



2026 June / July Table Talk

Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastors:

Dear Friends,

Just this past Tuesday, we had our last Tuesday Morning Bible Study, and the topic was "How Churches Changed Since the Pandemic." The article said, "Congregations don't like to change. But what happened during the pandemic was the realization that, in fact, they were going to die if they didn't change. The pandemic made them break out of their old molds, try new things, and embrace openness and a willingness to change. Worship attendance and connection to faith communities have been on a downward trajectory for decades. However, recent research reveals that in-person worship attendance in American churches has increased for the first time in 25 years."



That last sentence gave me hope. It is always good to hear about the signs of new life in the church. I have witnessed those signs here at ELC over the past fifteen years in so many real and visible ways. As I always say, "It takes a village..." It takes a community of faithful believers who gather to hear the good news of the Gospel, receive God's grace in the sacrament of Holy Communion, and then go out into the world to be and share that good news of God's saving grace. I want to say thank you for being a part of this wonderful community of faith and for playing an active role in its ministry and mission.

Things tend to slow down during the summer. In a way, it is a sabbath time for our congregation and staff, as many ministries, committee meetings, and fellowship events are paused. With that said, worship still goes on every Sunday at 9:30 AM. There is an opportunity to come, hear God's words of life, and be welcomed at God's table of grace. Summer is also a great opportunity to invite friends to church. It might be a little more relaxed, perhaps not so overwhelming, but still very meaningful, especially for those who might be looking for a new church family.

I want to encourage all of you with words from Hebrews 10: "Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another..." May you embrace the opportunities to worship God this summer with your brothers and sisters here at ELC, and may God continue to bless your life through the ministry of word and sacrament.

Have a blessed summer!

Pastor Drahus
Pastor Drahus



Summer Worship Times:

9:30AM



Unity services will continue to be
live-streamed on our YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaeKa1_Uo4gnV58do3c00Ig

Unity services will continue through September 13th.

IMPORTANT UPDATE - Table Talk Changing to Bi-Monthly Schedule

Beginning with this issue of Table Talk (June/July 2026), we will be shifting to a bi-monthly distribution schedule of our newsletter. This means each issue will cover two months instead of one. The next Table Talk will be for August and September 2026.

This decision was made first to be mindful of our staff and volunteers who work hard to put together the newsletter. It takes a lot of time, effort, and energy to write, organize, and distribute Table Talk each month. This new bi-monthly system will allow more time for our staff and volunteers to work on well thought out newsletters. We also strive to be mindful of our impact on the environment. Printing our newsletter and distributing it to over two-hundred people each month uses a lot of paper and ink. Six mailings per year instead of twelve will help to cut down on the use of our shared resources.

To help answer some potential questions about this change:

- The weekly email update will still share the most current information, and the bulletin will also continue to update announcements each week.
- The worship volunteer schedule will be distributed with the bi-monthly newsletter, so Becky will now help coordinate volunteers two months in advance
- We will continue to have physical copies of Table Talk mailed out to homes every two months. If you would like to opt out of the physical mailing, please contact the office

If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please contact Pastor Drahus or Pastor Rosalie. If you would like to change how you are receiving updates from ELC, please contact the office directly. We'll see you in August!

WE HAVE A NEW MISSION STATEMENT!

After a deliberate, intentional process involving ELC's pastors, church council, and all church members, we have finalized our new mission statement. The mission statement is:

Gathering in Community, Growing in God's Word, Going in Service for Christ. This Mission Statement clearly states our purpose and ministry as a church in the Waynesboro community and guides our actions and our reasons for doing so. It highlights our core values and describes the soul and passion of our congregation.

The mission statement prompts us to ask ourselves three key questions: Does what we do create a community? Does it help us grow in God's word? And does it encourage us to go out in service for Christ? If the answer to these questions is yes, then we're fulfilling our mission as stated in our new mission statement.

We are grateful to our pastors and the council for their leadership and discernment, and to all members who made their voices heard. Praise be to God!

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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

Mia Mummert

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

VBS DECORATING DATES AND TIMES

This year we will be meeting at the following times to get ready for another exciting VBS! We will be transforming our church into a Snowy Mountainous Adventure where are kiddos will be learning how to find their strength in God in any challenge. We appreciate any help we can get!



Monday June 8th-10:00AM

Wednesday June 10th- 1:00PM

Saturday June 13th-10:00AM

Sunday June 14th- after the service

THE BAPTISM OF ANALEE TOMLINSON - THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH AT CAMP NAWAKWA

We are excited to welcome Analee Tomlinson, daughter of Kelsey and Jordon Tomlison, into the family of faith at ELC through the Holy Spirit in the waters of baptism on Thursday, June 18th at Camp Nawakwa during All Saints Confirmation Camp. Kesley serves as the director of Camp Nawakwa and when not in camp season their family plans to join the community at ELC. The sacrament of Holy Baptism is not limited to the church walls, so please join us in welcoming Analee and her family through prayer and thanksgiving for our soon-to-be newest sister in Christ!



"GATHER, GROW, GO" STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

This July, we will have a special three-week stewardship emphasis titled "Gather, Grow, Go," centered around our new mission statement: Gathering in Community, Growing in God's Word, Going in Service for Christ.

Throughout this exciting summer series, we will reflect on the many ways God calls each of us to share our time, talents, and treasure in support of our congregation's wonderful ministries. Each Sunday will feature a brief temple talk at the beginning of worship, celebrating how God is already at work in the life of our church and inviting every member to prayerfully consider how they can participate more fully in Christ's mission.

This emphasis will be about discipleship, gratitude, and joyful participation in the ministry we share together. We invite all members and friends to join us for this meaningful and encouraging journey as we celebrate what God has done, give thanks for the present, and look forward with excitement to Christ's future ministry through our church family.

