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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

July 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Guest Preacher Gordon Braatz 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	4	5 9am-1pm Church Office Open	6 9am Card Ministry	7 9am-1pm Church Office Open	∞	9
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Guest Preacher Durk Peterson 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg 7:45pm Softball	9am-1pm Church Office Open		9am-1pm Church Office Open		
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	26	19	12		5	Friday
	27	20 Youth Group Overnight	13		6	Saturday

Words from Pastor Sarah

Scripture & Summer -- they go together in my mind. How about yours? It's more than just an illiteration deal. Summer can be a great chance to dive in more deeply to your devotional practices, or start a whole new practice.

What if your family memorized a Bible verse each week?

Or what if you took a verse from church and set it to music, making like a little jingle?

I also love this idea: set your phone (or alarm clock) to remind you to pray at these times, using these verses

8:39am Pray that you will see Jesus' presence with you all day long.

[Nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:39

11:28am Pray and name the things that weary you.

Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

12:12pm Pray for those 'running the race' against great difficulties.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

1:57pm Pray that you may know God's care for you.

Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

2:31pm Pray with gratitude for who God is in your life.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Psalm 23

3:36pm Pray for God to guide your paths.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:3-6

5:24pm Pray for justice in our world.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24

6:10pm Table grace: the Lord's Prayer, found in Matthew 6:9-13

8:26pm Pray with gratitude that we don't have to pray well – that God receives all prayers with love.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. Romans 8:26

11:09pm If you're still awake...

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Luke 11:9

Regardless of how you incorporate scripture in your summer, may the Word of God enrich you deeply, inspire you profoundly & nourish you richly.

Happy Summer & see you in Church,

Pastor Sarah

Welcome New Members

We welcome our newest members!

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Heritage Scholarship Fund

Did you know....Gustavus Adolphus College had its very humble beginnings in East Union. St Ansgar's Academy was located at East Union from 1863 to 1876, starting out as a preparatory school for those wishing to teach or become a Pastor. The school, largely funded by local Synod churches, was moved to St Peter in 1876 when resources fell short and was eventually renamed Gustavus Adolphus College.



Honoring that tradition of the importance of education, the Heritage Scholarship Fund was created in late 1999 at East Union Lutheran Church and each year since our graduating high school seniors have had the opportunity to win \$1,000 towards their continuing education. Essays are written about how their life at East Union Lutheran Church has prepared them to share God's love as they go forward in life. Jarrett Lundquist was the first recipient in 2000 with Riley Haas being the 2022 recipient. Congratulations to all participants! If you want to see who has received the award each year, there is a plaque hanging in the Parish Center.

The scholarship is currently funded through donations from our members. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this worthy cause over the years! Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help ensure the continuation of our program.

Av Upgrade

In case you haven't been up to the church balcony recently check out this picture. Thanks to Ron Hitzeman, Gary Lokken, Jason Wieland and Josh Bugbee who have been working on this AV upgrade for a long time. The backordered parts are here and we are working with Twin Cities Sound to be ready to broadcast.



Youth Group Overnight

Get ready for a super fun time! All church youth, grades 6-12 are welcome to come play, laugh, eat, serve, study and plan worship together. The fun all begins on Saturday, August 20th, at 6pm. On Sunday morning, we will lead the worship service together. Sign up by telling Pastor. Friends are welcome.

Vacation Bible School!!!

VBS is August 1-5. We don't want you to miss out. This year's VBS will be nature-based, bilingual and on a Farm near Belle Plaine! This is for all age kids: Sunday School will participate and Youth Group kids will help. East Union bus stop times are 8:20am and 3:35pm. Get a registration form and sign up today!

Church Softball League

Church softball league season has started and we are always looking for players available Monday nights to play in Chaska. Friendly competition with other local churches. League is men and women ages 13+. Inquire if interested with Captain Ryan Bohn.

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!

Bedding Ministry

We are collecting XL Twin Sheets (neutral patterns such as stripes or colors such as gray or white) and XL blankets for university bound foster kids. New, packaged items only. Let's send them off with fresh bedding for a fresh start. All donations must be received prior to August 1st. Cash donations are also welcome! Contact Sybil Haas at libys007@gmail.com with questions or concerns.

Outreach & Evangelism Team

This is a brand new team, so now is a great time to join the fun. Do you enjoy meeting new people? Not afraid to invite someone to church? This is the team for you! You can talk to Pastor or Ted Wirtz, tedwirtz@gmail.com

Card Ministry Team



The Card Ministry Team is here for anyone in need of Christ's love through a card. The ladies of the card ministry are here together because you all are important to us. The Card Ministry will meet on July 6th and August 10th at 9am.

Food Shelf Donations

East Union Lutheran Church has a wonderful history of generosity to the local food shelf, giving both non-perishable food and personal care items to help alleviate the ongoing need for these items. There is a grocery cart in the Parish Center ready to accept your donations. If you would rather give a monetary donation, please write "food

shelf" on your check or envelope and put it in the offering plate on Sunday. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Church Newsletter

This newsletter covers the months of July and August. You can look for another issue for September. If you have an idea or want to contribute something for the newsletter, just email the church office eastunionlc@gmail.com or Pastor at pastorsa-rahbunge@gmail.com.

Pastoral Emergency Contact

Pastor Sarah will be gone from June 21st—July 16th. During that time if you have an emergency, please contact Pastor Adam Teske at 952-222-8236.

Pastor Honored

Did you know that our Pastor is a volunteer chaplain for the Carver County Sheriff's Office? On June 7th, Pastor Sarah was awarded this coin for the ministry that she offered on 8-7-21 when a plane crashed in Victoria. Sgt. Neil Kuhnau said that Pastor brought peace and calm to a chaotic scene.





Looking For Help

We'd love to have a presence in the Steamboat Days Parade this September. Can you help us make that happen?