

East Union Lutheran Church

15180 County Road 40

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Carver, MN 55315



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

August 2024

East Union Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Pastor Bryant's Office Hours: Mon—Wed 8:30am-Noon Darcy's Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am-2pm</p>				1	2	3
<p>4 "Holy Spirit" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship</p>	<p>5 7:30pm Softball 8:40pm Softball</p>	<p>6 10am Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	8	9	10
<p>11 "Lord's Prayer" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Outreach Meeting</p>	<p>12 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg</p>	<p>13 10am Bible Study 7am-8pm Dahlgren Election</p>	<p>14 8:30am Card Ministry</p>	15	16	17
<p>18 "Daily Provisions" 9am Worship-Communion (Bring a Friend to Worship) 10am Classic Car Show & Fellowship</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	22	23	24
<p>25 "Protection & Deliverance" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship</p>	<p>26 1pm Quilting Group</p>	<p>27 10am Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>	29	30	31

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear disciples,

I've got Vacation Bible School on the mind. The kids just wrapped up a fun week where they learned about how God is real, they can trust Jesus, and how the Holy Spirit uplifts them with peace and love!

Vacation Bible School is a palate cleanser, if you will. What do I mean by this? Well, for example: My office is filled with books. Books on Martin Luther, the meaning of communion and baptism, Lutheran theologies, hymnals, pastoral care, church history, and Greek and Hebrew translations of the Bible.

In other words, some heavy and complicated topics. There's nothing inherently wrong with such things—however, I think it can be easy as a follower of Jesus to get bogged down in the minutiae of faith. As adults, perhaps we find ourselves trapped by questions of “why” and “how” and “what.”

As adults, perhaps we try to whisk the mystery of faith away in an attempt to answer as many questions as we possibly can. To understand and fully know so that all doubt and worry are removed.

That's where spending a week with the Vacation Bible School kids has been a wonderful reminder for me. A reminder of the innocence and wonder of following Jesus. A reminder of the joy and laughter that comes with friendship. A reminder of the bonds of trust and love that come with community.

Trust, hope, and love that are not only found in complicated theological topics, but instead through the people around us. Kids hold their faith gently and lightly—a wonderful reminder for us adults—that although at times we may press deep and ask big questions—at times we also need to take a deep breath and simply trust.

Trust God. Trust that Jesus loves us. And trust that the Holy Spirit is with us. Kids are filled with bubbling joy and excitement and love—may we, too, find that same passion and innocence as we faithfully follow the one who loves us abundantly, Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

August Theme

Our theme for this month is ***Luther's Small Catechism***. Throughout August, we will continue peeling back the pages of Luther's Small Catechism. Included within its pages are the 10 Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and Luther's thoughts on baptism and communion. Together, we'll uncover the roots of our faith lives so that we will be set free to proclaim Jesus to all the world!

Bible Study

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



Church Softball League

Come cheer on The East Union Steeple People. Games are played at Lion's Park in Chaska. We play on August 5th at 7:30pm & 8:40pm.

Outreach & Evangelism Committee

We are looking for more members with ideas for the Outreach Committee. If you are interested, please talk with LuAnn Haas, Cheryl Hubbard or Connie Beck. The Outreach Committee will meet on August 11th after worship.



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 14th at 8:30am.

Bring a Friend to Worship & Classic/Unique Car Show

Mark your calendars for August 18th and bring a friend to church! We are also having a classic and unique car show during Fellowship. If you have a classic car, please bring it to worship.



Steamboat Days Parade

The parade is on Sunday, Sept 8th at 1:00pm. We need volunteers and donations for the following: Provide potted and hanging flowering plants for the float. Donate bags for wrapped candy to be given to children during the parade. Volunteers are needed to walk in the parade passing out the seed packets. This parade is a wonderful opportunity to share our faith and love for Jesus with the Carver community.



Rally Sunday & Potluck

Join us on September 15th for Rally Sunday & Potluck. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday School

Sunday School starts on September 22nd. (Registration forms can be found in the newsletter, at the Parish Center and on the website). Please return them to the church office. We are looking for a teacher and volunteers to help with the Sunday School Program. If you are interested, talk to Mel at church or call her at 320-304-1557.



Looking Into the Future:

- ♦ October 5th—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ♦ October 24th & 25th—Quilt Retreat
- ♦ October 26th—Trunk N Treat Event
- ♦ November 3rd—Fall Dinner



Meetings

If you have any on-going meetings at the church, please let the office know so it can be added to the church calendars. We want to make sure everyone knows when meetings are happening and to prevent double bookings. Thanks.

Thank You Notes

During VBS, 13-15 children (depending upon the day), had the opportunity to participate in Vacation Bible School. By all accounts they had a great time. The volunteer staff was led by Mel Simonson. Her leadership and organizational skills made the week very successful. She would be the first to tell us she had help from many other volunteers. It is estimated these volunteers contributed hundreds of hours of their time pre-planning and hosting this event.

