

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

June 2023

East Union Lutheran Church

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	3
4 Grad Sunday 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	5 6:20pm Softball	6 10am Bible Study	7 8:30am Card Minis-try	8	9	10
11 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	12 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg 7:30pm Softball 8:40pm Softball	13	14	15	16	17
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18 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 4-6:30pm Ice Cream Social & Car Show	19 6:20pm Softball	20 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	21	22	23	24
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Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

Have you ever stepped outside, first thing in the morning, and thought to yourself: *It's going to be hot today*. It came to my mind today: blue sky overhead, sun cresting over the treetops, not a wisp of wind to be found, and that sensation of gentle heat and humidity hugging your body like a winter sweater.

At six in the morning it isn't technically hot out yet—and yet, somehow, somehow, you can sense that the day *will* be hot. Over the years we have grown accustomed to recognizing when the mercury is going to climb before the day has barely begun.

You just *know*. How is that possible? Without reading the news or peeking at the 10-day forecast all it takes is a few moments in the morning to determine that yes, today is going to be warm. Hot. *Toasty*.

We head into this long-awaited season of summer fully attuned to the ever-changing weather: warm, cool, humid, stormy, sunny. We can just sense it.

How do you sense the presence of Jesus each day? Because that presence of hope and grace and peace and love surrounds us always—on good days and bad, through the ups and downs of life, no matter where life takes us, Jesus is there.

What habits and routines help you uncover the presence of Jesus? Reading scripture, silent prayer, traveling through creation, conversations with loved ones, serving others, worship, song—my challenge and hope for you as we enter this season of summer is that the presence of Jesus is as recognizable as the warm and sunny weather.

Together, let's find the routines that center our hearts and minds on the one who provides us with abundant life and love: Our Savior and Shepherd, who is always present, Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

Graduation Sunday

Join us on Sunday, June 4th as we celebrate with the families of Brianna Berg and Kennedie Haas.

Chaska Cubs Game

All are welcome on Sunday, June 4th at 6pm to the Chaska Cubs game.

Youth Mission Trip

Our Youth will be heading to Chicago for their Mission Trip from June 11th—16th. Join us for a blessing send off during worship on June 11th .

Ice Cream Social & Car Show

Mark your calendars for our Ice Cream Social & Car Show on June 18th from 4-6:30pm. Come for sloppy joes, coleslaw, chips, pie and stay for ice cream sundaes. Free sundae to all dads!!!

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School!



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! Stay tuned for more info and we'll see you in July!

Church Softball League

Come cheer on The East Union Steeple People! June schedule is as follows: June 5th at 6:20pm, June 12th at 7:30pm & 8:40pm, June 19th at 6:20pm, June 26th at 6:20pm. 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 June 13th due to the Mission Trip)

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 June 7th at 8:30am.



Looking Into the Future:

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

Thank You!

A huge thank you to our plant & bake sale team who pulled off yet another amazing plant sale this year! We are grateful for all your work, donations, joy and dedication to our church family. The raffle winner for the quilt was Irene Klehr and the winner of the fairy garden was Sue Dedecker. Congratulations to both!

Thank you to all who helped with the Roadside Cleanup. We had a great crew! A big thank you to the Berg Family for organizing our event and for lunch afterwards!!



Thank you to everyone who joined us after the Honor Guard Memorial Day Service in the Parish Center for breakfast and fellowship. We served 60 people! The free will offering of \$223.00 will go to purchase canned goods for our Bountiful Baskets food drive.



Prairie

Spring has sprung! The Lupine are putting on a lovely show in the back part of our prairie. Welcome spring again!!!



Heritage Scholarship Fund

Congratulations to our East Union Lutheran Church high school seniors, Brianna Berg & Kennedie Haas. We wish them well as they begin the next step in their life journey. Both girls submitted essays for this year's \$1,000 scholarship. The Youth and Education Committee reviews these essays (without names attached) and decides on a winner. This year that process proved to be very difficult. We all felt both essays were well thought out and spoke very clearly to answering the essay topic: How has life at East Union Lutheran Church prepared you to live your faith as you go out into the world. If we could have given two scholarships, we would have done just that. So, because we couldn't pick a clear winner and only one scholarship is awarded, we "flipped a coin". Please read their essays and join us on Sunday, June 4th to celebrate these two outstanding seniors.

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. Each year's recipient's name is added to 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.

Heritage Scholarship Fund—Essay #1

Being a part of the community at East Union Lutheran Church has blessed me by teaching me the importance of community, allowing me to grow my relationship with God, and teaching me valuable life lessons. I will continue to reflect on the experiences I have gained through church as they help me form relationships centered around faith, love, and hope.

Community is something that I greatly value and after moving to Carver, I was left seeking a new one. The community of East Union Lutheran Church generously opened their arms to me and my family and gave us hope in finding a loving community. This kindness and hope helped me feel more connected within my community, provided me with a space to express my faith, and allowed me to be a part of something larger than myself. I will strive to share this sense of community as I move onto college as the love from my church community made a huge impact within my life.

