East Union Lutheran Church

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EAST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Carver, Minnesota www.eulc.org 952-448-3450

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 & Confirmation

10:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

January 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School & Confirmation	3	4 9am-1pm Church Office Open	5	6 9am-1pm Church Office Open	7	8
9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15am Women's Bible Study	10 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	11 9am-1pm Church Office Open	12	13 9am-1pm Church Office Open	14	15
9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School & Confirmation	17 6:30pm Council Retreat	18 9am-1pm Church Office Open	19	20 9am-1pm Church Office Open 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	21 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	22
23 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15am Women's Bible Study	24 1pm Quilting Group	25 9am-1pm Church Office Open	26	27 9am-1pm Church Office Open	28	29
30 9am Worship-Communion 10am Annual Congregational Meeting	31					

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Words from Pastor Sarah

This season after Christmas is called Epiphany. Matthew 2:1-12 tells the story of THE Epiphany, yet epiphanies can come to us any day and in myriad ways. Please enjoy this Epiphany poem/prayer from Walter Brueggemann, a gifted theologian.

Epiphany

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On Epiphany day,
  we are still the people walking.
  We are still people in the dark,
     and the darkness looms large around us,
     beset as we are by fear,
                     anxiety,
                     brutality,
                     violence,
                     loss —
     a dozen alienations that we cannot manage.
We are - we could be - people of your light.
  So we pray for the light of your glorious presence
     as we wait for your appearing;
  we pray for the light of your wondrous grace
     as we exhaust our coping capacity;
  we pray for your gift of newness that
     will override our weariness:
  we pray that we may see and know and hear and trust
     in your good rule.
That we may have energy, courage, and freedom to enact
    your rule through the demands of this day.
    We submit our day to you and to your rule, with deep joy and high hope.
Walter Brueggemann (b. 1933)
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Blessed Epíphany, Pastor Sarah

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION, JANUARY 30

Join our East Union Lutheran Church community on **January 30** after Worship for our Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

Lunch will be provided in celebration of all that we have achieved this year.



SAVE THE DATES!

- Sunday, February 13th—Spaghetti
 Dinner & Silent Auction—see flyer
- Saturday, February 26th—Church Family Get Together 10am-12pm
- Wednesday, March 2nd—Ash Wednesday

Annual Reports

Please submit your article for this year's official report to the office by **January 16th.** We want to make sure that this year's report is an accurate reflection of our ministry year.

Council Members

Your church council will have 2 open positions at our meeting in January. If you are interested in serving in this way, please talk to President Paul Lundquist or Pastor.

Supporting your church

Your offering envelopes for 2022 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 or on our website. http://www.eulc.org/Giving



Calendar Updates

Please notify the office when your committee has a meeting or hosts a special event as soon as you know the dates. We will update our communications to help get the word out early.

Opportunities to Serve

Card Ministry

East Union Card Ministry is looking for people in need of a letter of Love and Understanding to be sent to them. Send request to Pastor Sarah. We are excited to be sending out cards for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Congratulations, Healing or if you just need a loving word. Please forward information to Pastor Sarah.

Spaghetti Dinner Donations

We are looking ahead to our February 13th event. We'd love your help! If you'd like to make something or have a contact for a silent auction item, Great!





Towel Ministry

We continue to collect towels as the needs are great. Thank you for your donations. Ann Decker leads this ministry deckerag@gmail.com

ELCA National Youth Gathering

July 24-28 here in Minneapolis
The theme is BOUNDLESS—God beyond measure
Youth in 8th—12th grades are able to sign up for this.
Are you interested? Talk to Pastor!



December 2021 Council Minutes

Call to order 6:30pm - all councilors present, LuAnn Haas requested time in the agenda Opening Devotions by Pastor Sarah - God's light Review and Approve the Agenda - Gordon Decker, Tom Simonsen, AIF

LuAnn Haas

Requesting a card mailing budget of \$100/mo for stock and postage under evangelism Shut-ins, Veterans, Kids, birthdays, sympathy, etc

Review and approve minutes from November meeting - Tom Strobel, Alyssa Leistiko Review and approve the treasurer's report - Alyssa, Gordon Decker, AIF Review and approve Pastor's report - Tom Simonson, Alyssa Leistiko, AIF

December 2021 Council Minutes—cont'd

- Snow tasks
 - •Backup shoveler needed
 - •Parking lot hasn't been plowed a couple times and that maybe too little snowfall, but it has an impact
- Christmas week is here, Curt Lundquist funeral was beautiful
- Please beware of fraudulent emails from any member of church asking for gift cards or money as churches are common targets it happens about 2-3 times a year here
 - •Feel free to call the office or Pastor to say hi and validate any email, text message, etc.
- Visits to all nursing homes
- Lots of phone calls this month
- Member phone calls and outreach is continuing
 - •So far Gordon and Tom Simonson have completed and submitted their lists
- COVID-19 things being discussed for busy Christmas services at other churches
- Gordon Bratz celebrating Dec 26th with us
 - •Another week in Jan coming up too as Pastor is attending a wedding in California
- When thinking about Curt Lundquist Paster had an Epiphany Need for more joy
 - January retreat with Craig from synod office

Committee reports - Tom Strobel, Chris Hallin, AIF

- Stewardship/finance budget prepared and being discussed later in agenda
- Youth and ed
 - o Children's service went well,
 - o Spaghetti dinner is moving ahead as usual,
 - o Scholarship needs to be moved ahead
 - o Looking ahead to spring/summer
- Worship and music no meeting
- Cemetery no meeting
- Food and fellowship no meeting
- Property budgeted items being discussed and planned for windows in 2022, foaming at parsonage in 2022, flooring being researched for 2022
- Care for Creation no meeting

Old Business

- Putting a notice into the bulletin for any congregation members who would be interested in council election
- Need to make sure edits were made to the constitution, printed for documentation, printed from congregation, and submit to synod

New Business

- Budget
 - o Lengthy 30-minute discussion on budget
 - o After taking out 2021 expenses to be paid in 2022 we have a \$11,000 budget shortfall for 2022
 - o Add \$1,200 to budget for outreach and approve budget as written Jason, Chris, Hallin, AIF
- Annual Meeting logistics
 - o Council retreat 6:30pm and regular meeting 7:30pm on 1/17 (MLK day Monday 1 day early)
 - o Annual meeting moved to 2/6
 - o Meeting mailer goes out after Christmas

Hosted by East Union Lutheran Church

Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction



February 13, 2022 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Pricing
Adults \$10
Children (4-17) \$5
Ages 3 and under Free
Family \$25

*Take-out 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.

*Need not be present to win the Silent Auction