

## 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**

**August 2023**

# East Union Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Pastor Bryant's Office Hours:</b> Monday—Wednesday 8:30am-Noon <b>Darcy's Office Hours:</b> Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm		1 10am Bible Study	2	3	4	5
6 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	7 6:20pm Softball	8 10am Bible Study	9 8:30am Card Ministry	10	11	12
13 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	14 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg 8:40pm Softball	15 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:30pm Council Meeting	16	17	18 6:30pm-8:30pm Give items for Back-to-School Give & Take Event	19 7:30am-Noon Give items for Back-to-School Give & Take Event 9am-Noon Back-to-School Community Event
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## Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

As I write this, it rained last night. Notable, to be sure, as the sound of rain drops pelt-ing the roof and wind rustling through the trees from a storm blowing through is a barely recognizable sound these days.

I've tried in vain to keep my yard alive this summer. As winter turned to spring I laid down some weed killer and fertilizer in the hopes that this year would be the year a lush, green yard would be mine. I'm here to tell you that this *isn't* that year.

Brown and bare are patches of yard. Spots that have either had grass die off completely or have turned dormant for the year in hopes that when they return next spring things will be better. It seems like all hope is lost—the thing I've been trying to keep alive is dead.

Now, there is something green growing in its place: Clover. Something I never planted or wanted. Something I haven't spent an ounce of water or minute of time tending or caring for and yet there it is. *Everywhere*.

Springing forth in ways I couldn't make the grass do if I tried. And so, as I sit back and watch my grass brown and the clover green and grow my attention has been caught by the creatures now invading my yard: Bunnies.

Hopping. Congregating. *Feasting*. Bunnies that are wide-eyed at the smorgasbord be-fore them: clover as far as their little eyes can see. I did everything in my power to grow grass this year and it seems like as that grew instead was clover.

Clover that now feeds the neighborhood rabbits. An unintended result that is perhaps even better than the hoped for result. So it can be with faith. Prayer. *Life*.

How often do we pray for a certain result, hope for a particular outcome, work toward a specific goal only to have the fruits of our labors seemingly fall short. It's in those moments—the ones where we feel defeated—where the Holy Spirit picks up where we left off.

The Spirit says, "Thanks to your gifts and skills and the willingness to put them to use, the ordinary has become extraordinary." Not always in ways we expect, but always in ways that bring about newness of life.

Be on the lookout for the clover in your life. It might not be what you expected to show up, but it's exactly what is needed. Together, we plant the seeds of hope, faith, and love and thanks to Jesus Christ, they grow in mysterious and wondrous ways!

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

## Back-to-School Community Give & Take Event

On Saturday, August 19 from 9 a.m. until noon we're hosting a Back-to-School Give & Take Event. Gently used clothing and new school supplies will be available for folks in the community who need to start the school-year off well! If you'd like to donate gently used clothing or new school supplies please drop them off in the grocery cart at the Parish Center between now and August 19th.

## Church Softball League

Come cheer on The East Union Steeple People! The schedule is as follows:

August 7th at 6:20pm against Sluggin Saints

August 14th at 8:40pm against West Union Warriors

All games are played at Lion's Park in Chaska—Hope you can join us!

## Bible Study

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



## 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 August 9th at 8:30am.

## Looking Into the Future:

- ♦ Sunday, September 17th—Rally Sunday
- ♦ Saturday, October 7th—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ♦ October 19th & 20th—Quilter's Retreat
- ♦ Sunday, October 29th—Trunk or Treat
- ♦ Sunday, November 5th—Fall Dinner

## Facebook Prayers & Devotions

Join Pastor on Facebook each Monday for Prayers and Wednesdays for Devotions –

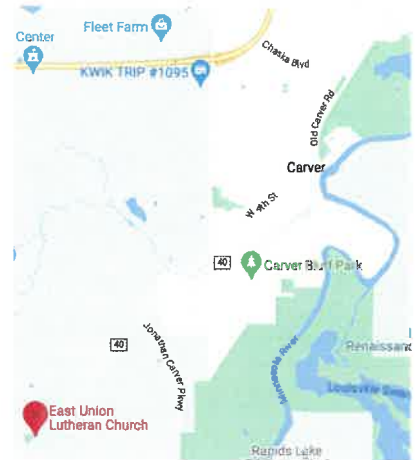
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# TOOLS FOR LEARNING

First Annual!

## Back-to-School Community Give and Take Event

East Union Lutheran Church Parish Hall  
15180 County Road 40, Carver, MN  
August 18-19, 2023



**GIVE** items on Friday, August 18, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday, August 19, 7:30 am - 12:00 pm.

**TAKE** what you need on Saturday, August 19, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. **No cost!**

### NEW OR GENTLY USED KIDS CLOTHING: (Pre-K to Grade 6)



SHIRTS



PANTS



SOCKS



SHOES



JACKETS



HATS



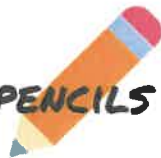
AND MORE!

### NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

CRAYONS



PENCILS



BACKPACKS (gently used OK)



NOTEBOOKS



MARKERS



AND...

POST-ITS  
FOLDERS  
GLUESTICKS  
DRY ERASE MARKERS  
WATER COLORS

SCISSORS  
HEADPHONES  
PENCIL BOXES  
RULERS



## Thank you-s

What an incredible gift to our neighbors at Bountiful Basket—your generosity filled their shelves with 394 pounds of food!



What a success! We hosted our first blood drive with the Red Cross and you showed up and saved over 100 lives!

## 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!

## 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](mailto:adeckerchaska@gmail.com) if you are interested!

## Seeking Donations

We are looking for donations for the Nursey Room. We are looking for a newer flat screen TV (36"-40") that is DVD compatible, a DVD player in good condition, church appropriate children's DVD's, and gently used children's toys. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Mel at 320-304-1557 or you can touch base during Fellowship. Donations can be dropped off to the Sunday School rooms.



## 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.

## 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.

