

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

July 2025

East Union Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Bryant's Office Hours: Mon—Wed 8:30am-Noon Darcy's Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am-1pm		1 10am Bible Study	2	3	4	5
6 "Sent" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Outreach Meeting	7	8 10am Bible Study 1-7pm Blood Drive	9 8:30am Card Ministry	10	11	12
13 "Neighbors" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Outreach Meeting	14 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg 8:40pm Softball	15 10am Bible Study	16	17	18	19
20 "Distractions" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	21 6:20pm Softball	22 10am Bible Study	23	24	25	26
27 "Requests" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	28 7:30pm Softball 8:40pm Softball	29	30	31		
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Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

It's been raining a lot lately. Rain that's good for the crops, plants, and animals. But, rain that makes it hard for us humans to get out and about. Rain and clouds and humidity that make you want to stay inside—stay inside, that is, if you're an adult. Because my kids have found this rain quite enjoyable.

Rain that makes me stay under an umbrella while they escape the dry confines of such a thing so they can run around the yard while getting soaked. Rain that creates puddles all over—puddles that are ripe for the jumping in. Boots are placed on feet, raincoats are put over arms and body, and then the fun begins.

It doesn't stop until bodies are wet, legs are laced with mud, and every single puddle has been found and disturbed. Puddles that once jumped in form ripples. Puddles whose water goes splashing up and out over the grass and driveway. Water that then flows out and downward, away from the happy feet of a couple kids. Water that moves onward.

Because when you jump in a puddle, you create ripples. Ripples and splashes that travel far beyond you—water that moves onward to places unknown and people unreached. And all it took was one, single act to make it happen.

As we travel through the book of Luke throughout the remainder of this summer and into the fall, we'll encounter a ministry of Jesus that reaches out to the poor and forsaken. A ministry that doesn't heal all people with the snap of a finger, but a ministry that meets people one at a time. One healing at a time, one miracle at a time, one encounter at a time, Jesus will make his presence known.

And once he does so, the people who encounter him cannot help but shout and sing his praises. They cannot help but tell others what they have witnessed and seen. Once Jesus creates a ripple of forgiveness or grace or purpose, that ripple extends far beyond that one moment or person. That ripple, that splash of water travels—and my, oh my, does it travel far and wide.

Never discount how far the ripples and splashes you make will travel. For you haven't been called to show Jesus' grace and mercy and love to every, single person on this planet. No, you've been called to make ripples and create splashes. You've been called to make small and significant changes with the people you meet. For in doing so, those ripples will turn into waves that move far beyond what you could've ever imagined.

Together, let's play in the rain. Let's create ripples of hope and peace for a world in need. For together, and with the Holy Spirit by our side, the ripples we make in the world will turn into waves of change that bring about the presence of Jesus!

Peace—Pastor Bryant

July Theme

Our theme for this month is **Ripples**. One moment and person at a time, you will create change in the world. Together, following in the footsteps of Jesus, we will encounter a world in need of your gifts. Gifts of forgiveness and peace, healing and hope. For you have been sent to friends and strangers to bring about the life-changing presence of Jesus!

Tuesday Bible Study

Bible Study continues every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome!



Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study will start up again in the Fall.

Tools for Learning Drive

We are hosting our 3rd Annual School Supply Event for Carver Elementary. The month of July we will be accepting the following school supplies:

- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Big & Slim Markers
- Expo Markers
- Clorox Wipes.

Donations can be dropped off in the shopping cart at the Parish Center. Thank you!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Would you like to save a life? Join us and the Red Cross on **Tuesday, July 8 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 9th at 8:30am.

Church Softball League

Come cheer on The East Union Steeple People. Games are played at Lion's Park in Chaska. July schedule is: July 14th at 8:40pm, July 21st at 6:20pm, and July 28th at 7:30pm.

Vacation Bible School

East Union VBS will be held 7/28—7/31 from 9am-3pm. Grades K-5th grade are eligible. Volunteers are needed, call the church office to volunteer. Theme is Epic Australian Adventure. Please bring your registration forms to the office as soon as possible.



Classic/Unique Car Show

Mark your calendars for August 10th for our Classic & Unique Car Show! If you have a classic or unique car, please bring it to worship. We will go on a Brewery Tour after the show.

