

# *East Union Lutheran Church* **Weekly Announcements** Sunday, December 18th

**Thank you**— A huge thank you to the Sunday School Youth for the Christmas Program today!



**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**—Please pick your 2023 envelopes up at the Parish Center. 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**  
Giving YTD: \$110,395, Budget YTD: \$152,000

## **Children's Christmas Program**

December 18, 2022 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

***East Union Lutheran Church***

*Carver, Minnesota*

## Gathering

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Welcome**

**Advent Wreath Song** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”, vs. 5 & 6 #257

**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** “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” #284

**Greeting**

**This Is the Feast** page 140

**Prayer of the Day**—Let us pray together:

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Word

**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16**

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

**Children’s Christmas Program**

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

**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.*

## Meal

**The Great Thanksgiving** page 144

**Holy, Holy, Holy** page 144

**The Lord’s Prayer** Our Father, who art in heaven... page 145

**Communion Hymns** “Lamb of God” page 146

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” #461

“Eat This Bread” #472

## Sending

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn** “Fling Wide the Door” #259

**Dismissal** Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God!**

## Please hold in prayer this week

Peggy Scott  
Diane (Sister of Duwaine & Larry)  
Lois Gustafson  
Margee Baker  
Lori Storms

Boyd Lundquist  
Tom Fisher  
Rich Schallberg  
Chris Goetze