

East Union Lutheran Church

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EAST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Carver, Minnesota

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Worship

with Holy Communion on 1st, 3rd,
and 5th Sundays

10:00 a.m.

**Coffee Fellowship, Sunday School
& Women's Bible Study**

February 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Bryant's Office Hours: Monday—Wednesday 8:30am-4:30pm Darcy's Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9am-2pm			1 6:30pm Youth Faith Formation @ EU	2	3	4 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
5 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	6	7	8 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Youth Faith Formation @ EU	9		11 4-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction
12 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:15am Women's Bible Study	13 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	14	15 6:30pm Youth Faith Formation @ EU	16	17	18
19 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:15am Women's Bible Study	20	21 6:30pm Council Meeting	22 Ash Wednesday 8:30am Card Ministry 6pm Dinner @ WU 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship @WU	23	24	25
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Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

The fog was thick the other day. It blanketed the horizon and covered the trees. What once was a dome above your head filled with crisp colors and detailed sights were now fuzzy and blurred.

Traveling down Highway 212 was a bizarre experience: everything within one-hundred yards was clear, but no matter how hard you squinted you could not make out anything in the distance. Only when objects were within your little dome of visibility did they become clear — otherwise, they remained hidden and out of sight.

There were moments of clarity, though. A dip into the valley felt like driving underneath a ceiling of clouds made of cotton balls. For a brief moment the colors were vivid and the world was clear. But, the valley wasn't my destination. I couldn't remain in its clarity, I needed to return to the fog of the ridgetop.

Our lives will have moments of clarity—moments where the fog has lifted and life will make sense because we will be able to utilize all our senses to piece together the world around us. However, more often than not we'll find ourselves in the fog. We'll find ourselves needing to continue on through the clarity and into the unknown.

The promise of this season of Epiphany is that our newborn Savior is the light of the world. Because high above the fog is a light. Even when the haze was so thick you couldn't see the end of your driveway, if you looked straight up you could see a bright spot behind the fog: the sun.

Even on the foggiest of days, on the months or years where life seems uncertain or unclear, we can know that we are not alone. Because the sun's light pierces through even the thickest of fog. In your life, the light and love of Jesus shine bright and guide you through all the anxieties and joys you experience.

We might not be able to discern what tomorrow will bring, but Jesus is already there. Waiting for us with hope, faith, and love.

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

Sunday School

February Schedule

2/05/23 Sunday School
2/12/23 Sunday School
2/19/23 Sunday School
2/26/23 Sunday School

Youth Faith Formation

February Schedule

2/1/23 @ East Union
2/8/23 @ East Union
2/15/23 @ East Union

Women's Bible Study

We meet in the library at 10:15am.

February Schedule

2/12/23 Numbers 13-19
2/19/23 Numbers 20-25
2/26/23 Numbers 26-30

Gathering Thru Fellowship

On Saturday, February 4th we will gather together at 10am for a little break from everything and just enjoy each other's company along with a brunch. For future events, the Gathering Thru Fellowship will be on a break for everyone to enjoy the summer and will resume on October 7th. See you all on February 4th.

Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction Donations

We are looking forward to our Annual Spaghetti Dinner on February 11th! We need volunteers to help in the kitchen on the day of our event and people to bring in desserts. Please sign up on the clipboard or call the church office.

Spaghetti
Dinner



Super Roll Sunday



Remember our annual Super Roll Sunday? Well, we have brought it back this year with a twist! We partner with West Union to do shared youth ministry, so we thought we would make this year's Super Roll Sunday a friendly competition and challenge the youth and each congregation to see who can donate the most toilet paper. East Union will be collecting toilet paper for Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Chaska from now until Sunday, February 12 – the day of Super Bowl LVII. Food banks cannot spend donated money on toilet paper; they can only buy food. However, families that come to the food bank also need toilet paper. The only way they can stock up with toilet paper is if it is donated. Please bring rolls of toilet paper to the Parish Center and leave them by Pastor's office.



Lent

We are looking forward to worshipping with our Sister church West Union again this year. Here is an outline of the Lenten Season.

Ash Wednesday

- February 22 at West Union
- Taco Dinner @ 6 pm
- Service @ 7 pm



Midweek Lenten Services *(March 1 & 8 @ West, March 15, 22 & 29 @ East)*

- Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
- Meal @ 6 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Service @ 7 pm, Sanctuary
- Service structure: Holden Evening Prayer



Maundy Thursday

- April 6 @ 7 pm at West Union

Good Friday

- April 7 @ 7 pm at East Union

Looking Into the Future:

- ◆ Saturday, February 4th—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ◆ Saturday, February 11th—Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction
- ◆ Wednesday, March 8th & April 19th—Food & Fellowship and Youth & Education Committee meeting at 6:30pm
- ◆ Sunday, April 23rd—Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ Saturday, May 13th—Annual Plant Sale
- ◆ Sunday, June 18th—Ice Cream Social

Facebook Prayers & Devotions

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

Card Ministry Team



The Card Ministry Team is here for anyone in need of Christ's love through a card. The Card Ministry will meet on February 8th & 22nd at 8:30am.

