

## East Union Lutheran Church

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## EAST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Carver, Minnesota

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### Sunday Worship Schedule

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**9:00 a.m.**

**Worship**

with Holy Communion on 1st, 3rd,  
and 5th Sundays

**10:00 a.m.**

**Coffee Fellowship**

**June 2026**

**East Union Lutheran Church**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Pastor Bryant's Office Hours:</b> Mon—Wed 8:30am-Noon <b>Darcy's Office Hours:</b> Tues & Thurs 9am-1pm	1	2 10am Bible Study	3	4	5 2pm Funeral for Jane Volk	6
<b>7 "Restored"</b> 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	8 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	9 10am Bible Study	10 8:30am Card Ministry	11	12	13
<b>14 "Challenges"</b> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	15	16 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	17	18 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	19 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	20
<b>21 "Priorities"</b> 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	22 1pm Quilting Group	23 10am Beth El Synagogue Visit	24	25	26	27
<b>28 "Welcoming"</b> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	29	30 10am Bible Study				

## Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

Summer has unofficially started. Warmer weather is upon us. Sunny skies, green grass, blooming flowers, and gnats and mosquitos and bees—all the usual suspects are showing up.

My kids noticed yet another familiar sight this time of year the other day, too. As they were glancing out the window one day, they suddenly exclaimed: *It's snowing!* Obviously, it was not. And yet, cottonwood seeds gently floating through the air certainly look like it—as if it is the heart of winter with a gentle flurry falling.

If you've ever stopped to look at an individual cottonwood seed, you'll notice how small they really are. It's quite deceiving given how things around my house looked the other day. See, there are a few cottonwood trees in the neighboring yards and they have been releasing their seeds these last couple of weeks.

And so the yard is covered in white. The edges of the driveway and sidewalks are covered in rows of white. The interior of the car and the entryway to the house have managed to become home to a few fluffs of cottonwood.

It's everywhere. And it looks, at times, like a pile of snow. But, not only is it not snow, it's not even one, single entity: those fluffs of white are hundreds and hundreds of seeds. Each one small and seemingly insignificant. But, when joined together? When joined together they form quite the tapestry of shape and size.

When joined together the small becomes the extraordinary.

So it is for us. On our own, our gifts and skills may seem like a drop of water in a vast ocean—incapable of effecting great change. But, when we come together as one people of Christ and with the Holy Spirit by our side, our individual gifts will join with our neighbors to form a community that changes the world.

Together, let's let the wind of the Spirit move us to far flung areas—to encounter neighbors both near and far—and let's join together to form the body of Christ. A body that exudes the mercy and life and love of the one who first shared those gifts with us: Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

## June Theme

Our theme for this month is **Onward**. Having received the Holy Spirit, now it's time for the disciples and for us to get to work. Get to work proclaiming the Gospel message and teaching others about Jesus. Although we have the Spirit encouraging us and gifting us with talents, the work of proclaiming Christ to a broken world is not always easy. For the Gospel is offensive--grace and mercy and love recklessly shown to those who seemingly do not deserve it. And yet, this is our calling: to boldly proclaim Jesus to all.

## Tuesday Bible Study

Bible Study continues every Tuesday morning at 10am in the Parish Center. We will be visiting the Beth El Synagogue in St Louis Park on June 23rd. All are welcome!



## Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday group will resume in the fall.



## 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 10th at 8:30am.

## Quilt Retreat

The quilting group is hosting a retreat on June 18th & 19th from 9am-5pm each day. If you are interested in joining, please call the church office, cost is \$10 per day. Bring your own lunch.

## 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 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!

## 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.

## Looking Into the Future:

- ◆ July—School Supply Drive
- ◆ August 9—Antique & Unique Car Show
- ◆ September 13—Steamboat Days Parade
- ◆ September 20—Rally Sunday
- ◆ October 24—Trunk or Treat
- ◆ December 13—Sunday School Christmas Program



## Heritage Scholarship Fund

The Youth and Education Committee reviews the essays (without names attached) and decide on a winner. The Heritage Scholarship Fund was created in late 1999 at East Union Lutheran Church, making this the 26th year. Each year 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.

## Puzzles

We are cleaning the coat rack area in the Parish Center. Please take as many puzzles as you like. We will donate the leftovers.

## Thank-yous

A huge thank you to our plant sale team who worked hard getting ready for our amazing sale. We are grateful for all your work, donations and dedication to our church family. Also, thank you to all who donated plants, baked goods and crafts for our sale!

Thank you to Kathy Coleman for providing East Union with a talk before worship on May 17th! We learned a lot about our history!



Thank you to all who purchased quilt raffle tickets! It was a great fundraiser for the local food shelf. We especially thank Rochelle Hasse for making the beautiful quilt! Congratulations to Sandy Hitzeman for winning!!



## Thank-yous—cont'd

Thank you to everyone who came to our Honor Guard Service on Memorial Day.



