



Table Talk

March 2026



Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastor:

Dear Beloved Church,

Service is an aspect of Christian faith we are called to live out in many and various ways, so I would like to take this opportunity to share the ways in which our youth have been leading the charge against hunger both locally and internationally in the past two months. Starting at the very beginning of January, fifteen of our high schoolers from ELC joined over two-hundred fifty other youth from across the state and beyond at WinterFest, an event hosted by the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Alongside a weekend of worship, small groups, games and community building they also participated in a massive service event.

Working with Rise Against Hunger, Winterfest participants packed 30,000 meals that will go primarily to children in countries facing the realities of extreme hunger. The youth poured rice, dehydrated vegetables and nutrient packets into bags, weighed them, sealed them and packed them into boxes that will travel around the world to communities in deep poverty. In less than two hours these young people made a difference in the lives of hundreds of children who may not know when their next meal will arrive. They did so while smiling, dancing and joyfully serving neighbors they may never meet.

Which brought us to the end of January, when many of those same high school youth joined together once again to serve our closest neighbors at the New Hope Shelter right here in Waynesboro. Prior to a night of lock-in fun, eleven high school youth came together to cook a 'taco bar' style meal, serve that meal and join the residents at New Hope for dinner to get to know them better. Many of the residents we sat alongside were children, so between bites of taco, the youth enjoyed kicking a soccer ball down the hallway and playing games with the littlest ones among us. Once again, they served with willingness and grace, doing what was asked and growing from these acts of service in our community.

In the beginning of February, you may have seen some of our youth holding buckets following worship that supported the *Souperbowl of Caring*. This is an event run by Tackle Hunger, a non-profit that works to eradicate hunger in our local communities. 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, but who will soon be moving to their own building. ELC raised just under \$1,000 for our neighbors here in town! We even have a friendly competition started between the middle school and high school Sunday school classes to see who can bring in the most food items per month (with a small prize of some extra candy).

Proverbs 22:6 reminds us: *train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray. When we instill the practices of service in our youth while they are still growing, they are more likely to live lives that continue seeking out and loving their neighbors in active and profound ways. So, thank you for supporting and raising our youth and children in this way. Thank you for encouraging them to live lives of service in our community and beyond. Thank you for serving as examples yourselves of a community that loves the least of these. Continue this good work, and see where God may be calling you to be of service and to help raise up children who will serve in the same ways,*

Peace,

Pastor Rosalie



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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

INSTALLATION PHOTOS



ELC SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

ELC is a vital congregation with over 500 members. We are a community of joyful, welcoming, and caring believers. But there are risks in a larger congregation, and one is anonymity; members may find it difficult to find a place to connect and serve. To keep ELC a relational, welcoming, and caring place, offering a personal environment where individual members can grow closer to one another and to God, we're introducing ELC Small Group Ministry.

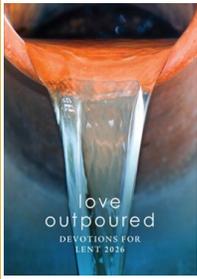
The emphasis of this ministry is on inviting all members of the congregation to live out their faith in a community that gathers in small groups to listen and study God's word, to support each other, and serve together in ways God calls and empowers us to do. Small groups will give us an opportunity to build more personal relationships, share joys and struggles, encourage one another, pray for one another, and build each other up in faith.

We pray that ELC Small Group Ministry will become a wonderful instrument for building friendships and relationships among ELC members while helping to include new members in the life of the congregation. More information about this new ministry will be coming this Lent as we start with theological reflections on the first "small group" ministry of Jesus.

Join us this Lent on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary to explore how we can follow in Jesus' footsteps in creating a community of faith, love, and service. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Drahus or Pastor Rosalie.



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LENTEN WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AND EVENING WORSHIP

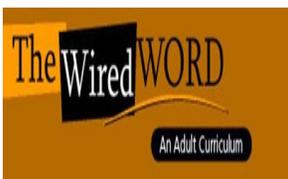
Come and join us this Lent for a mid-week Lenten Study and Holden Evening Worship. The study will continue in March on Wednesdays, **March 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 6:00 PM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Holden Worship starting at **7:00 PM**. Holden Worship is a 30 minute long meditative, liturgical service 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study Group will meet at 12:00 noon on **March 10th** in the Welcome Center of ELC. We will discuss The Woman of Endor this month. Please bring your own lunch and drink. New members and visitors are welcome! For information contact Judy Reed (717-331-7549).



