

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

10:15 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

March 2024

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-2pm					1	2 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
3 "Upsetting the Apple Cart" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:15am Women's Bible Study	4	5 10am Bible Study 7am-8pm Dahlgren Presidential Primary Elections	6 8:30am Card Ministry <u>West Union</u> 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Worship	7	8	9
10 "The Light is Here" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:15am Women's Bible Study	11 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	12 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Photo Organization Mtg 7pm Dahlgren Annual Mtg	13 <u>East Union</u> 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Worship	14	15	16
17 "Sacrificial Love" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:15am Women's Bible Study	18	19 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	20 8:30am Card Ministry <u>East Union</u> 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Worship	21	23	24
24 "Ignorance is Bliss" 9am Palm Sunday Worship 10am Fellowship	25 1pm Quilting Group	26 10am Bible Study	27	28 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship @ EU	29 7pm Good Friday Worship @ WU	30
31 "Ignorance is Redeemed" 9am Easter Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship						

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear disciples,

I was at a children's museum the other day—a place filled with every gizmo and gadget you could think of: foam blocks to build houses, Legos to make creations of every type, a pretend house where you could be an electrician or plumber and watch as lights turned on and water flowed from one space to another. You could program little toy mice to zig-zag their way through a maze to avoid mouse traps and cats in their search for cheese.

It was a smorgasbord of epic proportions: if you could dream it, you could build it. What I found most incredible, though, was this: Kids would be playing at one particular station—building with Legos, let's say.

And they had spent countless minutes putting together block after block to make cars or trucks or buildings or robots or aliens. And while they would happily show off their creations from time-to-time, the “end” never seemed to happen.

Although they would “finish” with one particular project, they would just continue building something else. It was as if they could never put down their projects and instead just kept going and going and going.

Until. Until, while holding their Lego dinosaur that they had spent precious time dreaming up and building to completion—they saw another station with a wonder unlike anything they had ever seen before.

And that Lego dinosaur that had been so precious to them was dropped to the table. Before it could break into a thousand pieces they were already halfway across the room—ready to meet the next adventure.

Their Lego dinosaur? Broken in pieces on the ground. Let go like it was nothing. Why? Because something greater was on the horizon. And if something greater is on the horizon, why hold onto the present *at all*?

If only it were that easy. During this season of Lent we are called to repent—to change our ways, to turn away from that which leads us away from God and set our ways on God's ways. In theory, we're called to drop the heavy burdens and sins of our lives that separate us from God and neighbor and run joyfully to that which is greater: Jesus.

In reality, though, this is incredibly difficult. To let go of all the things that seem to bring value and importance to our lives—ego, power, wealth, being right—and instead place our faith and trust in the one who makes all things new—Jesus.

As we journey through these 40 days of Lent, I invite you to think of all the ways you cling to the ways of this world—all the times we imagine our ways are best—and to let them go. It is not easy. Such is the path of discipleship—of this journey to the cross.

However, Jesus makes the journey with us. And Jesus points to that which is greater awaiting for us when we let go and joyfully set our gaze on the horizon: life eternal with him.

Peace, Pastor Bryant

March Theme

Our theme for this month is **Upheaval**. Throughout March, we will witness Jesus make the journey to the cross. It is a journey filled with challenge and conflict--and yet, it is a journey filled with life in the midst of death, love in the midst of betrayal. This month, Jesus shows us that the powers of sin and death are forever being disrupted and destroyed through sacrificial love.

Sunday School

Hello Church Families! If any parent has questions about Sunday School or would like to assist, feel free to talk to Mel Simonson at church or call at: 320-304-1557. Classes are held for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Sundays from 10am-11am.

Schedule

3/3: Sunday School

3/10: Sunday School

3/17 Sunday School

3/24 No Sunday School

3/31 No Sunday School



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! East Union VBS will be held from 7/22 thru 7/25, Mon-Thurs from 9am-3pm. Grades K-5th grade are eligible, no registration fee. Volunteers are needed. Registration forms are available, please return them to the church office.

Youth Faith Formation

March Schedule:

3/6 Lent + YFF @ West Union

3/13 Lent + YFF @ East Union

3/20 Lent + YFF @ East Union

Bible Study

Bible Study continues every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center.

Wednesday evening Bible Study will not meet in March due to the Lenten Season.



Women's Bible Study

Bible Study is on Sundays at 10:15am in the Parish Center Library. We are studying the book of Deuteronomy. We meet on 3/3, 3/10 & 3/17.

Gathering Thru Fellowship

We will gather on March 2nd at 10am in the Parish Center and we will be doing chair yoga. Free will donations are accepted. All ages are welcome to participate or visit, coffee will be on!

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 March 6th & 20th at 8:30am.

