

Worship Leaders for Sunday, December 11

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Preacher	Tom Stutelberg
Acolyte	Riley Haas
Lector	Kathy Coleman—Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10
Ushers	Paul & Jeanne Lundquist
Coffee Servers	Dave & Pat Timmerman
Dish Washers	Dwight Schultz; Stephanie Cardinal

Worship Leaders for Sunday, December 18

Ministers	All the baptized!
Organist	Barb Wigness
Preacher	Tom Stutelberg
Acolyte	Olivia Olson
Lector	Margie Theis—Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7
Ushers	Tom Steers; Dave Lundquist
Set Up	Dwight & Janet Schultz
Dish Washers	Mik Gusenius; Dave Lundquist
Clean-Up	Breann & John Rasmussen; Kevin & Joan Abraham

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2016 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Joy To The Fishes In The Deep Blue Sea



East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

Third Sunday of Advent

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom. Jesus points to signs of God's reign: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear. We wait with patience for the coming of the lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

*When marked with *, please stand as you are able. Liturgy is from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW, or "cranberry" hymnal). "Pages" are in the front of the hymnal—follow the numbers at the bottom of the hymnal page. Songs use the hymn numbers at the top of the page.*

Gathering

Announcements

Call to Worship : Gordon & Ann Decker

Reading, Lighting of Advent Wreath, Hymn #240, v. 3

Ring the Bell

***Confessions** (right column)

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***Gathering Song-** *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

#836

***Greeting** (*"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ"*)

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Baptisms of Simon James Schultz

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Daniel & Vanessa Schultz

Sponsors: Jacob Laplante and Jennifer Peterson

Baptism Hymn: *"Children Of The Heavenly Father"*

#781

***Kyrie** (*"In peace, let us pray to the Lord"*)

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***Canticle of Praise** (*"Glory to God in the Highest"*)

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***Prayer of the Day**

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Word

First Reading **Isaiah 35:1-10**

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

Handchimes *"Rocking Carol"*

Second Reading **James 5:7-10**

In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.

***Acclamation ("Alleluia")**

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***Gospel** **Matthew 11:2-11**

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgement upon the earth. From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this.

Children's Time with Pastor Tom

Sermon

"Joy to the Fishes in the Big Blue Sea. Joy to You and Me"

Pr. Tom

***Hymn of the Day-** *"Prepare The Royal Highway"*

#264

***Apostle's Creed**

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***Prayers of Intercession** (P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer)

***Peace**

Meal

Thankoffering

Offertory *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

#686

***Lord's Prayer**

page 154

("Our Father in Heaven," in left column)

Sending

***Blessing**

***Sending Song** *"Joy To The World"*

#267

***Dismissal**

Postlude

"Jingle Bells"

Handchimes

This divine service continues with coffee and fellowship in the parish center and then with service in the world.

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Brandy Office Hours

Mon.—Thurs 9:00am–1:00pm

After hours, leave a message on the office phone.

Pr. Tom's Office Hours

Tue and Thurs 9:00am–1:00pm

Or by appointment

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Parents and Children

God put the “wiggles” in children; don’t feel you have to suppress it in God’s house. How we welcome children in church influences their response to God and the household of faith.

To help children feel welcome, we provide activity bags and children’s bulletins at the ushers’ table in the church entrance, and each week we invite them to the front of our church sanctuary for a message in their own language.

We now have a child care room in the back of the sanctuary. Please enter near the front doors of the church. An usher can show you. The room now has rocking chairs, a box of quiet toys and the closed glass doors provide some visibility to worship.

Prayer Corner

To add a name or to remove a name from the Prayer Corner, notify the EULC office, 952-448-3450, or eastunionlc@gmail.com. Names will remain on the prayer list approximately two weeks unless the office is otherwise notified.

Healing

Jerry Caesar, Darlene Olson, Ruth Steen, John Peterson, Bob Wirtz, Jerry Wallace, Cindy Tolk, Elizabeth Gardner



East Union Lutheran Church

Weekly Announcements

Sunday, December 11 (Third Sunday of Advent)

ONE MINUTE STEWARDSHIP SERMON

There is an old expression in fundraising – “give until it hurts”. Unfortunately this is the attitude that many of us have when it comes to giving. We think it will hurt. The reality is that when we give as God truly intended us to give we feel very good about our giving and ourselves. We experience a deep sense of joy and satisfaction. In a nutshell good stewardship is not “giving until it hurts” but rather “giving until it feels good”. Thanks for your offering today.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Youth & Education Committee is hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 15th from 7:30am –8:45am and 10:00am—12:00pm. Cost: \$7 adults, \$5 kids, 2 and under are free.