The church has also blessed me with the opportunity to grow and strengthen my relationship with God. Getting confirmed and being a part of bible study has allowed me to connect to God on a deeper level and experience new aspects of my faith. I believe this connection will support me through the challenges I may face and help me appreciate blessings throughout my life. I will continue to practice what I have learned through church so I can grow my relationship with God and share my faith within relationships in my life.

Through my time at East Union, I have been blessed to learn many valuable lessons that have impacted my life and I will continue to reflect on these in the future. When I was in bible study, I learned the importance of appreciating what I have in my life and not being persuaded by jealousy. This has provided me with the acknowledgement of how fortunate I am within my life and has helped strengthen relationships within my life. This valuable lesson will help me be more loving and grateful for my community and relationships.

In conclusion, East Union Lutheran Church has enriched many aspects of my life. What I have learned and the experiences I have gained through church have made me a better person and will continue to influence me throughout my life. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Heritage Scholarship Fund—Essay #2

My Church Family

Since I was a kid, East Union Lutheran Church has provided me with support. My church family plays a huge role in the person that I am today. The love that I receive from Christ and my church family is a love like no other. Being a part of the East Union Lutheran Church family has blessed me throughout my entire life. The past couple of years have been a challenge, but I know to never give up because my church and church family will always be there for me. No matter what, I have always been able to rely on my church family for whatever I need. Whenever I step into my church, I feel blessed and grateful in more ways than I can count. I think the main thing that being in this church family has taught me is to be grateful, show support, and always show your love for one another. Within this family, I have never once felt judged or as if I didn't belong there. No matter what happens, my church family has made me feel safe, comforted, loved, special, and brave. The amount of love that is fulfilled among my church family is often glorified by God. We see the outcome of our duties and roles by all of the love and opportunities we are given.

Being in a church family helps me form more friendships by giving me a community of people who share my values and interests. Throughout my time at East Union Lutheran Church, there have been many activities and events that have made this family close. All of the dinners, all of the plant sales, and all of the crafting activities that this church family has done have given us more of a sense of what it is like to be a real family. Without being in my church family, I don't think that I would be where I am now. The people in this community are comforting, show me love, and pray for me daily. This community isn't comparable to any other community. No matter where I have gone, I have never felt as loved as I do when I step inside of my church, East Union Lutheran Church.

As I go to college, I will continue to hold my Faith close to me and my heart. Bringing my faith with me to college will help me stay grounded and focused on my values and beliefs. It will help me have a sense of community and support as I must navigate through tough times and challenges of the "college life." My faith will continue to grow stronger as I grow older, and the love that I hold for my church family will also grow stronger. No matter if it's weeks or months, I know that East Union Lutheran Church and the family inside of it will always have open arms for me.

Towel Ministry



“To mobilize churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.”

Love INC means “Love In the Name of Christ”.. Iet was founded in 1977 by Dr. Virgil Walker, a social worker, in Holland, Michigan. Virgil Walker was passionate about serving others less fortunate. He set about organizing area churches to help serve the poor by working together. Currently, Love INC is active in 29 states and in Kenya, with 7800 partner churches and growing!

Love INC of Eastern Carver County started in 2006. There are currently 33 churches in our community that partner with Love INC. To belong, each church needs 2-3 members who head up the “Gap” ministry, such as towels (!!), kitchen supplies, baby needs, bed linens, etc. These “team heads” then receive help, through donations across the Love INC community, to help set up their ministry. When the ministry is ready to go, it gets added to the network.

The Love INC office in Chaska acts as the clearinghouse. Volunteers take down information from the client. Some of that information, for instance personal circumstances, income or lack of it, are kept private. There is, however, a requirement that a person using Love INC services qualify as “poor”. The needs of the client are taken, then disseminated to the heads of the various ministries at each church. It then becomes that ministry’s team to gather the items necessary, contact the client, and deliver the items as soon as it’s mutually possible.

We require clients to be home when we make a delivery. That way, we get to meet them face to face! Overwhelmingly, people are so grateful! It always makes me feel so good to know that I had a real part in making another person’s life just a little bit better.

You may wonder, does anyone try to cheat the system? I don’t know the answer to that. I do know that, one time recently, I was texting a client to arrange a towel delivery. My phone indicated that I had dialed this number before, so I called the Love INC office to ask if clients were allowed more than one delivery. **No, it is a one-time gift. I then texted the client to explain the policy, with no further issues.**

Currently, my husband Gordon and I run this ministry. We really want to encourage others to get involved! (I especially would like to see our kids get involved with this in some way). It isn’t hard, it doesn’t take up a lot of time, and you will get training! It would be especially helpful to have someone coordinate an East Union New Towel (we only use new towels now) Drive, maybe 3 times a year. Or perhaps there are other ways to do this. Please consider helping! Thanks!!

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/>

Electronic Newsletter

Reminder newsletters will be emailed out. If you would still like to receive a copy in the mail or have changed your email, please let the office know.



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.

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!

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.





COMMUNITY ICE CREAM SOCIAL & CAR SHOW

(weather permitting)

June 18, 2023
4:00-6:30pm

Sloppy joes, Coleslaw, Chips,
Homemade Pie, Ice Cream Sundaes
(Vegetarian/Gluten Free options will be available)

*** Free ice cream sundae for all Dads! ***

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