## 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 - May 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!)

**BOUNTIFUL BASKET**  
FOOD SHELF



**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

“Life is not a dress rehearsal. Everyday, you should have at least one exquisite moment.”

~ Sally Karioth

## Father’s Day Fun Facts

June 21, 2026 is Father’s Day! Father’s Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in June every year. This year, that day also falls on the Summer Solstice, with the longest daylight hours in the year, so you’ll be able to celebrate way into the evening! This holiday was inspired by Mother’s Day and was supported by Sonora Smart Dodd from Spokane, Washington. She had been raised by a Civil War veteran who single-handedly raised six children after his wife died. The day was celebrated locally since 1910, but it only became a national holiday after President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972. Father’s Day is celebrated in many countries globally.



## June Events in Chaska

**Chaska Summer Concert Series**, June 11th, Thursday – Catch live music performance at the City Square Park Gazebo at 6–7:30pm, with Bavarian Musikmeisters

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Fun Has Begun Craft Show** – Saturday, June 20th, 10am–3pm, Chaska VFW Post #1791, 620 Creek Road

**Chaska Rocks Music Festival – Reese Glover and his full band.** June 20th, Saturday, 6– 7:30 pm – Fireman’s Park – This event is free and open to the public.

**Paint & Sip at Cy’s Bar & Grill**, June 26th, Friday, 6–8pm – No experience required and all supplies included. Directed by trained, local artists. \$38/person.

## June Events in Chanhassen

**Chanhassen Market Square Summer Celebration** – June 2nd, 6– 7:30pm Live music from American Bootleg, balloons with The Baron of Bubble, and more outdoor fun – in Downtown Chanhassen, 7700 Market Blvd. – Tickets required.

**Chanhassen Farmers' Market** – Opening June 6th and every Saturday until Sept. 26th – 9am-1pm at City Center Park's athletic fields. – 50 + different vendors plus Yoga classes every Saturday at 8:15 a.m. For more info, visit: <https://www.chanhassenfarmersmarket.org/>

**Summer Concert Series** – Opening June 11th at Lake Ann Park – Thursdays, 6:30 – 8pm in June and July – food trucks available – bring your lawn chairs – For more info: <https://www.chanhassenmn.gov/departments/parks-recreation/community-events/summer-concert-series>

## June Events in Carver

**Carver Community Market**– every Tuesday except June 30th, from 3–6pm featuring fresh local produce, crafts and food trucks at the Carver SW Transit Station.

**POUND at the Park**–Wednesdays at 5:30pm – Weekly outdoor fitness classes at Community Park throughout the summer.

**Free Summer Concert Series, “Concerts in Carver”**–Starting Wednesday, June 24th 6–7:30pm at Gazebo Park with Liliana Rindal and Lili Horizon.

**Carver Stories** – June 21st at Village Hall from 5– 7pm – An oral history and video preview event.

## June Events in Waconia

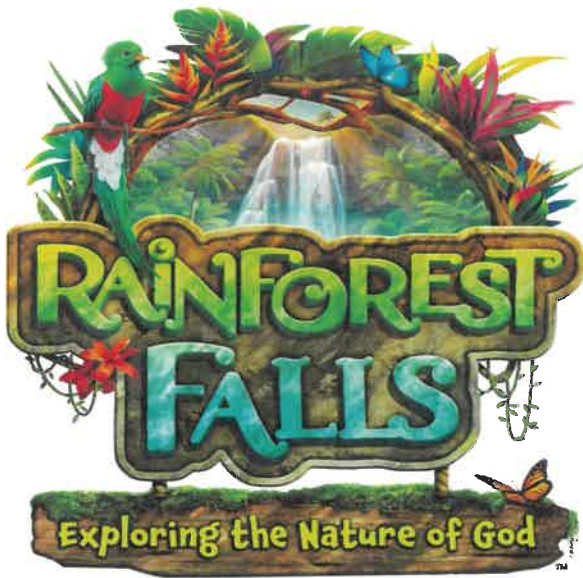
**Waconia Farmers' Market**, Thursdays starting June 4th—Mid October, 4– 7pm at 224 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. -- Featuring 35+ vendors – fresh baked goods, crafts, local produce – flea market on select dates.

**Waconia Rodeo**—June 5th & June 6th at 7pm and June 7th at 5pm – Carver County Fair Grounds – Bareback Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Barrel Racing, Bull Riding, gates open at 5pm to shop with vendors, eat burgers, brats, hot dogs, and tacos, and ride the mechanical bull. **FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Waconia Rodeo Arena on Sunday, 8–9:30am.

## June Events in Victoria

**Classic Car Nights** will be held in Downtown Victoria on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings from June to August. **Come out and see these great old cars!**

**Live by the Lake Concerts** – June 3rd – August 26th, every Wednesday. Free concerts at 6pm at the Charlson Thun Community Bandstand that overlooks Stieger Lake.



**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](http://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](mailto:eastunionlc@gmail.com) or mail it to:

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PO Box 283  
Carver, MN 55315

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 (insert child(ren)'s name) \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_