

East Union Lutheran Church

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EAST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Carver, Minnesota

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952-448-3450

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

10:15 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

April 2024

East Union Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Bryant's Office Hours: Mon—Wed 8:30am-Noon Darcy's Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am-2pm	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 "Is This Real" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	8 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	9 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Property/Cemetery Mtg	10 6:30-8pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU 6:45-7:45pm Bible Study @ EU	11	12	13
14 "Proof is in the Pudding" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	15	16	17	18	19	20
		10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	8:30am Card Ministry 6:30-8pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU 6:45-7:45pm Bible Study @ EU			10am-Noon Congregational Listening Session
21 "Why Sacrifice" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	22	23	24	25	26	27
	1pm Quilting Group	10am Bible Study	6:30-8pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU 6:45-7:45pm Bible Study @ EU			
28 "Together Forever" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	29	30				
		10am Bible Study				

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear disciples,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! *Hallelujah!* New life is ours in the abiding and abundant grace and love of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we hopefully venture toward spring and its warmer weather and green plants, it reminds me of the beautiful flowers we just had up front on Easter morning.

What a wonderful reminder of the new life that springs forth from the tomb! It also reminds me of Easter lilies I had taken home with me a few years ago. I'll preface this story with this: I'm not a good gardener. I once purchased a plant that said, "You can't kill this plant." I must be special, because I managed to kill it.

So, when I came home with a couple Easter lilies my wife just looked at me and said, "What do you plan on doing with those?" It was a good question—I hadn't really thought that far ahead. All I knew was that they were blooming, smelled potent and wonderful, and I couldn't bear the sight of them just going to waste.

So, I stuffed them into a dark closet in my basement. And there they sat—for well over a month—their Easter lily smell wafting through every inch and corner of that basement. A constant reminder that although I had set them down and forgotten about them, they were still living, still reminding me of their presence whether I recognized them or not.

When late spring finally took hold and when it became clear I needed to do something with those lilies, I took them outside, dug a couple small holes in the ground underneath a living room window, and planted them.

No other plants were in that area. It certainly didn't receive a lot of sunlight. I didn't have any major plans to water those lilies. I wasn't even sure if we lived in the right climate for them to grow. But, I planted them anyway.

Soon after, their blooms faded and fell off. Their green leaves began to droop, but never completely browned. Perhaps, I thought, these lilies *will* continue to grow. And grow they did.

Some time around July of that same year, I noticed small buds forming on those lilies. And sure enough, a couple weeks later, in the heart of summer, the brilliant and bold fragrance of Easter lilies wafted through the backyard as they bloomed.

I had placed those lilies in the basement for weeks. I had placed them in the ground having no idea if that's what they needed. And yet, those lilies grew and bloomed. Year after year, in the summer months, they bloomed.

Because new life cannot be contained. It does not depend on us, but wholly on the one who journeyed to the cross and was raised from the dead for the world—for you. New life has sprung forth this day thanks to Jesus—and it's a new life that uplifts you and sustains you out of sheer grace and love from the one we call Savior, Shepherd, and Friend: our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! *Hallelujah!*

Peace, Pastor Bryant

April Theme

Our theme for this month is **Saved**. Throughout April, we will hear the aftershocks of the resurrection--from doubts and anxieties to celebrations and joys. In this season of Easter, new life is yours and the gift of the Holy Spirit journeys with you so that together, we can proclaim this good news to all the world!

Sunday School

Hello Church Families! If any parent has questions about Sunday School or would like to assist, feel free to talk to Mel Simonson at church or call at: 320-304-1557. Classes are held for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Sundays from 10am-11am.

Schedule

4/7: Sunday School

4/14: Sunday School

4/21 Sunday School

4/28 Sunday School



Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars! East Union VBS will be held from 7/22 thru 7/25, Mon-Thurs from 9am-3pm. Grades K-5th grade are eligible, no registration fee. Volunteers are needed, watch for sign up sheets coming soon. Registration forms are available, please return them to the church office.

Youth Faith Formation

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) is held @ WU on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm.

Schedule: 4/10, 4/17 & 4/24

Bible Study

Bible Study continues every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center.

Wednesday evening Bible Study is held @ EU from 6:45-7:45pm and follows the Youth Faith Formation schedule. All are welcome!



Gathering Thru Fellowship

We will gather on April 6th at 10am in the Parish Center and we will be doing a special cross project. Free will donations are accepted. All ages are welcome to participate or visit, coffee will be on!

Card Ministry Team

The Card Ministry Team is here for anyone in need of Christ's love through a card. The Team will meet on April 3rd & 17th at 8:30am.



Congregational Listening Session

On Saturday, April 20 from 10:00AM-12:00Noon the East Union Church Council will be hosting a listening session open to all members of the congregation. We want to get a pulse from you on how our church is currently serving the community and what thoughts you might have for the future. We've been a congregation since 1858 serving the East Union and surrounding area. In the 166 years since, our community has grown, especially within the past 10+ years. Please join us starting at 9:30AM for coffee, beverages, and morning snacks. We will start promptly at 10:00AM with opening devotions led by Pastor Bryant. At each table, a council member will lead a discussion on how our church is serving you and our community and what are other things we should be considering. We plan to have activities for our younger members.

