

East Union Lutheran Church **Weekly Announcements** Sunday, December 11th

A Holy Night: Carols, Cookies, Cocoa, and Games – Youth Faith Formation on Wednesday, December 14 will be held at West Union Lutheran Church for “A Holy Night: Carols, Cookies, Cocoa, and Games”. This is a family event for everyone to enjoy. We will gather together outside around their beautiful Christmas lights to listen and sing along to festive Christmas carols. There will be hot cocoa, activities for kids, and cookies. The event runs from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Youth Faith Formation students – remember to bring your Secret Santa gifts.

Sunday School Christmas Program— The Sunday School Youth will be putting on their annual Christmas Program on December 18th during worship.



Come home for the Holidays Christmas Worship—We will celebrate Jesus’ birth on December 24th at **4pm and 5:30pm**. Worship on Sunday, December 25th will be at **10am**.

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

Youth Mission Trip – We are in the midst of planning a Youth Mission Trip to Chicago this summer with our partners at West Union Lutheran Church. This trip is open to youth grades 7-12. Please contact Pastor Bryant or Pastor Adam for additional details.

Offering Envelopes—If you are using Tithe.ly and choose to not use giving envelopes, please email the church office. Thank you.

Silent Auction Donations—We are looking ahead to our Spaghetti Dinner on February 11, 2023. We’d love your help to start thinking of donation items or have a business contact for the Silent Auction. Watch for more details!

Year End Committee Reports Deadline Upcoming - Reminder to all committee chairs that year end committee reports will be due to the church office the first week of January to allow Darcy enough time to assemble the Annual Report.



Christmas Offering—This year the offering will be given to:
ELCA: Horn of Africa Drought and Every Meal.

God Invites Our Generosity

12/4/22 Offering: \$4,288
Attendance: 69, Live Stream: 42

Advent

December 11, 2022 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



THIRD SUNDAY

OF

Advent

East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Advent Wreath Song “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Barb & Ann

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. **Blessed be God’s name forever. Amen.** Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of new beginnings, **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” #242

Greeting

Kyrie page 138

Glory to God page 139

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon

Special Music

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel Acclamation “He Came Down” #253

He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day “All Earth Is Hopeful” #266

Apostles’ Creed page 105

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song “We Are an Offering” #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer Our Father in heaven... page 145

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn “Joy to the World” #267

Dismissal Go in peace. Christ is near. Thanks be to God! Please hold in prayer this week

- Peggy Scott

Regi (Rita’s Niece)

Diane (Sister of Duwaine & Larry)

Lois Gustafson

Margee Baker

Lori Storms
- Boyd Lundquist

Tom Fisher

Rich Schallberg

Sandy McGraw

Taylor Breimhorst