

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

10:15 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

February 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Bryant's Office Hours: Mon—Wed 8:30am-Noon Darcy's Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am-2pm				1 9:30am Assemble gift baskets	2	3 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
4 “Rest” 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:15am Women's Bible Study	5	6 10am Bible Study	7 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30-8pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU	8	9	10 4-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction
11 “Reminded” 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:15am Women's Bible Study	12 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	13 10am Bible Study	14 East Union 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship	15	16	17
18 “Recharged” 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	19	20 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	21 8:30am Card Ministry West Union 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Worship	22	23	24
25 “Refocused” 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:15am Women's Bible Study	26 1pm Quilting Group	27 10am Bible Study	28 West Union 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Worship	29		

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear disciples,

I spent a few years living in the southeast portion of Wisconsin. Nestled right up against Lake Michigan, winters in Milwaukee involved enormous amounts of snow. And while the lake made falls warmer and springs cooler, it also provided an odd phenomenon throughout winter.

On many a morning, there would be a gorgeous sunrise. Brilliant in colors, bright in light—in the darkness of winter it was a welcome sight each day. And yet, there was always a cover of clouds it would slip behind mere hours after its arrival.

Throughout the day, the region languished in hues of gray—the brilliance of the sun having since slipped away. And yet, on those very same days, for the final hour or so of daylight, the sun would slip beyond the distant bank of clouds and find a gap of blue sky that hovered above the horizon.

And for a brief moment, you were treated to a blazing fire of reds and oranges against the blue of the sky. The underbelly of the clouds transformed from dull gray to brilliant colors and light. And just as soon as it all began, the sun slipped below the horizon and night began.

Only for it all to begin once again in the morning: a few moments of light before gray of day before finally ending with one, final radiance.

We're in an odd time right now—wedged between the beginning of Lent and the completion of Christmas. Light has dawned on our horizons: Jesus has been born! Light and Love have moved into the neighborhood!

And yet, we know where the story heads next: the cross. The gray hues of Lent are quickly approaching. As soon as the brilliant light of Christ appeared at Christmas with its hope and joy it was replaced with the melancholy journey to the cross—to sacrifice and death.

And while that bank of clouds does hover over our heads, for now, we're peering at the horizon where the sky is clear and the sun shines bright. For now, we celebrate the warmth and joy and hope we receive from Jesus.

December may have Christmas. March and April may have Lent. But, January and February? In the darkest and longest days of winter, they hold the Light. The Light born in the darkness. The world may feel gray and cold and dark right now, but each day we have opportunities and moments to glimpse the brilliance of Jesus' peace, grace, and love.

Lent may be near. Winter may be here. But, we can still celebrate. Why? Because Jesus is here—as the light piercing the darkness. And so we celebrate and give thanks to the One who claims us as his beloved!

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

February Theme

Our theme for this month is ***Focused***. Throughout February, we will hear stories of how Jesus and his disciples took moments to rest, relax, and refocus so they would be reenergized by the Spirit to continue the incredible work of proclaiming the good news to everyone they met. In a world of go, go go, sometimes we need to simply be still and be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday School

Hello Church Families! If any parent has questions about Sunday School or would like to assist, feel free to talk to Mel Simonson at church or call at: 320-304-1557. Classes are held for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Sundays from 10am-11am.

Schedule

2/4: Sunday School

2/11: Sunday School

2/18 No Sunday School

2/25 Sunday School



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! East Union VBS will be held from 7/22 thru 7/25, Mon-Thurs from 9am-3pm. Grades K-5th grade are eligible, no registration fee. Volunteers are needed. More information forthcoming.

Youth Faith Formation

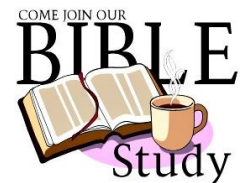
Youth Faith Formation (YFF) is held @ WU on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm. YFF will not meet on Ash Wednesday.

Schedule: 2/7 YFF, 2/21 Lent + YFF, 2/28 Lent + YFF

Bible Study

Bible Study continues every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center.

Wednesday evening Bible Study will not meet in February or March due to the Lenten Season.



Women's Bible Study

Bible Study is on Sundays at 10:15am in the Parish Center Library. We are studying the book of Deuteronomy. We meet on 2/4, 2/11 & 2/25

Gathering Thru Fellowship

We will gather on February 3 at 10am in the Parish Center and we will be making Valentine Day Cards, hosted by LuAnn Haas & Stephanie Cardinal. Free will donations are accepted to cover the cost of materials. All are welcome to visit or create, coffee will be on!

Card Ministry Team



The Card Ministry Team is here for anyone in need of Christ's love through a card. The Team will meet on February 7th & 21st at 8:30am.

Spaghetti Dinner



We are excited for our Spaghetti Dinner on February 10th. If you have any last minute donations, please drop them off at the church office. We also 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 on Sunday or call the church office.

Super Roll Sunday

We are collecting toilet paper for our Annual Super Roll Sunday! Food shelves cannot spend donated money on toilet paper; they can only buy food. 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 by February 11. Last year we brought in 1,183 rolls of toilet paper! Let's see if we beat last year's donations.





