

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 2025

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 10am Bible Study	2 West Union 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Worship	3	4	5 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
6 "Anointed" 9am Worship-Communion & Baptism 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	7	8 10am Bible Study	9 8:30am Card Ministry West Union 6-6:30pm Dinner 6:30-8:30pm Movie	10	11	12
13 "Unexpected" 9am Palm Sunday Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School & Egg Hunt 10am Outreach Meeting	14 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	15 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	16	17 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship @ WU	18 7pm Good Friday Worship @ EU	19
20 "Life" 9am Easter Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	21	22 10am Bible Study	23 8:30am Card Ministry	24	25	26
27 "Unsure" 9am Worship 10am Pancake Breakfast Fellowship 10am Sunday School	28 1pm Quilting Group	29 10am Bible Study	30			

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

I was out to eat the other day. It was the rare occasion where my kids weren't with—just me, my wife, and a couple friends. We were at a fairly busy restaurant; there was a nice, gentle din of conversation, glasses clinking, and shuffling of chairs and feet as folks went in and out.

At some point during our time there, there came this quite familiar sound. The sound of a young child complaining loudly to their parents that no, they didn't want broccoli on their mac and cheese. And then later on, the sound of silverware hitting the floor as another kid carelessly dropped it on the floor. And then even later, the sound of a child crying because they were probably too tired or simply done with having dinner and wanted to go home.

Every one of those sounds initiated part one of a two-step process within the deep recesses of my brain. I've grown so accustomed to responding to the cries of a child and the multitude of problems that arise from something difficult—like eating mac and cheese—that for a fraction of a second my brain nearly made me turn and look to see how I could help out.

But, before any decision could be made, my subconscious processed that, no, that was not the cries of help from my particular child—so, I could continue to sit and enjoy my meal. There was another parent there to deal with the particular problems of their particular child—I was free to continue on and ignore them. *Not my circus, not my monkeys.*

Thanks be to God that Jesus doesn't operate in the same manner. Now just mere weeks from Holy Week and his own crucifixion and death, thanks be to God that Jesus doesn't look out at the world and say, "You know what? This isn't my problem anyway. I'm simply going to ignore the pleas and cries of humanity."

The good news of this upcoming Holy Week is that God isn't just a parent to some, he's a Father to all. And as Father he never ignores the cries of his children. As Father, he hasn't sent his own Son for the salvation of only particular people, but instead the whole world.

For when we cry out, God listens. And before we even knew what we needed, Jesus died for us. Because that's what a parent does for their child. And, without a doubt, you are a child of God. Beloved. Forgiven. And saved by the blood of the one who holds you close in grace and love, Jesus Christ.

Peace,
Pastor Bryant

April Theme

Our theme for this month is **Salvation**. Our journey to the cross concludes with the crucifixion and death of God's own Son. While we were still sinners, Jesus died for us. Died and then rose to new life so that we would be freed from the bondage of sin. Freed so that new and everlasting life would be ours and freed so that we can move out into God's creation proclaiming the good news: *Christ is risen!*

Tuesday Bible Study

Bible Study continues every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome!



Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study will start up again in the Fall.

Sunday School

Classes are held for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Sundays from 10am-11am.

Schedule

4/6/25 Sunday School

4/20/25 No Sunday School

4/13/25 Sunday School & Easter Egg Hunt

4/27/25 Sunday School

Vacation Bible School



East Union VBS will be held 7/28—7/31 from 9am-3pm. Grades K-5th grade are eligible. Volunteers are needed, watch for signup sheet in May. Theme is Epic Australian Adventure. Space is limited, please bring your registration forms to the office as soon as possible.

Gathering Thru Fellowship

We will gather on April 5th at 10am in the Parish Center and we will be making floral hanging arrangements to take home. All are welcome to participate or visit, coffee will be on!