Annual Plant Sale—Our Annual Plant & Bake Sale is Saturday, May 11th from



8am-noon!! We will have hundreds of hanging baskets, herbs, flowering annuals, vegetable plants, potting soil & fertilizer! Come and get your homemade baked goods also!

Every year we get awesome donations of garden related items along with items from your personal gardens. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help make our plant sale a great success. This year we are asking for one small favor - we would appreciate any plants donated be potted. If you are in need of pots please contact anyone on the plant sale committee (Lori and Jamie Scott, Tom and Nadine Lundquist, Paul and Jeanne Lundquist, Linda Goetze, Dave Lundquist, Kent and Rochelle Hasse, Matt Brumm) and we will help make that happen. Thank you.

Looking Into the Future:

- ◆ Saturday, May 4th—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ◆ Saturday, May 11th—Annual Plant Sale
- ◆ Sunday, May 19th—Confirmation
- ◆ Monday, May 27th—Memorial Day Honor Guard Service & Breakfast
- ◆ Sunday, July 21st—Ice Cream Social
- ◆ July 22—July 25—Vacation Bible School

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.

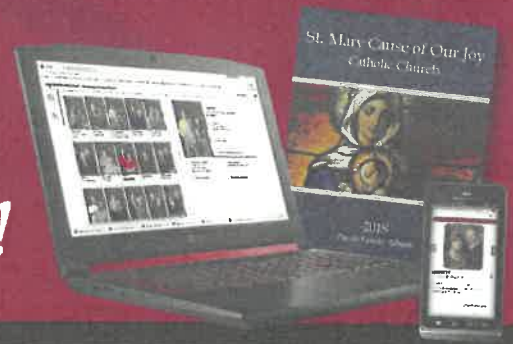
Towel Ministry

East Union has an active role in a Towel Ministry, to help the East Union/Love, INC. Would you consider a gift of towels, money, or Kohl's cash? What if you can't give financially? How about volunteering to do some towel deliveries? It brings a lot of satisfaction, knowing personally that you've helped an individual or a family in need. Training will be provided! Please pray about this and contribute in any way you can.

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



Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



We are looking forward to new photo directories. Mark your calendars for **May 16-18!** You can start signing up now!

Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **mn428** the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots.

If you need help signing up or have any questions about the new directories, please contact Chris Hallin, Brenda Lundquist or the church office. Chris and/or Brenda will be helping people sign up during fellowship on Sundays.



SPRING PLANT SALE

&

HOMEMADE BAKE SALE

Saturday, May 11th 2024

8am–12pm

Hundreds Of
Hanging Baskets.
Vegetables & Herbs



Flowering Annuals
Potting Soil
Fertilizer

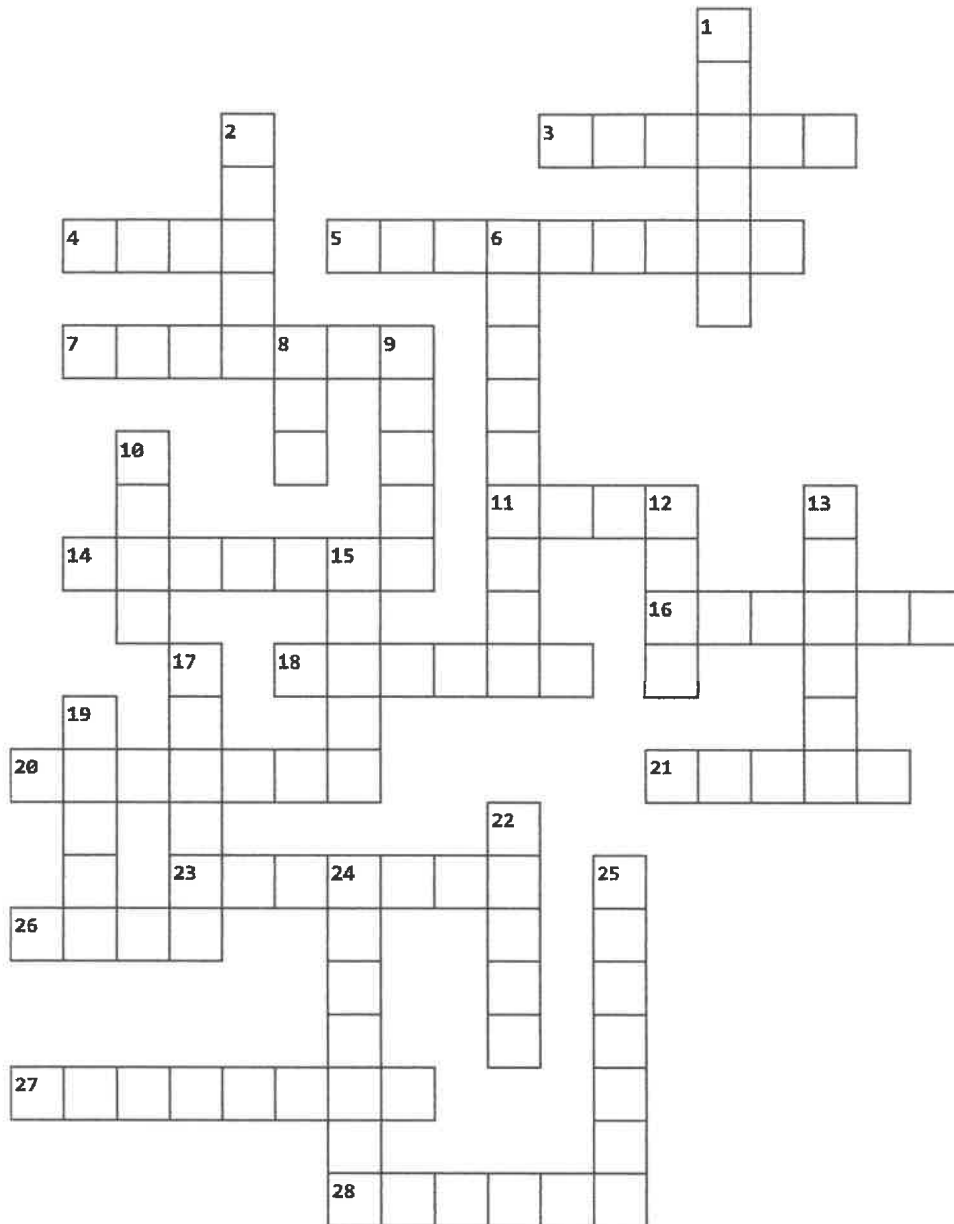
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Get Your Mothers
Day Gift Here



