

East Union Lutheran Church

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Carver, MN 55315



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

July 2026

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	2	3	4
5 "Comfort" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	6 6:20pm Softball	7 10am Bible Study 1-7pm Blood Drive	8 8:30am Card Ministry	9	10	11
12 "Growth" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	13 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg 7:30pm Softball	14 10am Bible Study	15	16	17	18
19 "Harvest" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	20 8:40pm Softball	21 10am Bible Study	22	23	24	25
26 "The Kingdom" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	27 8:40pm Softball	28 ← Vacation Bible School →	20	30	31	

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

In this summer season, where and how is the Holy Spirit active in your life? It's a question the Bible study groups have often wrestled with: What is the Spirit? How is it active in my life? And, most importantly, how can I recognize it?

A few years ago, I decided to put in a swing set structure for the kids in my backyard. We have a sloping backyard so this was going to require a bit of effort. First, a small portion of the yard needed to be leveled off. A small retaining wall had to be built. And then, finally, the swing set could be built and installed.

After all this time and effort and money had been spent putting up a swing set, it was time to watch the kids use it 24/7/365. Except, that's not what happened. The swings were hardly touched. The slide was hardly touched. The small tower where they could play house was hardly touched.

There it sat. Unused. Unused, except for one, small portion. See, as an afterthought, there was a very small sandbox that was tucked underneath the slide portion of this swing set structure. And, to my surprise, that small little sand box became the thing that the kids used. A sandbox that wouldn't have required the leveling out of the yard, the building of a retaining wall, or the purchasing of a large swing set structure. A sand box that was added as an afterthought—that became what the kids loved.

So, after a couple years of this, I finally expanded the sandbox. I tripled its size because they had let me know this was the thing they appreciated the most. This was the thing they wanted to play with. And, as I write this right now, there has been a child playing in that sandbox for hours.

When I first went to build that play structure, I thought I knew what the kids would enjoy using. I thought I knew all the time and effort would be worth it. But, it turned out I needed an outside opinion and voice to help guide me in the direction of what was truly necessary and needed.

I find this to be true with the Holy Spirit, too. When we seek its presence and guidance and wisdom for our lives, perhaps we hear its voice best when family or friends or others speak its words of truth. For while it may be hard to discern whether it's our own voice or the Spirit speaking when it's just us, when we involve others and hear their perspectives and experiences, perhaps then we can be certain the Spirit is speaking and moving.

So, where is the Spirit? It's external. It's in the Word, the preaching and teaching, the community of believers that surround us—for you never know when you will encounter the life-changing presence of the Spirit next. Together, let's listen for its voice and be prepared to be surprised with how it is moving in our lives.

Peace,
Pastor Bryant

July Theme

Our theme for this month is ***Miraculous***. The kingdom of God is here and active in the world around us. This might be surprising given how the world looks at times. However, Jesus is adamant: the kingdom is here and active! Knowing this, how do we faithfully and persistently proclaim Jesus' name and grace and life and love to a world in need? God's kingdom has already been planted and taken root in the world around us--now, with the Spirit by our side, we have been called to further its presence. A kingdom rooted in the life and love of the one who established it: Jesus Christ.

Tuesday Bible Study

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

We will not meet on July 28th, because of VBS.



We enjoyed our trip to Beth El Synagogue in St. Louis Park.



Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday group will resume in the fall.

School Supply Drive

We are hosting our 4th Annual School Supply Drive for Carver Elementary. During the month of July we will be collecting the following school supplies:

- Scissors
- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils
- Markers (broad line & fine line)
- Wide Lined Looseleaf Paper

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

Church Softball League

Come cheer on The East Union Steeple People. Games are played at Lion's Park in Chaska. July schedule is: July 6th at 6:20pm, July 13th at 7:30pm, July 20th at 8:40pm, and July 27th at 8:40pm.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Would you like to save a life? Join us and the Red Cross on **Tuesday, July 7th from 1-7 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Sign-up on the Red Cross's website: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=eulc>



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 8th at 8:30am.

Vacation Bible School



East Union VBS will be held July 27th—July 30th. Theme is Rainforest Falls, exploring the nature of God. Space is limited, please bring your registration forms to the office by **July 13th**. Volunteers are needed, contact the church office if you would like to help.