To all the volunteers, please know that you helped those kids create positive memories that will last a lifetime. THANK YOU!!!!

We'd like to give a heartfelt "Thank You" to all of our church family and friends who attended and helped make our Mom's service a true celebration of her life. A special thanks to all who worked to serve the lunch and provide bars.

Randy, Jamie, Terry Scott and families.



A big thank you to everyone who donated school supplies and to all the volunteers who helped at our School Supply Event. This is a great community outreach event, and we appreciate all your help and donations!

Festivals, Fairs & Farmer's Markets

CORN FEST at Valleyfair in Shakopee. Join the shuckin' good time celebrating Minnesota's golden crop! This cornucopia of fun brings you cornalicious delights galore – from sweet to savory – along with live and local music plus fun games, like our corn-eating contest. Time: 11 a.m. – 7: p.m.

Dates: 08/17/2024 08/31/2024
 08/18/2024 09/01/2024
 08/24/2024 09/02/2024
 08/25/2024



Carver County Fair—August 7-11, 2024

Join the fun in Waconia at the Carver County Fairgrounds, 501 West 3rd St. in Waconia! Grandstand events, live music, midway, food, pig races and lots more!

Cost: \$9/ kids 6 and under free

More Info at: www.carvercountyfair.com or 952-442-2333

Minnesota Renaissance Festival—Shakopee

Dates: 08/17/2024 08/18/2024
 08/24/2024 08/25/2024

Time: 9a.m. – 7p.m. , rain or shine

More dates and info at: <https://renaissancefest.com>



Minnesota State Fair--1265 Snelling Ave, N, St. Paul, MN

Dates: Aug. 22, 2024 – Sept. 2, 2024

More Info at: <https://www.mnstatefair.org>



Carver County Farmers Market: <https://www.facebook.com/carvermfnfarmersmarket> Every Tuesday from now through October 1 from 3:00 PM- 6:00 PM at Carver Station, 1607 Hartwell Drive

Bongards Farmers Market: <https://bongardsmarket.com> Every Wednesday from now through September 25 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Heritage Shopping Center, 640 Railroad Drive, Norwood Young America, MN

Downtown Chaska Farmers Market: <https://www.facebook.com/downtownchaskafarmersmarket> Every Wednesday from now through October 2, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (June 5 – Aug. 21) and 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Aug. 28 – Oct. 2) Located at Firemen's Park in Chaska

Victoria Farmers Market at Enki Brewing: <https://www.enkibrewing.com/farmers-market> Every Thursday from now through September 5, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., at ENKI Brewing, 1495 Stieger Lake Lane, Victoria

Chanhassen Farmers Market: <https://www.chanhassenfarmersmarket.org> Every Saturday from now through September 28, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at City Center Park, Chanhassen

Weird Fun Facts from Thefactsite.com:

- 1. Snakes can predict earthquakes!** Many animals are able to predict earthquakes to varying levels of success. Yet, snakes are the most reliable, sensing earthquakes from as far as 75 miles away (121 km). They can even sense an earthquake five days before it actually occurs!
- 2. Bananas are curved because they grow toward the sun.** Bananas go through a process called “negative geo-tropism.” This process causes the fruit to grow upwards toward the sun instead of the ground. This, in turn, gives the banana its familiar curved shape.
- 3. Squirrels cause approximately 10-20% of US power outages.** Squirrels tend to chew things but combine this with power lines, and there's going to be a problem. Squirrel-induced blackouts are much smaller and easier to fix than a blackout caused by a storm, as generally, there's just one cable to repair.

CLASSIC & UNIQUE CAR SHOW

BRING A FRIEND TO
WORSHIP



SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

9AM WORSHIP 10AM FELLOWSHIP & CAR SHOW

Calling all classic and unique car enthusiasts!
Come to worship and stay for Fellowship and Car Show.
If you have a classic or unique car, bring it to worship!

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RALLY *Sunday*

September 15th

Worship @ 9am

Celebration @ 10am

Join us as we kick-off the Fall with
food, fellowship and fun!

Potluck • Bounce House • Games
Bingo • Backpack Blessing • Prizes

**East Union
Lutheran Church**



Sunday School Registration Form



East Union Lutheran Church Sunday School Registration 2024/2025

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

Sunday school classes are held for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Sundays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Sunday school is open to members and non-members.

Rally Sunday is on September 15. The first day of Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 22.

Please bring this completed form to East Union Lutheran Church. You may also email the completed form to eastunionlc@gmail.com or mail it to:

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Please contact the Youth & Education Committee if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We welcome and appreciate all ideas and assistance.

God bless you and your family!

Sunday School 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: _____

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

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

Child's name: _____
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

Our Sunday school needs volunteer helpers in the following areas. Please check your area of interest.

- Sunday school teacher (every other Sunday)
- An extra pair of hands when needed
- Other? _____

Sunday School Registration Form—cont'd

Consent to use photos or video for Sunday school/church purpose

yes no

Signature: _____

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: _____