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Grades Pre K-5th



Upcoming Events



SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE VBS 2026

JUNE 15TH-18TH, FROM 5:30PM-8:30PM



VBS is only a few weeks away. If you haven't registered for VBS, now's your chance. Get ready for an ice-cold summer adventure, packed with cool winter activities. Dinner is provided. Invite your friends! You can register by scanning the QR code, or completing a paper registration form located in the welcome lobby. 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...**



Margaret (Maggie) Rovelstad	6/2/1945	Vivian L. Hickman	7/17/1936
Earl T. (Tom) Taylor	6/3/1945	Don Seilhamer	7/29/1944
Faye I . Wishard	6/11/1939	Scott. E Weaver	7/29/1947
Carolyn N. Sease	6/13/1942		
Joan R. J Fries	6/28/1930		



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grades 6th through 12th



Upcoming Events

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE OUR YOUTH??



While the summer season may mean winding down for some programs, the youth at ELC are gearing up for a season of activities, learning and fellowship together! We invite you to pray for our youth and their leaders this summer as they adventure everywhere from camp to the beach. Below are the weeks they will be away, so if you see a youth in worship, feel free to ask them about their experiences. None of this would be possible without our incredible congregation at ELC, so THANK YOU for all your continued support of our youth.

JUNE 14TH-19TH : ALL SAINTS CONFIRMATION CAMP

Our 6th-8th graders will gather for a week at Camp Nawakwa with over fifty youth and leaders from across the Synod to learn about their baptismal promises and connect with other confirmands as they grow together in faith!



JUNE 28TH - JULY 3RD : MISSION TRIP TO CAMP NAWAKWA

Twenty-nine of our youth and at least six adults will be heading to Camp Nawakwa for the second year to work on projects around the property. From refurbishing cabins, to giving old buildings a fresh coat of paint, our youth will be busy serving the community that has served them!



JULY 19TH - 22ND: BEACH TRIP TO BETHANY BEACH CENTER



Eighteen of our high school youth alongside four adults will be travelling to Bethany Beach Delaware to stay at a retreat center for a few days of fun and fellowship!

JULY 26TH-31ST - LEADERSHIP TRAINING (LT) CAMP

Each year, select students are nominated and accepted to our synods Leadership Training Camp at Nawakwa. Here they learn all about leadership and what it means to support others in their faith journeys. Congratulations to our youth attending in 2026!



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WAYNESBORO COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES: SUMMER FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

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

Cereal baked beans, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, dry pasta, soups, Manwich, canned meats, and toothpaste.

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

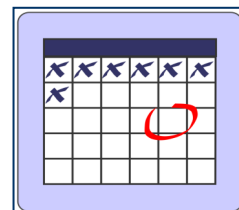


VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY IS JULY 12TH

 We are so incredibly grateful for the wonderful volunteers who keep our church thriving! To show our appreciation, we invite you to join us for a special reception in the Welcome Center after worship on July 12th. Your ELC staff appreciates everything you do and recognizes that our work would not be possible without dedicated congregants like you!

WOMEN'S RETREAT - CAMP KIRCHENWALD - AUGUST 29TH-30TH 2026 ***REGISTRATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE***

ELC's first (hopefully) annual Women's Retreat is coming soon! Registration forms, medical forms and information on payment can be found in packets located in the welcome center or narthex. Women 18+ (with the exception of kiddos under two who need to stay with mom) are welcome to attend! The Schriberhaus Lodge at Camp Kirchenwald is handicapped accessible and air conditioned. Each room contains four beds and a private bathroom/shower. More information on the retreat can be found in the registration packets or by contacting the office. If you plan to attend the retreat, **registration information and payment is due by August 2nd**. Questions? Contact Pastor Rosalie



PASTOR DRAHUS' SABBATICAL

Starting August 31, 2026, I will be taking a three-month-long sabbatical. This is my fifteenth year serving at ELC as pastor, and our time here has been filled with many blessings but also challenges. Ministry can be very rewarding, but also very taxing, especially in times of crisis. In the past seven years, our congregation navigated a pandemic, paid off our mortgage, and called a new associate pastor while continuing to grow and engage in new ministries. I am very grateful that our church has a sabbatical policy for the pastors every 7 years. I am looking forward to this time of rest, study, and renewal, and I really appreciate all your support and prayers. I am also grateful for the support of Pastor Rosalie, who will be serving on her own during my sabbatical. I have no doubt that she'll receive tremendous support from the congregation, just as I did when Pastor Dennis was on sabbatical. The focus of my sabbatical study will be the spirituality of the second half of life, based on the research and book by Father Richard Rohr, *Falling Upward – A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. My first Sunday back will be the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2026.

With God's love,
Pastor Drahus

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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: May 12, 2026

Roll Call: Gary Biesecker, Allison Devlin, Pastor Drahus, Pastor Rosalie, Linda Bennett, Laura Oslik, Chuck Morningstar, Brian Walker, Janene Petrie, and Andy Rovelstad.

Excused: Ron Cordell, Amy Pitts, and Leigh Zahm

New Business

- ◆ Nice new members class. This Sunday is the last session and the new member service will be May 31 st which is also Music Sunday.
- ◆ Two informational meetings about small-group ministry. They went well, not heavily attended but productive.
- ◆ Candle fundraiser went well – 30+ guests. Car Wash had to be cancelled due to weather. BBQ on May 31 st (music Sunday unity service) -this is a thank you to the congregation NOT a fundraiser.

**Next Council Meeting:
August 11, 2026 @ 6:30PM**

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



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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

YTD Income	\$191,429.83
YTD Expenses	\$212,193.79
YTD Expenses Under (Over)	(20,763.96)

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Join Us for Sunday Worship
at 9:30a.m.



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