PASTOR TOM'S RETIREMENT SCHEDULE

Dec 18 Sunday School Program and Retirement Pot Luck
Dec 24 preach
Dec 25 preach
Jan 1 preach

CHRISTMAS SWAGS

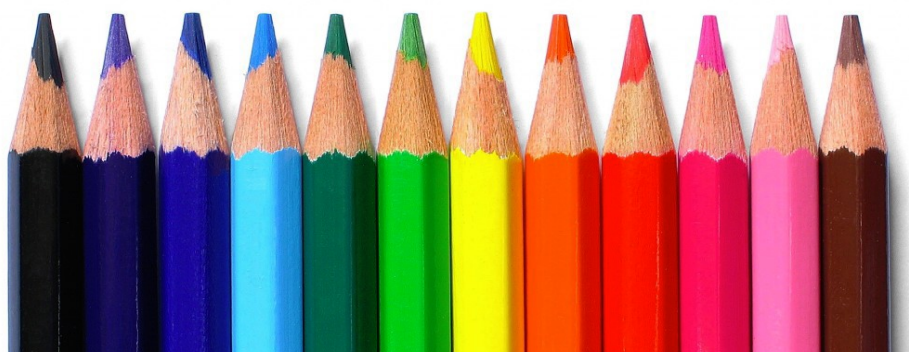
Thank you Lowell and Mary Bye for the donation toward the new, red Christmas swags in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!!

CHURCH WREATHS

The wreaths on the outside of the church are in loving memory of Gladys & Lyle Burfield, Loring Burfield, and Pat Eldrich. Donated by Carolyn Burfield.

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Cookbook Drawing Contest



We are looking for our EULC Youth to draw pictures for our EULC cookbook. Photos should be cooking/baking related or of our EULC community and church.

Please submit all photos by January 15 using the envelope outside the office.

Any questions can be sent to
eulccouncil@gmail.com

QUILTERS

The quilters will meet on the second and fourth Monday from 1:00pm—4:00pm. For questions, please contact Evelyn Grimm (952-448-9465) or Janet Schultz (952-448-3728).

December 11—December 18

Sunday, December 11, 2016

9:00am Worship—Non Communion
10:00am Fellowship/Sunday School/Confirmation

Sunday, December 18, 2016

9:00am Worship/Sunday School Program—Non Communion
10:00am Fellowship

God Invites Us to Generosity

December 4, 2016

Attendance: 113

Offering: \$4,095.00

2016 BUDGET

(January 1 – December 7)

CHECKING BALANCE: \$13,710.96

YEARLY BUDGET

Budget: \$154,644.00

Actual: \$136,837.30

VARIANCE \$17,806.70

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget: \$3,156.00

Actual: \$2,792.60

VARIANCE \$363.40

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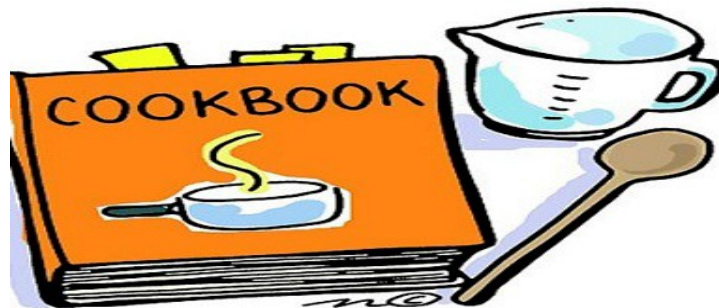
Cookbook

We're making a cookbook and we need your help!

What to do:

- Select your favorite recipes (we would love to include some original EULC cookbook favorites but would appreciate all new recipes as well)
- Type or print them neatly
- Include your name
- Submit using the envelope outside the office or email it to eulccouncil@gmail.com
- Submit no later than January 15

All categories of recipes appreciated.
Thank you for your help and support!



PCYC SHOPPING

Thank you everyone who donated money for the Confirmation Students to go Christmas shopping for the Plymouth Christian Youth Center in Minneapolis. We raised \$309.00 for gifts and we had an anonymous donation of several toys to be donated as well.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH





Together, let's honor and celebrate
the retirement of

Pastor Tom Stutelberg

Sunday, December 18
East Union Lutheran Church

15180 County Road 40 in Carver, MN

Thank you for your dedication, commitment
and service to the Lord and to East Union Lu-
theran Church. The congregation and commu-
nity of East Union express our gratitude for
your tremendous service.
You will be greatly missed!

The celebration will begin at 10 am fol-
lowing our 9 am worship service. It's a
potluck – please bring a dish to share!

*"He walks in the footprints of God. His shoes
are greatly worn. From the time he was a
child, heaven knew a pastor had been born"*
Excerpt from "God's Footprints" by Lisa J. Brown



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The Christmas Poinsettias at the front of church are in hon-
or or in memory of someone this holiday season:

In Memory of Anna Johnson given by Randy & Tami John-
son

In Memory of Bettianne Wirtz given by The Wirtz Family

In Honor of Lori Rohrich, Amy Whaley and Stacie
Kolodejchuk given by Bob & Carol Kolodenjchuk

In Honor of Carolyn Hallin in Memory of Scott Hallin
given by Chris Hallin

In Memory of Scott Hallin given by Carrie Hron

In Memory of Scott Hallin given by Carolyn Hallin

In Memory of Our loved ones who have gone before give
by Wayne & Rita Lundquist

In Honor of Holasek Family in Honor of our Mother/
Grandmother In Memory of Marie Bendeich given by Lori
Holasek

In Memory of Fred Cook given by Alma Cook

In Honor of Curt & Ester Lundquist given by Paul &
Jeanne Lundquist

