

April 2026 Table Talk



Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastors:

Hallelujah, Christ is Risen!

As I write these words, we're still in Lent; however, we're in the final stretch of this Lenten journey, and soon we'll be celebrating not only Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem but also his resurrection from the dead. It is on this good news that our life hinges, and it is this good news that inspires us to live in faith, hope, and love. What does that look like?



Just this past Sunday, I stopped by one of the Sunday school classes, and we discussed what it means for us, as followers of Christ, to unearth holiness, a metaphor used by Eugene Peterson. The study was on the new creation mandate. God launched his creation in Genesis, and his New Creation in Jesus. N.T. Wright said that we are the ones who are called to "implement" the New Creation in our generation because "God wants us to be people and not puppets." It was in relation to this statement that Eugene Peterson used his metaphor of "unearthing holiness." Whether we like the term "Implementing the New Creation" or "Unearthing Holiness," the study emphasized that the mission is God's from beginning to end – and it is our unique calling to join God in God's redemptive work of loving the world. According to N.T. Wright our New Creation Mandate is to "humanize the inhuman things that our communities can become."

Easter is about unearthing holiness. Jesus' body, believed to be dead, was unearthed by God and resurrected so that through the very good news of Easter morning, we can continue in the work of unearthing Christ to this world, and humanizing the inhuman things that often surround us. That is a part of our Easter mandate, our holy calling to be a resurrected body of Christ here in this community.

What are some ways God is unearthing holiness in your life? And how can you unearth it in the people around you to make our community and this world more humane? May the resurrected Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, unearths something holy within you this Easter season, and you become the Holy for those around you! For Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Pastor Drahus
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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/UCaeKa1Uo4qnV58do3c00Iq>

OFFICE HOUR CHANGES

We are excited to announce that starting **April 13, 2026**, our office hours will change slightly! To ensure our team has a chance to take a lunch break, we will be closing from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM, Monday through Thursday. In return, we'll extend our hours by an extra half hour. Our new operating hours will be as follows:



Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM -3:00 PM

Fridays 9:00 AM - Noon

NEW MEMBER CLASS STARTING AFTER EASTER!

We would like to extend an invitation to all our guests and visitors to join a new member class starting Sunday, April 12th, at 9:30 AM during Sunday school hour in the Fellowship Hall. In five classes, we'll talk about the Lutheran faith and life as well as the ministries and mission of our congregation. Your attendance in the class does not commit you to joining ELC, but it will give you an opportunity for you to learn more about us and for us to become better acquainted with you. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Drahus.

OFFERING ENVELOPES



Would you like to receive offering envelopes to submit your weekly or monthly tithings? Alternatively, do you currently receive them but do not use them, preferring to use VANCO instead? Your choice is important, so please reach out to the Church office by April 2nd if either of these applies to you. (If you are not making any changes, you do not need to contact us.) Thank you for your commitment and support!

WOMEN'S RETREAT PLANNING DAY

Saturday, May 2nd 2026 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM @ Church Cabin

Our ELC Women's Retreat is scheduled for **August 28th - 30th 2026** at Camp Kirchenwald! BUT before we get there, we need some voices willing to help prepare. If you are interested in being a part of the planning team for this year's Women's Retreat, join us on Saturday, May 2nd at the church cabin for a day of fellowship and preparation. We will talk about logistics, meals, activities and curriculum while enjoying lunch together in a space apart. Please RSVP to Pastor Rosalie by April 26th if you would like to join us for our planning day!

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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!**

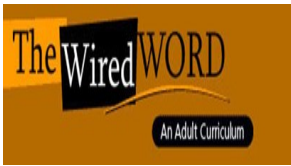


WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will meet at 12:00 noon on **April 14th** in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel, this month. Please bring your lunch and drink. New members are welcome. Contact Judy Reed 717-331-7549 for more information.



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Join the Tuesday Morning Bible Study to discuss news headlines from a Biblical perspective. This month's meetings is at **April 7th, 21st and 28th 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!



HANDYMAN MINISTRY

We have members in our congregation who would greatly benefit from assistance with small projects around their homes. These projects might include tasks such as moving boxes, hanging photos, changing light bulbs, and organizing items. If you're interested in making a positive impact by helping in this way, please reach out to the office. Your support can make a difference!

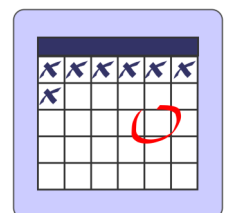


WOMEN'S RETREAT 2026

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



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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Grades Pre K-5th



Upcoming Events

EASTER EGG HUNT AT ELC



Easter Sunday promises an egg-citing Egg Hunt during the Sunday School hour, and if you're basket-less, fear not—we've got plenty to share! Following the egg hunt we will have yummy snacks. All are welcome!

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**. We will have pizza for dinner.



