

East Union Lutheran Church

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EAST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Carver, Minnesota

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Worship

with Holy Communion on 1st, 3rd,
and 5th Sundays

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School

April 2023

East Union Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Bryant's Office Hours: Monday—Wednesday 8:30am-4:30pm Darcy's Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9am-2pm						1 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
2 Palm Sunday 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	3	4 10am Bible Study	5 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	6 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship at WU	7 7pm Good Friday Worship at EU	8
9 Easter Sunday 8:15am Choir Rehearsal 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	10 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	11 10am Bible Study	12	13	14	15
16 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	17	18 10am Bible Study	19 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Food/Fellowship & Youth Mtg 6:30pm Youth Faith Formation at EU	20 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	21 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	22
23 8am-Noon Pancake Breakfast 9am Worship—Baptism 10am Sunday School	24 1pm Quilting Group	25 10am Bible Study	26 6:30pm Youth Faith Formation at EU	27	28	29 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
30 8:50am Hymn Sing 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am AED Training 10am Sunday School						

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

When was the last time you were genuinely surprised? And by surprised I mean jump out of your seat, heart pounding in your chest, a yelp emanating from your voice kind of surprise.

This jolting surprise happened to me the other day. I had been sitting in my living room—my mind drifting between listening to the TV, daydreaming about warm weather, and watching my kids out of the corner of my eye.

I must have missed it—the sound of a child trying to get my attention apparently went in one ear and out the other without comprehending what they said—but, in either case I missed what my kid was saying: “Catch!”

Catch. Again, my mind was floating off when it dawned on me milliseconds too late that I was being told to catch a ball from a child who was actively throwing said ball without making sure I had truly heard them.

My mind had no choice but to be jolted from daydreaming and back into reality as a ball struck me across the cheek, I haplessly swatted at it far too late, jumped up, and let out an *ouch!* as I looked to uncover what had just happened.

Needless to say, I was surprised. But, why? A voice had clearly called out to me saying, “Catch!” If I had simply looked, I would have seen a ball held in a hand ready to be thrown in my direction. If I had simply used a couple of my senses there wouldn’t have been a surprise at all—I would’ve been fully prepared to have a ball thrown in my direction and catch it out of the air.

Sometimes even when all the information we need is right in front of us, we’re still surprised. When the women journey to the tomb on the first Easter morning, we’re told they’re filled with excitement, fear, and amazement—we’re told they’re surprised.

Even though Jesus had told them—and all his disciples—that he would be raised from the dead on the third day, it was still a surprise! Even though all the signs pointed toward new life blossoming forth on that Easter morning, it was still a surprise!

Just when we think we know what Jesus is up to in the world around us, we find ourselves surprised and filled with amazement. Just when we think we know the path God has laid out for our lives, we find ourselves following a new direction.

May we forever be amazed and surprised at what Jesus is up to in our lives and in the life of the world. May we always be on the lookout for the unexpected places and people Jesus shows up through. May we always be surprised and embrace Jesus’ incredible and abundant new and everlasting life that sustains us in this incredible journey that we call life.

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

Sunday School

April Schedule

4/02/23 Sunday School

4/09/23 NO Sunday School

4/16/23 Sunday School

4/23/23 Sunday School

4/30/23 Sunday School

Youth Faith Formation

April Schedule

4/19/23 YFF @ East Union

4/26/23 YFF @ East Union

Bible Study

Join Pastor Bryant each Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center as we gather around a cup of coffee and grow together in faith through conversation and scripture. All are welcome!

Gathering Thru Fellowship

On Saturday, April 1st we will gather together at 10am in the Parish Center. We will be painting terra cotta pots and planting little plants in them for the plant sale. The last Gathering Thru Fellowship before summer break will be on April 29th at 10am. After summer break, we will resume again on October 7th.

Choir Rehearsal

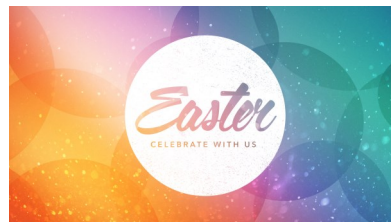
The choir will practice on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30pm and Sunday, April 9th at 8:15am in the Sanctuary.