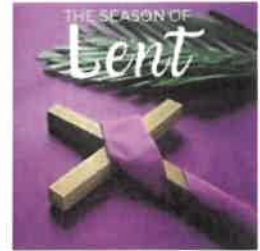


Card Ministry Team

The Card Ministry Team is here for anyone in need of Christ's love through a card. The Team will meet on April 9th & 23rd at 8:30am.

Lent

Here is an outline of the final weeks of our Lenten Season.



Midweek Lenten Services *(April 2 & 9 @ West)*

- April 2nd, meal from 6-7 pm & Worship @ 7pm
- April 9th, meal will be served from 6-6:30pm. We will watch The Case for Christ Movie from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Holy Week

We start Holy Week with Palm Sunday on April 13th at 9am. Maundy Thursday Worship will be hosted by West Union on April 17th at 7pm. Good Friday Worship will be at East Union on April 18th at 7pm.

Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your Easter baskets on April 13th! At the end of Sunday School there will be an egg hunt.



Easter Worship

Celebrate Easter with us on April 20th at 9am!

Outreach Committee Tour

The Outreach Committee has been invited to tour Gustavus College on April 23rd. This includes a luncheon with President Bergman and staff. Discussions with the music department will be held for future opportunities.

Pancake Breakfast

There will be a pancake breakfast during fellowship on April 27th hosted by Randy & Tami Johnson and Todd & Linda Johnson. Pancakes, sausage and fruit will be served. Free will offering. All are welcome!

New Members

We will be welcoming our new members during worship on May 4th. If you would like to volunteer to be a mentor to a new member, please email the church office.

Spring Plant Sale

Mark your calendars for our Annual Spring Plant Sale Plus Homemade Bake & Craft Sale on May 10th from 8am – Noon. There will be hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, flowering annuals, fertilizer and potting soil. Plus, crafts and lots of baked goodies.

We are looking for crafts to sell at the sale, if you are interested in making a craft, please talk with Stephanie Cardinal (651-357-4092).

Roadside Cleanup

It's that time of year again! Roadside cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, **May 18th** right after worship. In case of inclement weather we will reserve May 25th. We need lots of volunteers, email the church office if you can help. Wear sturdy shoes and bright colors.



Looking Into the Future:

- ◆ May 3rd—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ◆ May 10th—Annual Plant & Bake Sale
- ◆ May 18th—Roadside Cleanup Day
- ◆ May 26th—Honor Guard Memorial Day Service & Breakfast
- ◆ June 12th & 13th—Quilt Retreat
- ◆ July 28th-July 31—Vacation Bible School
- ◆ September 14th—Rally Sunday
- ◆ October 25th—Trunk or Treat

Large Print Hymnals

If you would like a large print hymnal to use during worship on Sundays, please talk to the ushers.

Parsonage Update—Easter Offering

Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers, the parsonage updates have progressed extraordinarily fast! This is wonderful news that leads our congregation to the next step in this process: now we need to pay for the work that was done. As you are willing and able, we will have multiple avenues for you to help support the restoration project of the parsonage. First, our special Easter offering this year will fully go towards the renovation costs of the parsonage. Second, proceeds from a pancake breakfast following worship on April 27 will also go toward this cause. And, as always, you are welcome to designate gifts toward the parsonage renovation. The house is in tremendous shape and the work that was recently done will go a long way in keeping a historic building standing for generations to come.

Finally, as work on the house comes to a close in the following weeks, keep your calendars open for a cleaning day—many hands will make light work! Thank you again to the congregation for your support and dedication!

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 18th.

Spotlight on Council

Kathy Schallberg



1. **How long have you been part of EULC?** Since 2014
2. **What brought you to EULC?** Both Rich and I had difficult things happen that brought us back to church and we remembered our neighbor talking about EULC
3. **What's something you enjoy doing outside of EULC?** Week-ends at the cabin, fishing and reading.
4. **What motivates you to stay involved with EULC?** The people and the connections I've made. It feels good to be connected to the community.
5. **What do you enjoy most about being part of this community at EULC?** Fulfilling my faith needs and lending my voice to issues I believe in.
6. **What are your hopes for the future of EULC?** Reaching more families without losing touch with established members and traditions.