Fun Castle

- FUN CENTER -

3054 BUCHANAN TRAIL EAST, GREENCASTLE PA 17225

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for VBS is open. If you are looking to volunteer fill out a volunteer form or scan the QR code below. If you would like register your child for VBS you can also scan the QR code to register online. If you have any questions, contact Hayley at childrensministry@elchome.org.



Also, our next VBS Committee Meeting will be on **April 28, 2026 at 7pm** in the community room!



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...**

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday

Hughes III, Victor H. 4/1

Martin, Victor W. 4/13

Martin, David H. 4/1

Radtke, Gary 4/21

Haugh, Harold E. (Gene) 4/4

Speak, Ronald E. 4/24

Rausch, Linda 4/12

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grades 6th through 12th



Upcoming Events

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.



JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THIS SUMMER'S MISSION TRIP!

We're excited to announce a special event that will help fund our upcoming mission trip! Join us for an afternoon of creativity and fun as we make custom candles together!

Event Details:

What: Candle-Making Fundraiser by Vintage Flames, Downtown

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: April 26, 2026 after the second service

Cost: \$35 (Includes all candle supplies and lunch)

During this event, you'll have the chance to create your very own custom candle by choosing your favorite jar and scent. It's a wonderful way to support a great cause while enjoying a fun activity with friends! Bring your loved ones and let's make some beautiful candles together, all while supporting our mission trip! Also, makes a great gift for upcoming Mother's Day.

Must sign up in advance for this event due to making sure there is enough supplies. Sign up before **April 19**. Sign up at the choir entrance, welcome center and the hallway by the nave. For more information, please contact Bobbi Kelso.

SPRING YOUTH RETREAT 2026

Friday, May 15th - Sunday, May 17th

Calling all youth 6th-12th grade, mark your calendars for our Spring Retreat: Friday May 15th through Sunday May 17th, 2026! We know these dates may conflict with prom weekend, however HS youth are more than welcome to attend the retreat for as much of the weekend as possible. Questions or concerns - Contact Bobbi or Pastor Rosalie. Be on the lookout for further details in the coming weeks. There is always a place for you at God's table!

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WAYNESBORO CHS: APRIL 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 ◇ Pudding Cups ◇Pancake Mix ◇Sloppy Joe Sauce ◇Spam

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

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.ffcempa.org, scan the QR code here, or contact Mary Beth Johnson at kjohnson9235@comcast.net.



LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRY IN PENNSYLVANIA (LAMP) DAY WITH CITIZENS AND SAINTS

Monday, April 20th 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | \$60 for Adults, Students Covered by ELC

Join us for a day of learning and advocacy alongside Lutherans from all over the state and beyond! We will gather bright and early at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill, PA, to engage in learning opportunities, hear from incredible speakers and see exhibits from organizations doing justice work all over. After lunch, we will travel to the state capitol in Harrisburg to meet with legislators and help advocate for the causes important to our communities. Middle and high school students can use this day as an excused absence from school. Register online at: lutheranadvocacy.org and search "Day with Citizens and Saints." The cost for adults is \$60, but ELC will cover the cost for any youth interested in attending. Questions? Contact Andrea Oslikova (aoslikova@uls.edu) or Pastor Rosalie (rosalie.brunner@elchome.edu)

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 9:00 AM 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-judgmental, friendly, and supportive. For more information contact leader Frances Badman (240-460-1496) or Judy Reed (717-331-7549).

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED

We need altar flowers for **May 17th**. Please contact Vivian Hickman at 717-762-0423, if you would like to donate.

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

ELC Congregation Council

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

Meeting Summary: March 10, 2026

Roll Call: Ron Cordell, Allison Devlin, Pastor Drahus, Pastor Rosalie, Linda Bennett, Amy Pitts, Laura Oslik, Brian Walker, Janene Petrie, Andy Rovelstad, and Leigh Zahm.

Excused: Gary Biesecker, Chuck Morningstar

New Business

- ◆ Formulating the Mission Statement.
- ◆ Letter from the New Hope Shelter, starting a capitol campaign to fix roof and create transitional housing. They hope to raise \$350,000.
- ◆ Midweek services going well. Holden services are well attended, the bible study less so. Discussing small group ministry.
- ◆ Pastor Drahus' sabbatical – last one was 2019. End of August, back for first Sunday in Advent.

Council Liaisons

Christian Ed– Leigh Zahm
 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– Allison Devlin

Council Meeting:

April 14, 2026 @ 6:30PM



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.



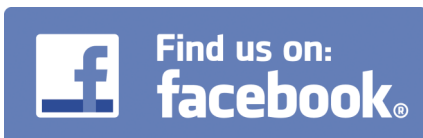
HOSPITALIZED OR CHANGE IN HEALTH?

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 March 18, 2026

Monthly Offerings Received To Date	\$29,648.90
Monthly Expenses To Date	\$33,581.75
YTD Income	\$110,429.33
YTD Expenses	\$129,540.34
YTD Expenses Under (Over) Income	(19,111.01)

TABLE TALK

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Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs. - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

Closed for lunch 12:00PM-12:30 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.