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 14 at East Union
- Dinner @ 6 pm
- Service @ 7 pm



Midweek Lenten Services *(February 21, 28 & March 6 @ West, March 13 & 20 @ East)*

- Meal @ 6 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Service @ 7 pm, Sanctuary
- Service structure: Holden Evening Prayer



Maundy Thursday

- March 28 @ 7 pm at East Union

Good Friday

- March 29 @ 7 pm at West Union

Looking Into the Future:

- ♦ Saturday, March 2nd—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ♦ Sunday, March 24th—Palm Sunday
- ♦ Sunday, March 31st—Easter
- ♦ Saturday, May 11th—Annual Plant Sale
- ♦ Sunday, July 21st—Ice Cream Social
- ♦ July 22—July 25—Vacation Bible School

Towel Ministry

February is the month to show love and February is here - the month of Valentine's Day and thoughts of love! Love is a key component in the church as well. Love for other human beings is vital to not only our own health, but the health of so many others!



Here at East Union, we show our love in many different ways to the world, region, and immediate community. Folks we might not even know are benefiting from the love and generosity you have shown. During the month of February, would you consider a gift of towels, money, or Kohl's cash to help the East Union/Love, INC. towel ministry in the ever-growing needs of Eastern Carver County?

What if you can't give financially? How about volunteering to do some towel deliveries? It's an important job and it brings a lot of satisfaction, knowing personally that you've helped an individual or a family in need. Requests for towels have nearly tripled since we started this ministry 8 years ago, while we've gone from 5 volunteers to 2 at the same time. We could really use your help, and training will be provided! Please pray about this and contribute in any way you can. For those who continue to contribute - you are all Love INC "Angels on Earth!"

New Photo Directories

We are looking forward to new photo directories. Mark your calendars for May 16-18 to come to church to have your picture taken for the directory. Please make sure that the church office has your current address and phone numbers. Watch for more information as the time gets closer. We are excited to create new directories!

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. Thanks for your donations!

Scott Family History at East Union Lutheran Church

Pehr (Peter) Carlson was the 1st Pastor at EULC. He had a brother named Andrew John (AJ) Carlson.

AJ spent 3 years in Company H 9th Regiment during the civil war. AJ was instrumental in the founding of St. Ansgars Academy in 1862. Later St. Ansgars moved to St. Peter MN and became Gustavus Adolphus College. To support St. Ansgars Academy AJ started the Bevens Creek Milling Company (AJ first worked at the mill that was then owned by the Bevens Brothers). The mill was located just east of the Bevens creek bridge down the hill going south of East Union. He was on the Board Of County Commissioners, served in the state legislature, school board member, active at EULC, Delegate to the Republican Party in 1894, Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Relief Association, President of the San Francisco Insurance Company, and was on the board of directors of Gustavus Adolphus. He also owned the East Union Store and Post Office where he was Postmaster. In 1893 the post office closed. When his accounts were settled, the Government owed him 1 cent and sent him a bank draft in that amount; the smallest check issued by the US Government.

On September 16th 1865 he married Maria Wilson (Oleson). They had 7 children. Victor E., Lydia, Elsie, Levi, Carl, Ernest and Alice Jeanette.

Ernest began publishing the East Union News in 1893.

Lydia Married Frans Oskar Scott on December 10th 1899.

They has 6 children,

Rose (Johnson), Ivy (Edberg), Oswin, Violet (Soles), Beatrice (Hallin) and Chester.

Beatrice (married to Ernest Hallin) had 1 Son Scott. With Wife Carolyn they had 3 children, Carrie (Hron) Chris and Carl.

Oswin married Elenor Schleicher October 15th 1925. They had 5 children. Audree, Donald, Gerald, Shirley and Carol.

Gerald married Lois Dahlke June 22nd 1952. They had 3 children, Randy, Jamie and Terry. Randy with wife Peg have 2 daughters, Kelsey (Lundquist) and Lauren. Kelsey and Taylor Lundquist have 2 daughters, Nora and Grace. Jamie (Lori) have from a previous marriage 2 sons, Shane and Christopher. Shane has 1 son Hunter.

So for the Scott family it starts with AJ Carlson, next Lydia, Oswin, Gerald, Randy/Jamie/Terry, Kelsey/Lauren/Shane/Christopher, Hunter/Nora/Grace.

There are many more family connections with the Scott's, Edberg's, Sells, Sterbonic's and more.

Hope you enjoyed this bit of Scott/EULC history.

~ Jamie

Hosted by East Union Lutheran Church

Spaghetti Dinner *and Silent Auction*

Saturday, February 10, 2024
4:00 – 6:30 p.m.


Pricing

Adults \$10

Children (4-17) \$5

Ages 3 and under Free

Family (Household) \$25



*Bring your family,
friends and neighbors
and support
a great cause!*

***Take-out available**
Gluten free & vegetarian
options available

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There will be something for everyone at this event. Baskets, gift certificates, and specialty items all up for bid. Dinner includes: spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad, bread, beverage, and homemade desserts.

***Silent Auction closes at 6:15pm. Need not be present to win**