Looking Into the Future:

- ♦ September 14th—Rally Sunday
- ♦ October 1st—Blood Drive
- ♦ October 4th—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ♦ October 25th—Trunk or Treat

Thank you from Janet Schultz

A big thank you for all the phone calls, cards, flowers & meals after surgery. It is very appreciated; you are all the greatest!

Graduation Sunday

Congratulations & Good Luck to our East Union Graduates!

Congratulations to Brayden Berg who won the 2025 Heritage Scholarship Award!



Food Shelf Donations

Please remember our neighbors in need. There is a grocery cart in the Parish Center ready to accept donations for the local food shelves and for brown paper grocery bags as well as empty egg cartons. If you have extra, please put them in the grocery cart. Thank you for your donations!

BOUNTIFUL BASKET CURRENT NEEDS - June 2025

- Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
- Canned Tuna & Salmon
- Canned Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Black & Pinto Beans
- White & Brown Rice
- Instant Rice
- Snacks
- Cooking Spices
- Cooking Oil
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Mayonnaise
- Flour and Sugar
- Baking mixes
- Toilet Paper
- Diapers - any size



We could also always use your plastic and brown paper bags!

Almond Bars Recipe from Evelyn Grimm

Ingredients: 4 eggs, 2 cups sugar, 1 cup melted butter, 2 cups flour, 1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract

Directions: Beat the eggs and sugar until lemon color. Add butter, flour and extract. Spread into a 9 x 13 inch greased baking pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean in the center. Cool on a wire rack. Sprinkle with confectioners sugar.

Frost with: 1 1/2 cup powdered sugar, 1/4 cup butter, 1 1/2 Tablespoons milk, 1 teaspoon almond extract

Tithely

Tithely is an easy way that you can contribute to East Union online. Go to <https://give.Tithe.ly/my-church> to get started. Search for East Union Lutheran Church, select the link to “give now” and you are ready to go. Enter the amount you want to give, the fund you want to give to, select the frequency of giving, enter your contact details, and payment information to give. Select “sign up” to create an account to track your gifts, set up recurring giving, and more.

Carver County Local News

Carver County has a free, online newspaper! It's called “**Carver County Local News.**” To find the newspaper, go to: cclocalnews.org and subscribe for free!

Carver County Local News has launched a podcast to go along with their online newspaper. The podcast is hosted by former Chaska City Council Member Mike Huang. You can listen to the podcast here: <https://cclocalnews.org/podcast/>

East Union History

Lyle Lund came to be in East Union in a little different route than the other people we have interviewed. His story starts with Magnus Johnson, Magnus was one of our early settlers and active in the community and at East Union Church. His first born daughter, Mary, wed John Hurtig, second daughter, Christine, married Johan Hallin, son, August, married Anna Lund, Anna Johnson was next marrying Cornelius Smith. There were also a few babies who died very young. How does all this tie into Lyle, just wait. August and Anna adopted J. Russell and Reuben Lund. Reuben married Rose Bahr, and finally along came Lyle, their only son.

Lyle grew up on a 100 acre farm along current County Road 50 just up the hill from Bevens Creek where it crosses the road. The farm didn't have as much crop land as other farms but it did have Bevens Creek valley along the back side and some crop land across the road, enough to keep some cows, pigs and chickens. The house near the present day Lundstead Acres sign, the barn was just behind the house. Lyle remembers one of the chickens his mom favored was called KaKa and came to the house for treats every day. KaKa met an untimely demise and Lyle remembers how sad his mom felt. His dad buried KaKa and made a tombstone for her which made mom feel at least a little better. Growing up with a big woods on the farm, Lyle became interested in hunting and trapping and fishing in the creek. He enjoyed hunting squirrels and jack rabbits when he could. He liked riding one of the horses named Flossie bareback down the old road in the woods and galloping her back up the hill. Scotty Hallin, who lived across the road, taught Lyle some of the finer points of trapping, mink and muskrats.

