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Darcy Akerberg's Office Hours

Wed. & Thurs. 9am to 2pm

<u>Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Organist	Barb Steers	Barb Steers
Preacher	Pastor Sarah Bunge	Pastor Sarah Bunge
Acolyte		Luther Bunge
Lector	Kent Hasse— Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Exodus 24:12-18
Altar Setup	Kathy Schallberg	
Bread Baker		
Communion Svr	Jeri Bowers	
Altar Flowers		
Ushers		
Coffee Servers	Kent & Rochelle Hasse	
Dish Washers		

Please hold in prayer this week

Kennedie Haas	Lars Akerberg
Marilyn Loge	Jade Hallin, Military Service
Curt Lundquist	Barbara, mother of Angie Metso
Ruth Steen	

God Invites Generosity

February 9, 2020 Offering: \$2,240.00
Attendance: 40

Church Door Goal—\$9,600.00

YTD = \$8,685.00

Tithe.ly Online Giving-<https://get.tithe.ly>

Epiphany

February 16, 2020 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

<i>Gathering</i>		
<i>The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.</i>		
Prelude		
Ringing of the Bell		
Welcome & Announcements		
Gathering Hymn	“As We Gather at Your Table”	#522
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day —Let us pray together:		
O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.		

<i>Word</i>		
<i>God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.</i>		
Kids’ Sermon		
Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20		
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37		
Sermon	“Feeding”	Pastor Sarah Bunge
Hymn of the Day	“You Are Mine”	#581

Prayers of the PeopleHear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	
Offering		
Offertory Song	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.	#692
<i>Meal</i>		
<i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ</i>		
Words of Institution		
The Lord’s Prayer	Our Father, who art in heaven...	page 154
Communion Hymns	“Blessed Assurance”	#638
	“There Is a Balm in Gilead”	#614
	“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”	#659

<i>Sending</i>		
<i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world</i>		
Blessing		
Sending Hymn	“Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word”	#663
Dismissal	Go in peace. Let your light shine.	
Thanks be to God!		

Council Update—Church council met Tuesday Feb 11 at 6pm. Those in attendance were Kathy Schallberg, Jamie Scott, Jeri Bowers, Jane Matthesen, Paul Lundquist, Jason Wieland, Larry Cruse, and Kent Hasse.

We first welcomed new councilor Jane. Then Pastor shared details about her past month and that there were extra donations received for the doors. It was discussed that once the doors were funded, new donations for building projects will be used for other future construction projects. There was a lengthy discussion around Children of Tomorrow daycare in Carver who approached the church because they have hit maximum occupancy in their current building. They need a space to house the school age children's program this summer and proposed renting the Parish Center space at EULC. Council asked a small committee of Larry, Kent, Jamie, and Pastor to further explore the feasibility of hosting a daycare at EULC this summer.

The treasurer's report was also reviewed and approved. We then reviewed the new councilor terms and held elections where Kent Hasse was elected President, Larry Cruse as Vice President, and Jason Wieland as Secretary. A list of all current councilors and terms will be printed and posted in the parish center for the congregation. A nominating committee was discussed and will be formed this fall to identify potential new council members for the elections at the annual meeting in Jan 2021. Council will also be asking for congregation participation for this committee. Members of each committee (at least those that wish to be listed) will be posted to either a bulletin board or printed in the bulletin as requested at the annual meeting so the congregation can find a person to communicate with on each committee.

Committee meetings were discussed. Notably the spaghetti dinner was highly successful and council member Kathy wanted to share how effective and efficient that committee functions working together for a common goal. The total funds raised are not yet known, but will be well over \$3,000. Worship and music met to set plans for Lent and Easter services. The lunch and dinner services will continue as Pastor felt this was welcomed by church members at EULC. Easter services will be at 7am and 9am. Councilor Jane is planning to join the Food and Fellowship committee.

East Union Lutheran Church

Weekly Announcements

Sunday, February 16th

Welcome! Please help extend the gracious East Union welcome. We love having visitors join in worship. All are welcome here, in God's House! Make yourself at home and we hope you enjoy it here.

Clip ➡ board—Notice anything different? Today you will not have a clip-board passing by your pew. Instead, your church leadership kindly invites you to check out the bulletin board at the Church's entrance. You will find the very same 'help with worship' chart and writing utensils there. Your attention will help make this transition smooth. Your Church Council is mindful of everyone's desire to focus on worship and engage meaningfully.



Introducing Lent 2020 Wednesday Worship--

We will begin our Lenten season with traditional worship in the Sanctuary for Ash Wednesday on February 26th at noon and 7pm.

It might seem wild, that Jesus was just born, and now we're going to start Lent... But, get ready because this Lent is going to be meaningful, intergenerational, casual & participatory. Our theme is God's Story; Our Story. Each week we'll learn one of the most important stories of the Bible. Then, we'll figure out what that story has to do with us and how we live. You will leave each week with practical to-do's, you will get to share about your faith and life & you'll learn and grow with your church family. Best of all, this will all happen during our shared meal. Yep, that's right, Dinner Church! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to help host a meal.

Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1 will all be the Dinner Church format. Come at noon, or come at 6pm, whichever works best for you. We'll eat, learn, discuss, pray & grow all right in our Parish Center. I hope you'll join in the fun & growth, Pastor



It is hard to believe it has been about two years since God sent you to be our Pastor. You have infused our church community with a joyful spirit, meaningful sermons, and a personal connection with experienced and new members, kids and adults, those who attend Sunday worship and those who cannot, all with a sparkle in your eye. Our future is bright. Thanks for your work at EULC. May God's peace be with you now and forever.

Huge Thank You to everybody who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner and Auction by volunteering your time, donations or just coming out for the evening. We had a great turnout despite the snow storm in the morning. We raised approximately \$4,500. Thanks again!

Congratulations to the Loges! Marilyn and Merlin celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on February 11th.

Towel Ministry—I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our Towel Ministry as a part of East Unions' partnership with Love INC! I want to especially thank Janet and Larry Cruse, Gordon Decker, Barb Steers and Jane Matthesen for all their help with deliveries in 2019. Teamwork gets the job done! And by the way, there's always room for new team members, just let any of us know. Since our ministry is experiencing much success, we are low on towels again. Please help support this ministry by purchasing new towels (bath, hand and wash cloths) or bring new kitchen towels to EULC during January and February! You can also help by making a cash donation - one of us on the team can buy towels on your behalf. Bless you!" Ann Decker, East Union Towel Ministry coordinator



Winter Driving—Winter is here and so are the slick roads and harsh winter driving. If you want to come to worship and do not want to drive, please call or text Pastor Sarah, 763-957-9494, by Saturday and she will help you find a ride.

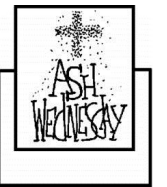
This Week's Events!

Next Sunday, February 23—9:00am Worship with Fellowship to follow
10:00am Education Classes

Save the date...

Quilting Group, February 24 from 1-4pm in the Parish Center.

Ash Wednesday Service , February 26—Service is at Noon and 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.



Youth & Education Committee Meeting, March 3— Meets on Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Parish Center Library. Come and join this fun team!

Lent Worship, March 4—Worship & Meal will be in the Parish Center at Noon & 6pm.



Feed My Starving Children, March 11—We will be packing meals from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board.