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

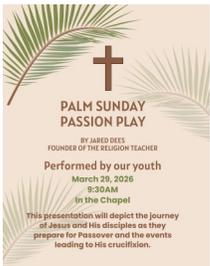


Join the Tuesday Morning Bible Study to discuss news headlines from a Biblical perspective. This month's meetings is at **March 3rd, 17th, 24rd, and 31th at 8:30 AM** at The Parlor House Restaurant (724 S. Potomac St., Waynesboro) in the back banquet room. Each session includes breakfast, fellowship, and a

Wired Word Bible Study, ending by 10:00 AM. New participants are welcome anytime!



PALM SUNDAY PASSION PLAY



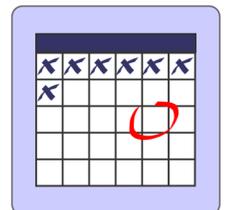
We invite you to join us on **Sunday, March 29, 2026**, for a performance of a Passion Play by our middle and senior high youth at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday school hour. The event will begin with an interactive story for our younger children, illustrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. Following this, the Passion Play will portray the journey of Jesus and his disciples as they prepare for the Passover and the significant events leading to His crucifixion. We look forward to your presence at this meaningful presentation.

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2026

AUGUST 28TH - AUGUST 30TH 2026 @ CAMP KIRCHENWALD

****MARK YOUR CALENDARS****

We have some exciting news - ELC will be hosting a Women's Retreat at the end of the summer! All women ages 18+ are invited to join us at Camp Kirchenwald beginning Friday, August 28th through Sunday, August 30th for a weekend of fellowship, learning and fun! Be on the lookout for further details this spring, but for now- mark those calendars and plan to attend this exciting retreat opportunity! Questions? Contact Pastor Rosalie



EASTER FLOWERS

This Easter season, we invite you to continue the tradition of honoring loved ones by purchasing Easter tulips or lilies. All order forms are due to the office by **March 8, 2026**. If you prefer not to order flowers, you may also choose to make a contribution to The New Hope Shelter in your loved one's honor or memory.



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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Grades Pre K-5th



Upcoming Events



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS – SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

All students and their families are invited to attend First Communion Class on Saturday, March 21st, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM. This class, which is led by Pastor Rosalie, is open to all children in Second Grade as well as all older children and youth that have not yet received their First Communion Instructions.

The students who have received their First Communion Instructions will then take their First Communion on Palm Sunday, March 29th, during the 10:45 AM Worship Service. For more information, please see Pastor Rosalie or call the office at 717-762-9151.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Reserve the dates today! **June 15-June 18.** Our next committee meeting will be **Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm in the Community Room.** We hope to see you there! If you can't make the meetings and still want to volunteer, contact the office or send us an email at childrensministry@elchome.org.



4TH & 5TH GRADE YOUTH TO FUNCASTLE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 12th. The 4th and 5th grade youth will be going to FunCastle from 3pm-5pm. More information to follow.



COMMUNION ASSISTANT TRAINING

Calling all senior high youth and anyone interested in becoming a communion assistant! We will have training on **March 8th at 9:45 AM** in the sanctuary. Please let the office know if you are interested so that we know how many people to expect. Thank you!

Happy Birthday

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

Happy Birthday

*David Singer 3/8
Darlene Smith 3/12*

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grades 6th through 12th



Upcoming Events

THANK YOU

Thank you to all that came out to support the youth chili luncheon fundraiser. We raised \$1,174 dollars!

Thank
You

SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON

Come and join us for a spaghetti luncheon. Our youth will raise funds for their annual mission trip at this fundraiser, which will be held on **Sunday, March 22nd**, after the 10:45 AM worship service. The cost is a free-will offering. The luncheon will be a delightful fellowship opportunity with spaghetti, salad, bread, drinks, and dessert. Join us for this wonderful time of fellowship and support our youth. Thank you!



MISSION TRIPS - ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

This summer, 29 youth and 6 adults from our congregation will go to Camp Nawakwa to serve the camp by renovating cabins, painting, and other random maintenance jobs around camp. Starting March 1, we will begin an envelope fundraiser, which will run all month long. You will find envelopes hanging in the narthex entrance marked with dollar amounts in two-dollar increments ranging from \$2 up to \$100 along with blank amounts for others who would like to donate another amount. We are asking that you consider taking one of these envelopes and returning it in the offering box or mailing it to the church office with your donation (For checks, write "Mission Trip" in the memo line and put Mission Trip on your envelope). If you are not attending in-person worship at this time and would like to participate, please contact the church office to request an envelope. We thank you for your consideration and participation in this fundraiser.