Electronic Newsletter

Reminder newsletters will be emailed out. If you would still like to receive a copy in the mail or have changed your email, please let the office know.

Supporting your church

Your offering envelopes for 2023 are in the Parish Center for you to pick up. Did you know we also offer an online giving option? Find out more at this link <http://www.eulc.org/Giving>, or on our website.



Towel Helpers Needed!



East Union has an active role in a Towel Ministry, part of ECC Love INC. Volunteering consists of filling towel orders and driving the towels to the client's home. You will receive training too!

Email Ann Decker: adeckerchaska@gmail.com if you are interested!

Food Shelf Donations

There is a grocery cart in the Parish Center ready to accept donations for the local food shelves. If you would rather give a monetary donation, please write "food shelf" on your check or envelope and put it in the offering plate. Thank you for your donations!

Church Mailing Address

Please remember to use the PO Box when sending mail to the church. Our address is PO Box 283, Carver, MN 55315.



East Union History

(Following is a reprint from an article written by Mike Coleman in September 2017)

Good Morning,

Today is dedication day at East Union Church for the Viola Loehrs memorial prairie. It has been a long time coming — almost 10 years to be exact. At the conclusion of this worship service, I invite you to join Viola's nieces, Kitty Seck and Carol Belter, and Pastor Dave as we assemble in front of the prairie stone for prayer in memory of Viola.

For the benefit of newer members, I would like to tell you a little about Viola. She was a stylish, sweet little lady who loved East Union Church. She was born on January 12, 1917, to Stanley and Anna Hall Edblom. She was baptized at East Union Church on February 23, 1917 and confirmed on November 23, 1930. On March 12, 1939, Viola married Ernest Loehrs at East Union Church and they lived together on a farm in San Francisco township for 54 years. They were active members of this church. Even after Ernie's death on November 18, 1984, Viola continued to live independently on the farm, tending her garden. She later lived in an apartment in Chaska. She loved East Union and faithfully attended services every Sunday for almost 90 years. Viola passed away on November 17, 2007 and is buried in the cemetery alongside her husband Ernie. Since East Union Church was an important part of her life, she left a sizable portion of her estate to the church which was badly needed at the time. We are dedicating the prairie today in her memory for all the years of time and financial support that she gave to us, including the seed to plant the prairie.

I remember former Pastor Kruger used to talk about this pioneer church being surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. What he meant was, the church is surrounded by the cemetery and all the people that started and nurtured the early church are still here and watching over us, people from the beginning and people recently interred, people who were instrumental in keeping the church alive and vibrant over the last 159 years. Today we remember one of those witnesses — Anna Viola Edblom Loehrs. We thank God for Viola and for all she meant to this church.

I want to also thank the group of volunteers who planted the prairie 9 years ago. I thank Ron Olson for donating the nice flat field stone as well as Larry Cruse and Mike Coleman for all their work in hauling the stone to and from the vendor for engraving and the nice landscaping around the stone.

Our daughter Jill always remarks about our prairie being the most beautiful planting she has ever seen. I could never understand how that is possible since the soil is pretty sandy and not particularly rich. But maybe it's because Viola is tending her prairie from above with a little help from the good lord.

Thank you and we'll see you after church, cake and coffee will follow.

Additional Notes: The dedication of the Viola Loehrs Prairie took place on September 10, 2017 after church services. Pastor Dave offered a prayer as we all gathered around the new stone that was installed with Viola's name carved into the face of the stone. Viola's nieces Kitty Seck and Carol Belter were on hand for the dedication. We then adjourned to the hall for coffee and a beautiful cake. Viola was born into the Stanley Edblom and Anna Hall family. She was a long-time member and very active in many church committees and celebrations. Her gift to the church helped us at a time when it was needed, thus our beautiful prairie was named in her honor because she loved flowers.



Spaghetti Dinner Silent Auction

Saturday, February 11, 2023
4:00-6:30pm



Raffle for this
amazing quilt
\$2 each ticket

Pricing:
Adults \$10
Children 4-17 \$5
Family \$25

Auction closes at
6:00pm

Take out available

Craft room for the
kids

Dinner includes: Spaghetti with homemade
sauce, salad, bread, beverage, and homemade
desserts.

There will be something for everyone, and
specialty items all up for bid.

*need not be present to win Silent Auction items.

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