East Union History—cont'd

Also living just down the hill was Emily Beckman. He attended East Union school and remembers his 5th grade class consisting of he and Darryl Hunter. Some winter time activities Lyle enjoyed were skating and tobogganing. Skating took place on the creek and on Goetze Lake which is almost across from the church. They would scrape the snow off to make a nice rink. Lyle could skate backwards almost as well as forwards around the rink. The toboggan hill was located at the Scott Hallin farm. It started on top the hill behind their buildings and ended up by the barn. One time a little rain fell and froze making the hill a super fast ride.

The first tractor on the Lund farm was a Farmall C. and his first car was a Model A Ford with poor brakes, but it got him out and about to his various jobs and hunting spots. He worked for Ray Lundquist loading bales and shocking grain and at Herb Lundquists farm he drove horses pulling the bundle wagon, a load of grain bundles heading for the threshing machine for the hourly wage of .65 cents. In addition to he helped his dad on their farm during harvest.

Lyle was baptized and confirmed at East Union. Pastor Kindgren was the confirmation teacher and his classmates were Marjolane Adamson, Pat Olson, Allan Quatman, Betty Lou Johnson, Pearl Lindquist, Charles Kindgren, Carol Scott, Catherine Frank, and Curtis Mueller all graduating in 1948. The Lutefisk dinners bring back happy memories with the congregation all working together to put on the big event.

After grade school, Lyle went on to Chaska High School, worked at Ford Company for about a year and then was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. He was fortunate enough to stay stateside during his enlistment. After discharge he returned to the Ford Plant in St. Paul where he spent 30 years building Ford cars and trucks. He married LuAnn Lenzen and is the proud father of Lisa and Luke. After retirement from Ford he lived for a time in the church janitors house next to the hall. With the cemetery across the road, he began helping out and then took over as custodian. He kept it trimmed and mowed, flowers watered and branches picked up when needed. He also enjoyed meeting and talking to the people who would stop by to visit a grave. He would help them by setting up markers or plant stands or anything that enhanced the looks of the cemetery. Lyle and Bev were friends when they were children and became reacquainted by this time and purchased the Claire Edberg house in East Union.

One of Lyle's favorite pastimes was a game called cribbage. He played once a week and attended tournaments on weekends, some as far away as Reno, Nevada. He won first place in numerous tournaments.



Fourth of July

Independence Day is the annual celebration of the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. This document announced the separation of the 13 North American colonies from Great Britain. In 1870 the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal workers, and in 1938 it became a paid federal holiday. The holiday is celebrated across the United States with parades, fireworks shows, picnics, concerts, and other festivities.



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Fireworks have been a part of Fourth of July festivities since the first organized celebrations in 1777. Modern fireworks often feature red, white, and blue colors, but those of the earliest celebrations were orange. In the 21st century Americans spend an estimated \$1 billion per year on Fourth of July fireworks.



Celebrations

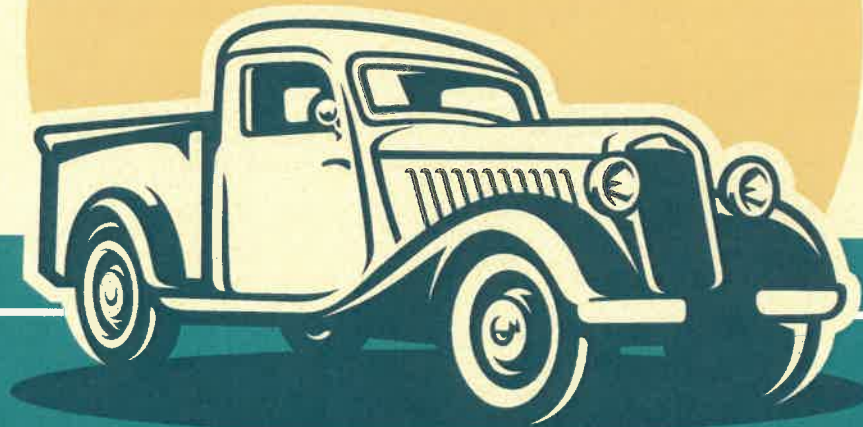
Chanhassen will celebrate the Fourth of July with a four-day event. Events start Tuesday night, July 1 and run through Friday, July 4! Fireworks: 10:00 p.m. • Lake Ann Park • Free -- Food concessions available at the Lake Ann Beach concession stand.