Share Campaign

When viewing East Union Facebook notices or worship services, please press the share button. This is an easy way to share our events with friends and neighbors.

Tithely

Tired of writing out checks? Are you out of town? Tithely is an easy way that you can contribute to East Union online. Your gift is safe and secure and goes directly to our church. Go to <https://give.Tithe.ly/my-church> to get started. Search for East Union Lutheran Church, select the link to “give now” and you are ready to go. Enter the amount you want to give, the fund you want to give to, select the frequency of giving, enter your contact details, and payment information to give.

Select “sign up” to create an account to track your gifts, set up recurring giving, and more. Reach out to Chris Hallin if you have any questions.

Food Shelf Donations



Please remember our neighbors in need. There is a grocery cart in the Parish Center ready to accept donations for the local food shelves. There is also a need for brown paper grocery bags. If you have extra, please put them in the grocery cart. Thank you for your donations!

Great News for Carver County Residents

For all of you like me missing the local newspaper, Carver County now has a new, free, online newspaper! It's called “**Carver County Local News.**” The paper is a non-profit, non-partisan media organization covering news, events, stories, etc. from Chaska, Carver, Chanhassen, Victoria and Carver County in general. To find the newspaper, go to this link: cclocalnews.org and subscribe for free!



EASTER FUN FACTS AND INFO

Historically, most early Easter celebrations would have served lamb, but these days many American Easter dinners feature ham because of the timing of the holiday. Years ago, hams cured over the winter months and would have been ready to serve in early spring.

Easter lilies originated in Japan and arrived in England in the 1700's. They became known in the US after World War I. The transition from dormant bulbs to delicate flowers symbolizes hope and rebirth.

Easter egg hunts have Medieval origins. A priest would give one of the choir boys a hard-boiled egg and the choir boys would pass it amongst themselves until the clock struck midnight, when whoever was holding it was allowed to eat it.

There is an old superstition that if you wore new clothes on Easter, you would have good luck the rest of the year. This tradition of showing off your new clothes became the basis of the New York Easter Parade and Easter Bonnet Festival.

The Easter egg tradition seems to come from Medieval Europe and Christians may not have been the ones to start this tradition. People around the world used to, and still do, give others eggs as a symbol of fertility and rebirth.

Some scholars believe that the word "Easter" was named after a festival celebrating the goddess Eostre and the coming of spring. Her symbols are thought to be the hare and the egg which may be where we got the Easter Bunny.

There is a theory that the early Christians in Mesopotamia dyed eggs to represent the blood of Jesus Christ.

The idea of the Easter Bunny delivering candy and eggs originated in Germany during the Middle Ages. It is first mentioned in the 1500's. Dutch settlers in Pennsylvania brought the tradition to the US in the 1700's.

The most candy sales in the US occur just before Easter and Halloween. \$2.6 billion is spent on candy alone for Easter. Americans eat about 1.5 million Peeps during Easter! The Bethlehem, Pennsylvania factory makes 5.5 million Peeps a day. Each one takes just 6 minutes to make. Americans also consume over 16 million jelly beans during Easter. That's enough jelly beans to circle the globe three times! Also, around 90 million chocolate bunnies are sold for Easter.

The White House Easter Egg Roll formally started in 1878 by President Rutherford B. Hayes, but first-hand accounts say that there were informal festivities beginning during President Abraham Lincoln's tenure. White House Easter Egg Roll tickets are free and are made available via an online lottery. Each child leaves the White House with a commemorative wooden egg.



