

ELC Attendance

Worship Attendance Sunday, August 16, 2026
9:30AM- 146

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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 30, 2026 **9:30 AM Unity Service**

Acolyte	Callie Cordell
Altar Guild	Walker Family
Assisting Minister	Sean McDonald
Audio Visual	Mark Reed, Riley Walker, & Brian Walker
Children's Message	Dr. Bob
Children's Worship	Sue Mason
Communion Asst.'s	Carole Kipe & Al Good
Flower Delivery	Gretchen Minnich & Ann Dickey
Greeters	Open (W) Open (C)
Lector	Allison Devlin
Nursery Helper	Jayli Robinson
Ushers	Team B



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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 23

9:30AM Unity Service

11:00AM Worship Assistant Training

Monday, August 24

Tuesday, August 25

6:00PM Stewardship Committee

7:00PM Christian Ed Committee

Wednesday, August 26

Thursday, August 27

9:00AM Sewing Belles

6:00PM QCD Information Session

Friday, August 28

Pastors' Day Off

Women's Retreat

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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

All are welcome to join the choir. Our first rehearsal will be on **September 2nd at 7:30PM**. We hope to see you there.



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! The Unity service will have communion. 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!



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, FOLLOWING THE CHURCH PICNIC

Plan to stick around following the picnic on September 13th for an afternoon of service around the building at ELC! God's Work Our Hands Sunday is a day of service shared by churches across the ELCA, so we will join together to help refresh our church building for everyone who uses it! Projects will be available for all ages and abilities. Questions? Contact Pastor Rosalie.

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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.



WOMEN'S RETREAT - CARPOOLING INFORMATION

We are less than a week away from our first annual Women's Retreat! Those attending the retreat who are interested in carpooling should plan to gather at ELC on Friday, August 28th between 3:00-3:30. Individuals not driving are welcome to leave cars in the rear of the parking lot, near the dumpsters. If you specifically requested a ride, connect with Pastor Rosalie to ensure you are connected with a driver. Excited to see everyone at camp!