

2026

May Table Talk

Evangelical Lutheran Church



From the Pastors:

Dear Church,

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!! Happy Spring! I'm not sure about anyone else, but this year I felt as though I could not have been more ready for the spring weather. Our business manager, Becky, even hung up a "countdown to spring" calendar on my office door after I complained one too many times about the continued snow and chill during our staff meeting. There is something so holy about that first day you step out your door and breathe in the warm air, refreshing your soul and igniting a spirit of hope that can feel dormant during those long, cold, dark months. In the resurrection of our Lord, we are reminded, not only has light conquered the darkness, but that in this first breath of spring, life has been restored and made new for each of us.



In this renewed sense of life and hope we can find the invitation for the church to refresh and begin again the ministry and mission we hold at the forefront of our lives together. In this spirit, ELC will be embarking on a season of newness in our shared life as a community beginning with **a brand new mission statement!** The council has been working hard for several months in discernment and exploration of themes that arose for this congregation over the last year. They identified themes of community, connection, relationships, and growing together all rooted in love for one another and love for God. Using these foundations, we invited each council member to present a potential new mission statement for ELC that embodies our shared mission for this congregation. Their responses were amazing and now it's your turn! Check out the article from Pastor Drahus about how we will invite you into voting for ELC's next mission statement this month!

The new mission statement is just the tip of the iceberg (or maybe I should say bud on the tree to get away from the cold imagery and back into spring)! Over our Lenten journey together, on Wednesday evenings, we explored how Jesus formed a small group of very different disciples to do amazing ministry a.k.a. "The Original Small Group Ministry". This was to begin introducing our **new invitation into small group ministry** here at ELC! Small groups provide the rich opportunity for relationship building at a more intimate level. They connect people through continuous communities that allow space for faith building outside of Sunday mornings. For many people who have engaged in small group ministry, those groups of people have become lifelong friends. Once again, check out the article this month about small group leadership and begin praying about where God may be calling you to lead and engage with small group ministry here at ELC.

There are so many exciting things on the horizon here at ELC and YOU are a part of this community of faith and the mission we share. You are invited to embrace this season of new life and new hope through the many ways we are called to follow Christ. **God is walking alongside us, making all things new.** Blessings on your (finally) spring season!

Pastor Rosalie
Pastor Rosalie

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Worship Times: (May 3-17)

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

UNITY SERVICES

Our summer Unity services will begin on **May 24th, at 9:30AM.**

ELC'S NEW MISSION STATEMENT

What is our Mission? Oftentimes, organizations and churches create a mission statement that guides their ministry and helps them answer the above question, "What is our mission?" A mission statement is a way to clearly state the purpose our church serves. It covers what our church does, and why it does it. In a simple one sentence, it answers three critical questions of what, how, and why.

What does our church do? In other words, what are some of our core values, and what ministries does our church provide? Keeping the core values in mind, how does our church do what it does? And lastly, why does our church do what it does? The why question is the part of our mission that describes our spark, soul, and passion as a congregation.

Our church council spent several months intentionally deliberating these questions. Discerning, talking, and praying about them. They have reviewed the surveys we received from the congregation during the call process and, based on them, have also tried to answer the three questions mentioned above. Finally, each council member and some staff members put together their suggested mission statements. In a vote, the council members narrowed the mission statements to the two that best reflected our church's mission. Here they are!

ELC's mission is:

a) Gathering in community, growing in God's word, going in service for Christ.

OR

b) Living Christ's love for the life of the world.

This is where the congregation comes in! The council chose two of their favorite mission statement suggestions and now would like the congregation to make the final decision. During the first four Sundays in May, there will be an opportunity for each member of our congregation to cast one vote for either option a) or option b). This should be a fun experience, praying, talking, and discerning with our brothers and sisters in Christ, the wording of our future mission statement.

The vote will be announced on Sunday, May 31 st . Our hope is to use this new mission statement not only to guide our ministries but also to help us create a new and refreshed church logo. We are excited to complete this process and finalize our new mission statement, which will reflect who we are as a community of faith and our core values and mission. Thank you for your valuable input!