East Union History

Curt Lundquist has lived in and about the East Union area since his birth just across Bevens Creek on Maplewood Road, the farm where Tom Lundquist currently lives. Curt's dad, Johnny, grandfather William, and great grandfather Charles all farmed and worshiped at East Union Church. His mother, Effie Olander, her father August Olander and grandfather Olaf Nilson all were early members of East Union. Effie and Edgar, (Vernis Strom's dad) were brother and sister.



When Curt was a very young boy, a tornado came through this area and knocked over the barn on his dad's farm and damaged other surrounding farms. He thinks his dad and helper were in the barn and escaped out the doors in the nick of time. For his 10th birthday his dad let him drive the 10-20 International tractor with lug wheels, pulling a grain binder making bundles for shocking in preparation for threshing. Things looked up as he got in the 12 year age range when the family would saddle up the car and head to Carver on Saturday night for shopping, eating, listening to the weekly band concert, and doing what young boys liked to do in town. In 1932-1933 he lived next to the lake across from the church. In those drought years, they planted corn for silage where the water is today.

Curt was baptized at East Union and confirmed. He attended Sunday school in the church before services on Sunday mornings, each class getting a row of pews. Confirmation was with Pastor Idstrom, whose grandson will be preaching here in July, and he also remembers being very nervous the day they were confirmed. He held many positions within the congregation as council member, cemetery custodian, and along with Lyle Burfield were the permanent ushers for a number of years.

Some other church memories include gathering at the cemetery in the spring after the ground firmed up with as many of the congregation that could make it and spend the day raking and cleaning up. Esther, Curt's wife, seems to remember the women raking and the men leaning on their rakes talking farming. A pot luck lunch was enjoyed by all. He also remembered the Centennial Historical Pageant held on the 100th anniversary of the church. It was written by Anita Hurtig and Pastor Linnerson's wife. It began in the uninhabited wilderness with little girls as flowers and bees, Indians, early settlers and how they survived, gathering in homes to worship, arrival of Peter Carlsson and the beginning of the church and the becoming a church family.

East Union History—cont'd

Curt followed this beautiful memory with one of the Lutefisk dinners. Don't know if that is a good or bad memory.

He attended school at #4 just west of their farm for 3 years and then moved to the East Union school for the next 2 years. His mom dressed him in short pants the first day in this new school, guess what his nickname became. He finished grade school back at #4 and then on to the high school at Waconia. In 1948 he married Esther Carlson and moved to farm across from the church where Paul now lives. He farmed all his life and can still be seen on one of Paul's tractors in the spring and fall. Curt and Esther have 4 children, Kevin, Carol, Paul, and Jean who have given them 8 grand children and 10 great grand children.

50 years before Curt was born on the before mentioned farm, it was owned by Peter Nelson and the farm Curt lived on during his farming years was owned by Peter Carlson. Both Peters were original members of the church. Peter's son Caleb married Peter's daughter Anna joining the two farms together. In the 1960's Curt lived on the Peter Carlson farm and his brother Wayne lived on the Peter Nelson farm joining the same two farms together again 80 years later. Two different families and the same two farms.

PLUS
SPRING PLANT SALE
HOMEMADE BAKE & CRAFT SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 10TH
8AM-NOON

HUNDREDS OF HANGING
BASKETS, VEGETABLES &
HERBS

FLOWERING ANNUALS,
FERTILIZER & POTTING
SOIL

GET YOUR MOTHER'S DAY GIFT HERE!

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July 28th—July 31st
9am-3pm

Grades K-5th grade are eligible, no registration fee.
Email registration forms to the church office
by July 1st (eastunionlc@gmail.com)

Please bring a bag lunch M-W, lunch will be
provided on Thursday

Space is limited, please register soon!



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VBS Registration Form



East Union Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School Registration 2025

“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 28th thru July 31st, Mon-Thurs from 9am-3pm. Grades K-5th grade are eligible, no registration fee. Please have students bring a bag lunch M-W, lunch will be provided on Thursday.

Space is limited - please sign up soon. Volunteers are needed, call the church office if you would like to help.

Please bring the 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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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: _____