YOUTH LED WORSHIP - SUNDAY APRIL 12TH - BOTH SERVICES!

Join us for worship the week following Easter for two very special services led by our middle school and high school youth! From the music to the message, our youth will proclaim the Gospel and serve the community of ELC with their unique gifts for worship and praise. Plan to join us in person at 8:00 and/or in person/online at 10:45 on **Sunday April 12th!**



YOUTH FOOD DONATION COMPETITION

We invite our middle and high school Sunday School classes to join a friendly competition collecting non-perishable food items for the local shelter. Inspired by the high school's Winterfest experience, this drive highlights community needs and runs from **February 8** through the end of the Sunday School year. Each student is encouraged to bring **ONE can to donate each week**. We'll track donations by group, offering both classes a chance to support the community and show teamwork.



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WAYNESBORO CHS: MARCH 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.

FRUITBELT FARMWORKER CHRISTIAN MINISTRY... By MaryBeth Johnson

What does the migrant worker look like? I had the opportunity to meet six women who are working in this capacity. They range from age 20 to 45. They arrived in July and plan to be here through April. They work six days a week. Getting up at 6a.m. Monday through Saturday and returning from the work at 4:30p.m. Edris and Humana (spelled phonetically) made an impression on me. At twenty and twenty one years of age, I can't help but imagine my daughters at that age taking an arduous bus journey to provide financial assistance for our family. Staying in a foreign country for nine months working long hours six days a week and having limited opportunities for R&R. Pastor Christian, our interpreter, was trying to help me see life through their eyes, so he asked them if they still cry every day or every week because of homesickness. Edris laughed self-consciously and said, "No it has been seven months. I only cry every once and while." In our visit we asked for prayer requests. Each lady mentioned their family. I was moved by their selflessness. Still thinking first of those at home in the midst of their sacrifice.

You can support this ministry by participating in the Orchard 5K on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Treasure Apple Ranch in Waynesboro. This family-friendly event will feature a 5K run/walk, live music, food vendors, and post-race fellowship, with proceeds benefiting the Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry. Their goal is to raise \$10,000 to support part-time chaplains and a Communications Director, helping sustain and expand their outreach.

For registration details or donations, visit www.ffcmpa.org, scan the QR code here, or contact Mary Beth Johnson at kjohnson9235@comcast.net.



TOPS

The TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) organization meets in the Community Room of ELC on Thursday mornings at 8:00 AM for weigh-in (which is not mandatory). Meetings and programs begin at 9:00AM and are over by 10:00 AM. Focus is not only on losing weight but also on providing information for living a healthy lifestyle. Fees are very reasonable. Please consider visiting to see what this organization has to offer you for your journey to maintain good health. You will find the members very non-judgemental, friendly, and supportive. For more information contact leader Frances Badman (240-460-1496) or Judy Reed (717-331-7549).

ONLINE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Are you listed in our online directory? If not, or if you've recently changed your name, address, phone number, email, etc., we'd love to help you update your information. Swing by the Narthex to grab the handy Instant Church Directory Online cards—they'll guide you through the process step-by-step. Prefer a little assistance? Just reach out to our office with your details, and we'll take care of everything for you! Thanks for helping us keep your info current—we appreciate it!

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

ELC Congregation Council

Chuck Morningstar ~ President
 Brian Walker ~ Vice President
 Laura Osliek ~ Secretary
 Andy Rovelstad ~ Treasurer
 Linda Bennett
 Gary Biesecker
 Ron Cordell
 Janene Petrie
 Amy Pitts
 Leigh Zahm
 Allison Devlin

Meeting Summary: February, 2026

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Andy Rovelstad

New Business

- ◆ New director for Lutheran Camping Corporation – a big transition. This is Pastor Drahus’s final year on the board of LCC.
- ◆ Great prayer partner pizza party – great to see adults and youth together sharing food and faith.
- ◆ Discussed the need for new epipens for first aid kits (other section of report)
- ◆ Proposed Fire Evacuation Plan – this is ongoing in collaboration with the fire chief.

Council Liaisons

Christian Ed– Leigh Zahm
 Evangelism– Amy Pitts
 Family Ministry– Laura Osliek
 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– Allison Devlin

Council Meeting:
March 10, 2026 @ 6:30PM



Meet the Staff

Pastor
 Rev. Drahus Osliek

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 February 25, 2026	
Monthly Offerings Received To Date	\$35,492.98
Monthly Expenses To Date	\$39,688.21
YTD Income	\$79,653.71
YTD Expenses	\$89,330.03
YTD Expenses Under (Over) Income	(9,676.32)

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

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.