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ELC'S SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

ELC's mission is to stay connected and continue to grow in faith, both as individuals and as a congregation. Small group ministry offers a relational environment where individual members can grow closer to one another and especially closer to God. Its goal is to invite all members of the congregation to live out their faith in a community that gathers in fellowship, worship, study, and service. Small groups also create a wonderful opportunity to welcome all new members and enable everyone to participate in the life of the congregation in a more relational way.

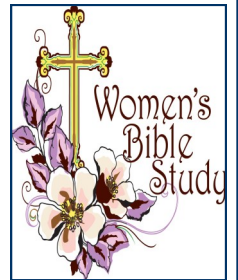
There will be two informational meetings about ELC's Small Group Ministry coming up on **Monday, May 4, and Thursday, May 7, both at 6:00 PM in the Chapel.** Whether you'd like to become a small group leader or you're just interested in hearing more, please join us and embark together with us on this new, exciting journey!



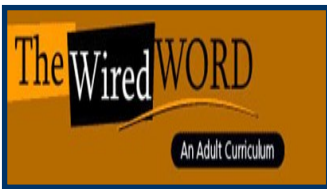
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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study group is going to have its last meeting at Tranquila TEA House on May 12th at **11:00 AM**. This month we are going to discuss Bathsheba. There is room for more women if other members of the congregation would like to attend the tea. **The cost for the tea is \$33.50 + tax and gratuity.** If you would like to join us, please let Judy Reed know by **May 8th**, because reservations have to be made. Please note that payment is required even if you're unable to attend. If you are interested or have any questions, reach out to Judy Reed. Home phone: 717-749-3452, Cell: Call or text: 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 are **May 5th, 19th and 26th 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 RETREAT PLANNING DAY

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

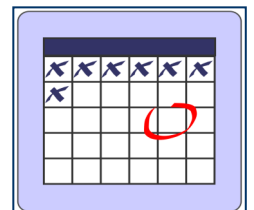
Our ELC Women's Retreat is scheduled for **August 28th - 30th 2026** at Camp Kirchenwald! BUT before we get there, we need some voices willing to help prepare. If you are interested in being a part of the planning team for this year's Women's Retreat, join us on Saturday, May 2nd at the church cabin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

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 summer. 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

CAMP NAWAKWA SWEATSHIRT RAFFLE

Enter in for a chance to win a kids small Nawakwa sweatshirt! Place your name in the box outside the Sunday school classrooms. Winner will be drawn on May 17th, the last day of Sunday school before summer.



REGISTER NOW FOR VBS



JUNE 15th-18th, from 5:30PM-8:30PM

This year, get ready to conquer the Snowball Mountain Challenge! Join us on this frosty escapade with games, lessons, crafts, and yes, loads of snacks! Dinner's on us each night. We're on the hunt for brave volunteers and eager adventurers. Scan the QR Code or grab a form in the Welcome Lobby to register. Questions? Shoot an email to Hayley at childrensministry@elchome.org.



VBS DECORATING SUPPLIES

We are asking for items the items below to decorate the church for VBS. If you have any items listed below, please ensure your name is on them. You can drop them off at the office during our office hours, or you can reach out to Hayley at childrensministry@elchome.org to coordinate a drop-off. Thank you for all that you do!

Supplies needed:

- Outdoor sports equipment (sleds, snowboards, skates)
- Brown paper towel rolls
- Paper snowflakes
- Under 6ft Christmas trees
- White hand, regular towels, and white blankets
- Hula Hoops
- Arctic Stuffed Animals
- Small plastic Arctic animals

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

*Happy
Birthday*

*Happy
Birthday*

Nancy Watson 5/4

James Hickman 5/24

Dennis Minnich 5/7

Diane Henicle 5/26

Mary Jane Collins 5/14

Lamar Sease 5/27

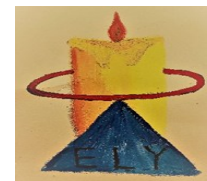
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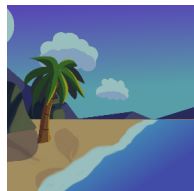


EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grades 6th through 12th



Upcoming Events

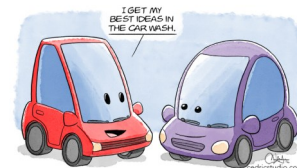


DUE DATE FOR YOUTH BEACH TRIP

Attention parents of Senior High Youth who signed up for the beach trip! The cost is \$200 per youth. Payment is due by May 10th. Checks can be made out to ELC, and don't forget to add "beach trip" in the memo line. Please hand the money directly to Bobbi Kelso, who will keep track of everything.