EULC - Easter



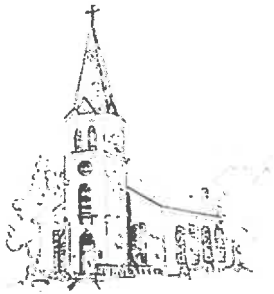
Across

3. _____ Thursday
4. hardboiled or over-easy
5. He was _____ on the cross
7. It starts at 9am on Sundays
11. This animal signifies Jesus
14. Tulips, Daffodils etc...
16. Season of Renewal
18. Easter flowers
20. 1 in 3 or 3 in 1
21. Walt Whitman's The Leaves of _____
23. Minnesota's breakfast casserole
26. It builds up to Easter
27. Side dish
28. A Day of Rest

Down

1. Also known as supper
2. He's the reason for this season!
6. Can be hollow or marshmallow filled
8. Main course maybe
9. Entourage or famous yellow candy
10. Kind of tree with dates
12. Wear your Sunday _____
13. Band name w /o The Dixie part
15. These days and Mondays get me down
17. Easter hat
19. It can be amazing
22. _____ be with you
24. Receptacles for colored eggs
25. Fat _____

VBS Registration Form



East Union Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School Registration Form 2024

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” Matthew 19:14

East Union VBS will be held from July 22nd thru July 25th, Mon-Thurs from 9am-3pm. Grades K-5th grade are eligible, no registration fee. Volunteers are needed.

Please bring registration form to East Union Lutheran Church by July 1st. You may also email the completed form to eastunionlc@gmail.com or mail it to:

East Union Lutheran Church
15180 County Road 40
PO Box 283
Carver, MN 55315

Please contact the Youth & Education Committee if you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

God bless you and your family!

VBS Registration Form—cont'd

Are you members of East Union Lutheran Church? _____

Are you interested in learning more about becoming members? Y or N



Child's name: _____
Birthdate: _____ Age & grade: _____
Baptized? (Y or N) _____
Please list any allergies, dietary or special needs: _____

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Birthdate: _____ Age & grade: _____
Baptized? (Y or N) _____
Please list any allergies, dietary or special needs: _____

Name of parent(s) or adult contact: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Name of parent(s) or adult contact: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Volunteers/helpers needed

Would you like to volunteer? ___yes ___no

Consent to use photos or video for VBS/church purpose ___yes ___no

Signature: _____

VBS Registration Form—cont'd

East Union Lutheran Church Accident Waiver and Release of Liability

The undersigned parent/legal guardian hereby gives permission to East Union Lutheran Church, for their child _____ to take part in the East Union Lutheran Church Sunday School program and related events.

Should my child require immediate or emergency medical care while engaged in an activity sponsored by East Union Lutheran Church, in my absence, I hereby grant East Union Lutheran Church authority to release my child for medical treatment to such medical personnel as East Union Lutheran Church determines appropriate under the circumstances.

In consideration for the privilege of allowing my child to participate in the above-named activity, I agree to release and hold harmless East Union Lutheran Church, its officers and agents, from any liability to or responsibility for bodily injury, damage or illness to the above-identified child while participating in any youth athletic or social activity which may be directly or indirectly sponsored by East Union Lutheran Church. Further, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless East Union Lutheran Church, its officers and agents with respect to any claim asserted by or on behalf of my child as a result of bodily injury, illness or damage.

Please read carefully, this permission slip is a legal document which includes release of liability and indemnification.

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Second Emergency Contact: _____

Second Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____