Waconia Fireworks: 9:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at Lake Waconia Regional Park. Favorite spots to watch the show: Island View Golf Club, Lake Waconia Regional Park, Lola's Lakehouse, The Winery at Sovereign Estate, and the hill near Target and Twin Cities Orthopedics.

Victoria Fireworks: The Victoria Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a FREE Drive-In Fireworks show at the Victoria Community Center! Starting at 5 p.m. the Community Center Grounds will be opened for you and your family to drive onto, park your car, and hang out until the fireworks show begins at 9:30pm! There will be a few food trucks available as well as Port-a-Potties on the Community Center Grounds. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks, but please NO GLASS of any kind.

Chaska: Join in at the annual Jonathan Association 4th of July Festival and Community Event, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Lake Grace Pavilion in Chaska. The event features magicians, face painting, bouncy houses, food, drawings, and a kiddy parade.

CLASSIC & UNIQUE CAR SHOW



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

9AM WORSHIP

10AM CAR SHOW & BREWERY TOUR

Come to worship and stay for the Car Show.
We will go on a Brewery Tour after the show.

If you have a classic or unique car, bring it to worship!

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Join us for Vacation Bible School!!
July 28th—July 31st
9am-3pm

Grades K-5th grade are eligible, no registration fee.
Email registration forms to the church office
by July 1st (eastunionlc@gmail.com)

Please bring a bag lunch M-W, lunch will be
provided on Thursday

Space is limited, please register soon!



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VBS Registration Form



East Union Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School Registration 2025

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" Matthew 19:14

East Union VBS will be held from July 28th thru July 31st, Mon-Thurs from 9am-3pm. Grades K-5th grade are eligible, no registration fee. Please have students bring a bag lunch M-W, lunch will be provided on Thursday.

Space is limited - please sign up soon. Volunteers are needed, call the church office if you would like to help.

Please bring the registration form to East Union Lutheran Church by July 1st. You may also email the completed form to eastunionlc@gmail.com or mail it to:

East Union Lutheran Church
15180 County Road 40
PO Box 283
Carver, MN 55315

Please contact the Youth & Education Committee if you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

God bless you and your family!



VBS Registration Form—cont'd

Are you members of East Union Lutheran Church? _____

Are you interested in learning more about becoming members? Y or N

Child's name: _____
Birthdate: _____ Age & grade: _____
Baptized? (Y or N) _____
Please list any allergies, dietary or special needs: _____ _____

Child's name: _____
Birthdate: _____ Age & grade: _____
Baptized? (Y or N) _____
Please list any allergies, dietary or special needs: _____ _____

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Child's name: _____
Birthdate: _____ Age & grade: _____
Baptized? (Y or N) _____
Please list any allergies, dietary or special needs: _____ _____

Name of parent(s) or adult contact: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Name of parent(s) or adult contact: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Volunteers/helpers needed

Would you like to volunteer? ___yes ___no

Consent to use photos or video for VBS/church purpose ___yes ___no

Signature: _____

VBS Registration Form—cont'd

East Union Lutheran Church Accident Waiver and Release of Liability

The undersigned parent/legal guardian hereby gives permission to East Union Lutheran Church, for their child _____ to take part in the East Union Lutheran Church Sunday School program and related events.

Should my child require immediate or emergency medical care while engaged in an activity sponsored by East Union Lutheran Church, in my absence, I hereby grant East Union Lutheran Church authority to release my child for medical treatment to such medical personnel as East Union Lutheran Church determines appropriate under the circumstances.

In consideration for the privilege of allowing my child to participate in the above-named activity, I agree to release and hold harmless East Union Lutheran Church, its officers and agents, from any liability to or responsibility for bodily injury, damage or illness to the above-identified child while participating in any youth athletic or social activity which may be directly or indirectly sponsored by East Union Lutheran Church. Further, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless East Union Lutheran Church, its officers and agents with respect to any claim asserted by or on behalf of my child as a result of bodily injury, illness or damage.

Please read carefully, this permission slip is a legal document which includes release of liability and indemnification.

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Second Emergency Contact: _____

Second Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____