SPRING CAR WASH FUNDRAISER—MAY 3RD

Come and have your car washed by our youth! The youth will wash cars in our church parking lot on Sunday, May 3rd, 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!



SPRING YOUTH CABIN RETREAT - FRIDAY MAY 15TH-SUNDAY, MAY 17TH



Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for a letter with registration information for our Spring Youth Cabin Retreat- May 15th-17th, 2026! We will join together at the church cabin, some inside and some outside, to enjoy time away and focus on God's Creation! The cost of the retreat is \$20. We will depart from the church parking lot on Friday, May 15th, at 6:00 PM. We will close with outdoor worship at the cabin and return to the church around noon on Sunday, May 17th. Questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Rosalie and/or Bobbi!

Unfortunately, yes, we know this is prom weekend for some of our youth. If any high school youth are interested in attending for part of the weekend outside of prom activities, please let Pastor Rosalie or Bobbi know.

GRADUATION POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday, June 7, 2026 following the 9:30 Unity Service, we'll be honoring our ELC High School Seniors who will be graduating this year, and embarking on the next part of their life's journey.

Please help us celebrate these amazing youth:

Evan Dirr
Rhys Erwin
Leah McDannell
Ethan McDonald

Bring a favorite brunch dish, casserole or sweets to share!



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WAYNESBORO COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES: MAY 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.



TOWNE SINGERS



The Towne Singers will be performing a concert on **Saturday May 16, at 7:00PM** at Calvary United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, PA, and **Sunday, May 17th at 3:00PM**, at The United Church of Christ in Waynesboro, PA. Come out for the beautiful music and support our members Kurt & MaryBeth Johnson.

THANK YOU BBQ - SUNDAY, MAY 31ST FOLLOWING UNITY SERVICE

Our youth want to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to the community here at ELC! You all have shown up and supported our youth in fundraisers, events and worship throughout this year and we want to share our gratitude. Plan to join us following the Unity Service on May 31st for a BBQ outside in the greenspace (the fellowship hall will be available for those who need to remain indoors). If the weather is nice we will have outdoor seating, yard games, and chalk for kiddos. If we experience inclement weather, the BBQ will move indoors to the fellowship hall. Join us and invite friends to celebrate our community here at ELC as we welcome the summer together! Questions? Contact Pastor Rosalie or Bobbi.



MEMBERS AT HEARTHSTONE



Gene Haugh and Francis Betts have both moved to Hearthstone Retirement Home!

The address is:

102 S. Potomac St. Waynesboro, PA 7268.

OUR OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED

To ensure our team has a chance to take a lunch break, we **will be closed from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM**, Monday through Thursday. In return, we have extended our hours by an extra half hour. Our new operating hours are:

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

Fridays 9:00 AM - Noon



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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: April 14, 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

- ◆ 15 people in the new member class (5 attending who have already joined).
- ◆ 320 people on Easter, 255 – Palm Sunday. This is encouraging.
- ◆ Youth led worship went very well. Many people in the congregation were so pleased with the leadership of our youth.

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:
May 12, 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 OR 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. Thank you!



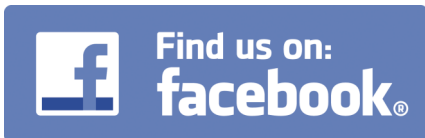
HOSPITALIZED OR CHANGE IN HEALTH?

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 April 24, 2026	
Monthly Offerings Received To Date	\$37,740.18
Monthly Expenses To Date	\$60,256.39
YTD Income	\$177,787.82
YTD Expenses	\$208,730.68
YTD Expenses Under (Over) Income	(30,942.86)

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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 &



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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.