a great opportunity to see our youth in action as they work to both serve this community and fundraise for their upcoming events. We are requesting donations of desserts from the congregation to round out our meal together on the 15th. Desserts can be dropped off in the fellowship hall the morning of the luncheon. No RSVP is necessary for this event. Questions? Contact Pastor Rosalie or Bobbi Kelso for more information.

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WAYNESBORO CHS: FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

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

- ◊Cereals ◊Hamburger Helper ◊Hot chocolate mix
- ◊Tea ◊Oatmeal

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

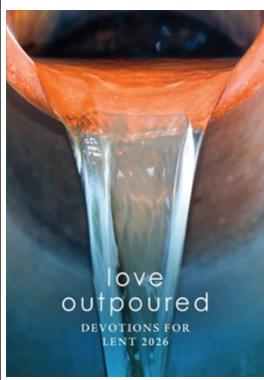


ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes will be offered on **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**. The noon Ash Wednesday service will be held in the chapel, and the 7:00 PM service will be held in the sanctuary.



LENTEN WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AND EVENING WORSHIP



Come and join us this Lent for a mid-week Lenten Study and Holden Evening Worship. The study will start on **Wednesday, February 25, at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary, followed by Holden Worship starting at 7:00 PM**. **Holden Worship** is a 30 min. long meditative, liturgical service that includes litanies and songs by composer Marty Haugen. The study and services will focus on the theme, **Love Outpoured**, with a concentration on exploring the implementation of small-group ministry at ELC.

LOVE OUTPOURED LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Each year, we provide Advent and Lenten devotionals for our members to intentionally walk these seasonal journeys with Christ. This year's Lenten devotionals are focusing on the theme Love Outpoured. These devotionals focus on portions of the apostle Paul's letter to the Romans. In words that continue to speak to us today, Paul lays out foundational beliefs for a life of faith in Christian Community. Pick one up at church before Lent and experience together with your family of faith, Christ's love outpoured.

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Meeting Summary: January 12, 2026

Roll Call:

Gary Biesecker, Ron Cordell, Allison Devlin, Pastor Drahus, Pastor Rosalie, Linda Bennett, Amy Pitts, Chuck Morningstar, Brian Walker, Janene Petrie, Andy Rovelstad, and Leigh Zahm.

Excused: Laura Oslik

New Business

- ◆ Mr. Kring put the fire evacuation plan together.
- ◆ Linda Bennett recommended a peace pole in the meditation garden.
- ◆ Signage will be added to use the Welcome Center Doors. Red doors will be locked.
- ◆ Church cancellation the weekend of the Cantata was a learning opportunity. Parking lot is a concern.

**Council Meeting:
February 10, 2026 @ 6:30PM**

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 January 21, 2025	
Monthly Offerings Received To Date	\$35,702.70
Monthly Expenses To Date	\$61,962.36
YTD Income	\$54,564.41
YTD Expenses	\$61,962.36
YTD Expenses Under (Over) Income	(7,397.95)

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Join Us for Sunday Worship at 8:00am
&
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.