Classic/Unique Car Show

Mark your calendars for August 9th 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 13—Steamboat Days Parade
- ◆ September 20—Rally Sunday
- ◆ October 8 & 9—Quilt Retreat
- ◆ October 24—Trunk or Treat
- ◆ December 13—Sunday School Christmas Program



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 and plastic grocery bags. If you have extra, please put them in the grocery cart. Thank you for your donations!

BOUNTIFUL BASKET
CURRENT NEEDS - June 2026

- Hearty Soup
- Ready-to-Eat Meals
- Crackers
- Canned Chicken, Tuna & Salmon
- Canned Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges
- Coffee
- Mac & Cheese Cups
- Tortillas
- Ramen Noodles
- Spices
- Flour & Sugar
- Cooking Oil
- Brownie/Cake Mixes
- Baby Formula
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Diapers (any size!)

We always accept and need paper shopping bags!

**** We also graciously accept (non-refrigerated) fresh produce including but not limited to**:**
bananas, oranges, grapes, avocados, garlic, tomatoes, peppers, lemons and limes



Tithely

Use the QR code or go to [Tithe.ly Giving](https://Tithe.ly/Giving) 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. You can create an account to track your gifts, set up recurring giving, and more. Reach out to Chris Hallin if you have any questions.



Quote of the Month

“Train yourself to listen to that small voice that tells us what’s important and what’s not.”

~ Sue Grafton

Fourth of July Celebrations

July 2nd–4th **Chanhassen's 4th of July Celebration** – There will be a parade, music, food, carnival rides and fireworks. Parade starts at 2:30pm on July 4th with fireworks at 10pm at Lake Ann Park. Visit the website below for more info:

<https://www.chanhassenmn.gov/departments/parks-recreation/community-events/4th-of-july-celebration>

July 4th-- **Chaska's 4th of July Celebration**

7:30am Fun run at the Learning Center

9am Kiddie Parade starts at the Karen House

10:30am Daytime festivities at Lake Grace Pavilion with live music, food and bouncy house

11am Watermelon Eating Contest

10pm Fireworks Display at McKnight Park

More July Events in Carver County

July 10th-11th **Chaska's Fire and Ice Celebration** in downtown Chaska

July 24th–26th **Chaska's River City Days** with food trucks, music, markets, family activities and more

July 1st– 29th **Victoria's Live by the Lake Concerts** held on Wed. evenings 6-8pm at the Charlson Thun Community Bandstand

July 16th **Victoria's Truck Rodeo** from 6-8pm at Victoria Recreation Center North Parking Lot. Free event to explore big trucks and meet local first responders.

July 28th **Victoria's Explore Together Park Pop-Up Series**, Tues. from 6–7pm at the Victoria Recreation Center. A casual outdoor gathering with games and activities for the community.

CLASSIC & UNIQUE CAR SHOW



SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

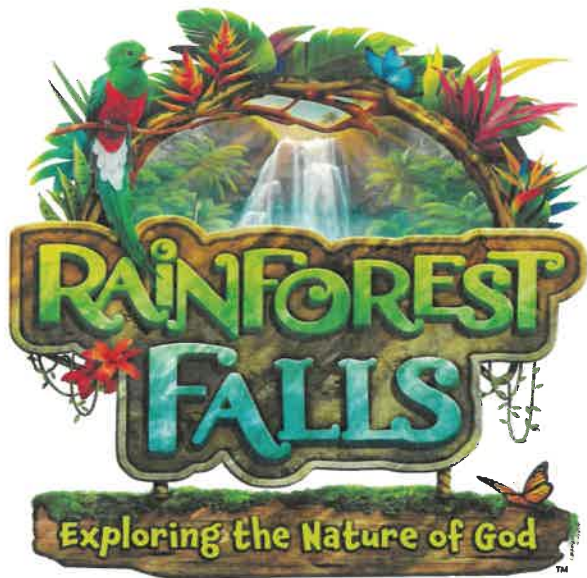
9AM WORSHIP

10:15AM 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 27th—July 30th, 2026
9am-3pm**

Grades K-5th grade are eligible, no registration fee.

Email registration forms to the church office
(eastunionlc@gmail.com).

Space is limited, please register by July 13th!

Forms can be found on our website at:
www.eulc.org/Vacation-Bible-School



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

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East Union Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School Registration 2026

"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 27th thru July 30th, 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 by July 13th.

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

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Volunteers are needed, call the church office if you would like to help. Thank you!

God bless you and your family!



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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Name of parent(s) or adult contact: _____ Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____
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Volunteers/helpers needed

Please check if you would like to volunteer

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

Signature: _____

