East Union Lutheran Church

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EAST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

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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-1pm						1
2 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	3 (No Office Hours)	4 Happy 4th of July!! (No Office Hours)	5	6	7	8
9 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	10 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Townshin Mtg	11 10am Bible Study 1pm-7pm Red Cross Blood Drive	12 8:30am Card Minis- try	13	14	15
16 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	17 7:30pm Softball	18 10am Bible Study	19	20	21	22
23 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	24 1pm Quilting Group 6:20pm Softball	25 10am Bible Study	26	27	28	29
30 8:50 Hymn Sing 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	31 9am-4pm Vaca- tion Bible School @ WU					

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

"I'm the old lady who thought she could and she did." "Be still." "Stop complaining and do something." "Jesus loves you and so do I." These are a small sampling of some of the memorable quotes we heard during our mission trip to Chicago a few weeks ago.

Ordinary folks doing extraordinary work. Hands and feet and hearts and minds that are cultivating real and authentic change within their communities. Folks who wake up in the morning and think to themselves, "Why not me?"

Folks who become the change they want to see in their neighbors — and then by extension, the world. Want an incredible gift they are to their communities: Cordia, Michael, Ameilia, and Brenda to their southside neighborhoods. Pastors Miguel and Myra for their northside congregation. The volunteers at Project C.U.R.E.

All of them have something in common: they see the need and then become agents of change. They long for hope and so they become bringers of that very hope. They yearn for fresh produce and so they begin to plant.

They plant seed after seed after seed, hand out pencils and notebooks and backpacks, sort through mountains of medical supplies all in the name of effecting immense change. Notice this, though: the change doesn't happen overnight.

The seeds we planted at Hermitage Garden aren't producing produce yet. The medical supplies we sorted haven't reached Ukraine yet. The backpacks we helped put together haven't been placed in the hands of children yet.

It might feel like all the work that is being done on a daily basis isn't amounting to anything. *Yet*. Changing the world, lifting up the communities you are a part of, enriching the lives of the people you meet with a smile and a helping hand — all those activities create a ripple effect.

Ripples that on their own might be small, but when joined by other ripples from other acts of generosity create waves of change — waves that bring about healing, hope, and love. Together, let's continue to add our ripples to the pond so that they join with the hands and hearts of others from here to Chicago and beyond — ripples that turn into waves.

You make the ordinary extraordinary one step at a time, one moment at a time, one act of kindness at a time. And remember, Jesus loves you and so do I!

Peace, Pastor Bryant

Church Softball League

Come cheer on The East Union Steeple People! The schedule is as follows:

July 10th at 7:30pm against Cross of Grace

July 17th at 7:30pm against Cross of Grace #2 Team

July 24th at 6:20pm against Family of Christ

August 7th at 6:20pm against Sluggin Saints.

August 14th at 8:40pm against West Union Warriors

All games are played at Lion's Park in Chaska—Hope you can join us!

Bible Study

Bible Study continues each Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome! (We will not meet on July 4th)

Red Cross Blood Drive

Would you like to save a life? How about 3 lives? Join us and the Red Cross on **Tuesday, July 11 from 1-7 p.m.** in the Parish Center to do just that by giving blood! Sign-up on the Red Cross's website: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=eulc

If you've never given blood before, have no fear! The donation process is painless and once you've given you'll receive a couple snacks as a tasty reward! We're looking forward to hosting the Red Cross as together we save lives!



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 July 12th at 8:30am.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Ice Cream Social. A great time was had by all. Also thank you to all of our volunteers for making this community event happen.



Save the Date: Vacation Bible School—July 31st!

How does a fun-filled day with music, crafts, food and meeting new friends as we learn about the love of Jesus sound to you? We're excited to invite you to this year's Vacation Bible School on **Monday**, **July 31 from 9-4 p.m. at West Union**. We're planning a full-day event that will wrap up with music and dinner. We're excited to have you join us as we learn more about Jesus' love for each of us!

"Prayer Quest: Journeying through the Lord's Prayer for Everyday Life" is designed to ignite the hearts and minds of children, this transformative experience equips them with practical tools to apply the power of the Lord's Prayer in their daily lives.

Join us for an unforgettable journey of faith, fun, and personal growth. Register now and let your child's Prayer Quest begin!

We are also looking for volunteers to help for the day. Go to the website to sign up.

More information and Registration:

https://westunionlutheran.org/vacation_bible_school

Hope to see you at VBS!

Looking Into the Future:

- Sunday, September 17th—Rally Sunday
- Sunday, October 29th—Trunk or Treat
- Sunday, November 5th—Fall Dinner

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!

Seeking Donations

We are looking for donations for the Nursey Room. We are looking for a newer flat screen TV (36"-40") that is DVD compatible, a DVD player in good condition, church appropriate children's DVD's, and gently used children's toys. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Mel at 320-304-1557 or you can touch base during Fellowship. Donations can be dropped off to the Sunday School rooms.



Prayer List

Reminder if you would like someone added to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Also, please let the office know if someone can be taken off the list.

Facebook Prayers & Devotions

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

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!



Supporting your church

Did you know we offer an online giving option? Find out more at this link http://www.eulc.org/Giving, or on our website.

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.

