

ELC Attendance

Worship Attendance Sunday, August 9, 2026
9:30AM- 148



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AUGUST COLLECTION

Waynesboro Human Services Food Pantry

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

cereal, baked beans, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, dry pasta, soups, Manwich, canned meats, toothpaste, and individual fruit cups, applesauce cups or pouches.

All food items will be donated to Waynesboro Community and Human Services to help the less fortunate. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Worship Assistant Schedule August 23, 2026 9:30 AM Unity Service

Acolyte	Annabel Erwin
Altar Guild	Shirley Clapsaddle & Joyce Van Breemen
Assisting Minister	N/A
Audio Visual	Rich Luquette & Cadance Shemon
Children’s Message	Donkey
Children’s Worship	Becky McDonald
Communion Asst.’s	Janey Jenkins & Sean McDonald
Flower Delivery	Joe & Sue Hess
Greeters	Janey Jenkins (W) Becky McDonald (C)
Lector	Judy Reed
Nursery Helper	Hank Erwin
Ushers	Team A



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WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK



COME JOIN US!

Gathering in Community, Growing in God’s Word, Going in Service for Christ.

Sunday, August 16

9:30AM Unity Service

11:00AM Worship Assistant Training

Monday, August 17

Tuesday, August 18

6:00PM Youth Committee

6:30PM Worship Team

Wednesday, August 19

Thursday, August 20

9:00AM Sewing Belles

Friday, August 21

Pastors’ Day Off

Announcements

VOLUNTEER TRAINING- FOR NEW AND EXISTING VOLUNTEERS!

Our Sunday morning volunteers are vital to enhancing our worship and fellowship experience. It takes a dedicated team to ensure that our congregation and guests enjoy a meaningful journey from arrival to departure, uplifted by the Gospel, the sacraments, and a caring community.



This summer, we invite our members to explore opportunities for engagement as part of our stewardship emphasis. Whether you are new to volunteering or have served as a greeter, usher, communion assistant, lector, assisting minister, or in the altar guild, we invite you to attend our training sessions on Sunday, August 16th, and Sunday, August 23rd, from 11:00 AM to noon.

Even if you're unsure of where you want to serve, please join us. You might discover the perfect role God is calling you to!

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DRAHUS

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. 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!

BACK TO SCHOOL PLAY DATE EVENT

Join us on August 18th at Mowrey Elementary School back playground from 6:00PM to 8:00PM for a time of fellowship and games for our school age kiddos. Snacks will be provided. This is not a drop off event. We ask that parents stay with their children. If you have any questions, reach out to Steph Black at 717-816-5248.

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Our first Youth Group Committee Meeting for the year will meet on August 18th, 2026 at 6:00PM in the Parlor.

CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE MEETING

The Christian Ed Committee Meeting will meet on August 25th, 2026 at 7:00PM in the Welcome Center.

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QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)

As we continue our shared ministry at ELC, we give thanks for the many faithful ways you support Christ's mission through worship, service, outreach, music, education, and care for neighbors in need. Your generosity strengthens our congregation and helps ensure that, as a church, we continue to gather in community, grow in God's word, and go in service for Christ here in Waynesboro and beyond.

There is a stewardship opportunity that may be especially meaningful and beneficial for ELC members age 70½ or older: a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an Individual Retirement Account.

A QCD allows eligible individuals to make a direct gift from an IRA to the church without counting the distribution as taxable income. For many donors, this can be a meaningful way to support the church's ministries while also offering potential tax advantages. In addition, for those who are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), a QCD may satisfy all or part of that annual requirement. If you are considering a Qualified Charitable Distribution this year, we encourage you to speak with your financial advisor, IRA administrator, or tax professional to determine the approach that is best for your circumstances. There will be an informational session at church scheduled for Thursday, August 27, at 6:00 PM with Kery Swope, a member of our church and a Certified Public Accountant. If you're not able to attend the session and have further questions, the church office would also be glad to provide the information needed to facilitate a gift. Every gift entrusted to our congregation is received with gratitude and carefully stewarded for the work God has called us to do. Thank you for your continued faithfulness, prayers, and generosity. Through your support, the ministry of Christ continues to flourish in our community, and the hope and love of the Gospel touch lives every day.



CHURCH RALLY DAY / SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF



Our annual Rally Day/Sunday School Kick-Off at ELC will be on September 13th after our Unity Service! Our Fellowship Committee is providing fried chicken and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share! We are also planning something new for later in the afternoon, so mark your calendars!