Holy Week

We start Holy Week with Palm Sunday on April 2nd at 9am. Maundy Thursday Worship will be hosted by West Union on 4/6 at 7pm. Good Friday Worship will be at East Union on 4/7 at 7pm.

Easter Worship

Celebrate Easter with us on April 9th at 9am!



Card Ministry Team

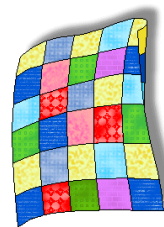
The Card Ministry Team is here for anyone in need of Christ's love through a card. The Card Ministry will meet on April 5th & 19th at 8:30am.

Food & Fellowship/Youth & Ed Meeting

There will be a joint meeting on April 19th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

Quilt Retreat

The quilting group is hosting a retreat on April 20th & 21st from 9am-5pm each day. If you are interested in joining, please call the church office, cost is \$5 per day. Bring your own lunch.



Pancake Breakfast

Save the date for our Pancake Breakfast!



East Union Lutheran Church Pancake Breakfast

Proceeds to support our Youth & Education Program

Sunday, April 23
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

15180 County Road 40, Carver, MN

Breakfast includes: Pancakes (regular and gluten free), toppings (butter, syrup, strawberries, and whip cream), sausage, warm apple sauce, juice, milk, and coffee.

Bring a friend - all are welcome here at EULC!

AED Training

During Fellowship on April 30th, we will host an AED training in the Parish Center.

Looking Into the Future:

- ♦ Saturday, May 13th—Annual Plant Sale
- ♦ Sunday, May 14th—Confirmation Sunday
- ♦ Monday, May 29th—Honor Guard Service
- ♦ Sunday, June 18th—Ice Cream Social

Easter Special Offering

This year the council has decided to keep the Easter special offering funds in-house, using those funds to replace air conditioners. If you want your Easter donation to go to this project, please use the special offering envelope in your packets. You always have the option to request your donation go to the general fund by using the regular Sunday donation envelope. Thank you for your generosity.

Plant Sale News

Did you know the rusty patched bumblebee is the Minnesota state bumblebee? It is also on the Federal list of endangered bees. Pollinators (think bees) are critical to the world's food supply chain. Their population and habitat are declining rapidly. What can we do to help improve this situation?

NEW THIS YEAR AT THE PLANT SALE, an expert will be available during the plant sale hours to discuss what it takes to help create a pollinator garden on your property. She will give you tips on what native plants are beneficial and even help you apply for a \$350 grant from the Lawns to Legumes Program to jump start your garden. It is a great opportunity to help save one of God's most industrious workers.



Heritage Scholarship

If you are an EULC graduating high school senior with plans to continue your education next fall, don't miss out on the opportunity to gain a \$1000 scholarship towards your fees. Please contact the church office as soon as possible to get the application, which will be due by May 21st.



Vacation Bible School

We are working on getting this organized so please watch for updates.



Prayer List

Reminder if you would like someone added to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Also, please let the office know if someone can be taken off the list.

Facebook Prayers & Devotions

Join Pastor on Facebook each Monday for Prayers and Wednesdays for Devotions – <https://www.facebook.com/eastunionlc/>

Electronic Newsletter

Reminder newsletters will be emailed out. If you would still like to receive a copy in the mail or have changed your email, please let the office know.

Supporting your church

Did you know we offer an online giving option? Find out more at this link <http://www.eulc.org/Giving>, or on our website.



Towel Helpers Needed!



East Union has an active role in a Towel Ministry, part of ECC Love INC. Volunteering consists of filling towel orders and driving the towels to the client's home. You will receive training too!

Email Ann Decker: adeckerchaska@gmail.com if you are interested!

Food Shelf Donations

There is a grocery cart in the Parish Center ready to accept donations for the local food shelves. If you would rather give a monetary donation, please write "food shelf" on your check or envelope and put it in the offering plate. Thank you for your donations!

Church Mailing Address

Please remember to use the PO Box when sending mail to the church. Our address is PO Box 283, Carver, MN 55315.



Spring Plant Sale

Homemade Bake Sale

Saturday, May 13th 2023 8am-12pm

Hundreds of hanging baskets, herbs,
potting soil, flowering annuals &
vegetable plants

Get your Mother's Day gifts here!

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Back by popular demand:
Coffee truck and quilt raffle



New this year, learn how to plant a
pollinator garden. Apply for a
\$350 grant onsite.