

# *East Union Lutheran Church* ***Weekly Announcements*** Sunday, January 1st

**Gathering Thru Fellowship**—We will gather to make snowmen on January 7th at 10am in the Parish Center. We are asking for a small donation to cover the costs of materials. All are welcome to visit or create, coffee will be on!

**Pastor Bryant's Installation**—Please join us for cake during Fellowship to celebrate Pastor's installation on Sunday, January 8th.

**Year End Committee Reports Deadline Upcoming** - Reminder to all committee chairs that year end committee reports will be due to the church office by **January 10th** to allow Darcy enough time to assemble the Annual Report.

**Quilt Retreat**—The quilting group is hosting a retreat on January 12th & 13th from 9am-5pm each day. If you are interested in joining, please call the church office, cost is \$5 per day. Bring your own lunch.

**Annual Congregational Meeting**—Please join us on **January 29th** after Worship for our Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Lunch will be provided.

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

**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.

**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 12.

## **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

**God Invites Our Generosity**  
12/24 & 12/25 General Fund Offering: \$4,213  
Christmas Eve Offering: \$1,491

## **Christmas**

January 1, 2022 • 10:00 a.m. Worship



***East Union Lutheran Church***  
*Carver, Minnesota*

Gathering

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salva- tion. **Amen.** Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us con- fess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life, **you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Re- new us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God’s promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn	“The Bells of Christmas”	#298
Greeting		
This Is the Feast		page 140
Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:		
	O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.	

Word

Kid’s Sermon	
First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9	
Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18	
Gospel Acclamation	page 142
The Holy Gospel Matthew 2:13-23	
Sermon	Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day	“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”	#282
Prayers of the People	Lord, in your mercy. <b>Hear our prayer.</b>	
Sharing of the Peace		
Offering		
Offertory Song	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”	#288

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the man- ger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*

**Offering Prayer—**Let us pray together:

**God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

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
	“That Boy-Child of Mary”	#293
	“O Bread of Life from Heaven”	#480

**Prayer after Communion—**Let us pray together:

**God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sending

Benediction		
Sending Hymn	“Go Tell It on the Mountain”	#290
Dismissal	Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the good news. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	