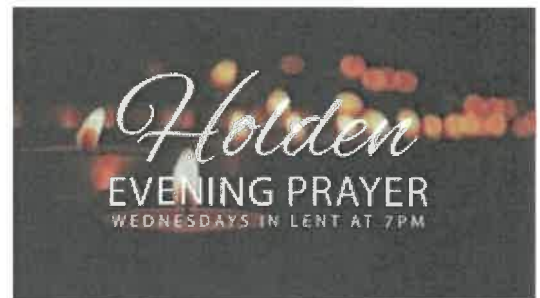


Lent

Here is an outline of our Lenten Season.

Midweek Lenten Services (March 6 @ West Union, March 13 & 20 @ East Union)

- Meal @ 6 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Service @ 7 pm, Sanctuary
- Service structure: Holden Evening Prayer



* We still need some volunteers to make and serve meals on March 13th & 20th. Please either sign up on Sunday or call the church office if you can help.

Holy Week

We start Holy Week with Palm Sunday on March 24th at 9am. Maundy Thursday Worship will be at East Union on March 28th at 7pm. Good Friday Worship will be hosted by West Union on March 29th at 7pm.



Easter Worship

Celebrate Easter with us on March 31st at 9am!

Easter Special Offering

Your council has selected 2 worthy causes to direct the Easter Special Offering this year. Any funds collected in the Easter Special Offering envelopes and loose cash on Easter Sunday will be split between Bountiful Baskets food shelf and our Towel Ministry. Please remember that you always have the option of directing your funds - simply state your preference on your check or offering envelope. Your offerings are always welcome and much appreciated.

Looking Into the Future:

- ♦ Saturday, April 6th—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ♦ Saturday, April 20th—Congregational Listening Session
- ♦ Saturday, May 11th—Annual Plant Sale
- ♦ Monday, May 27th—Memorial Day Honor Guard Service & Breakfast
- ♦ Sunday, July 21st—Ice Cream Social
- ♦ July 22—July 25—Vacation Bible School

2024 Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this year's Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction a success. We had a wonderful array of silent auction items. Be sure to note the long list of company donors hanging on the door at the parish center. Thank you to Jan Lundquist for spearheading the auction and to anyone who donated, bid on, or purchased the auction items. All donations are greatly appreciated. The event brought in over \$4,800 which will be used to support our Youth and Family Events.



2024 Council Elections:

At the January annual meeting 3 council spots were filled. Tom Simonson and Chris Hallin for second terms and new member Todd Johnson. Officers we're elected at the February meeting. Tom Simonson- President, Chris Hallin- Vice President and Rochelle Hasse, Council Secretary. Other council members include Barb Steers, Ted Wirtz, Kathy Schallberg, Jeanne Lundquist, Rick Beck and Todd Johnson. Please feel free to reach out to any council member with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Todd Johnson Bio



I am married, a father of three grown children and three grandchildren, and retired from the operation of a small manufacturing business. Linda and I moved to San Francisco Township in the winter of 2022-3, but we began to look for a new church home before that. We were then members of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church (West) in Victoria. And while it was a great institution, we realized that we had come to want something different: a community church that felt more like home. Our first visit to EULC and coffee with parishioners helped us to realize that we'd found just the right place.

I was brought up in my Lutheran faith in Richfield, MN. My earliest memories of church are those of my parents and brother and me sitting in the dark oak pews of a small sanctuary, surrounded by loving families and the beautiful music of the church. I feel like I've found that again... like coming home.

Many of you already know my wife Linda, through her involvement in Bible study and various events. I'm not nearly as outgoing... I'm afraid that I'm very Scandinavian in that respect. But I was moved to join Council because I realized that I wanted to be involved in EULC as well, and Council seemed like a place where I might contribute in a quiet way.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve East Union Lutheran Church, and to help us make Christ known in our community.

Towel Ministry

East Union has an active role in a Towel Ministry, to help the East Union/Love, INC. Would you consider a gift of towels, money, or Kohl's cash? What if you can't give financially? How about volunteering to do some towel deliveries? It brings a lot of satisfaction, knowing personally that you've helped an individual or a family in need. Training will be provided! Please pray about this and contribute in any way you can.



Email Ann Decker: adeckerchaska@gmail.com if you are interested!

New Photo Directories

We are looking forward to new photo directories. Mark your calendars for **May 16-18** to have your picture taken for the directory. Please make sure that the church office has your current address and phone numbers. Watch for more information coming soon. We are excited to create new directories!

Easter Flower Order Form

Flowers are available for you to purchase for the Easter Sunday altar. If you wish to give in honor or memory of someone, please fill in the information below. Place form, along with your payment, in the offering plate or turn it into the Parish Office. You may take home your flowers following the 9am Easter service. **All orders are due by Sunday, March 10th.** Thank you.

FLOWER/PLANT	QTY	COST	TOTAL
Easter Lily		\$13.50 ea.	\$
Tulips		\$10.00 ea.	\$
Hyacinth		\$10.00 ea.	\$
Daffodil		\$10.00 ea.	\$
Mum		\$12.00 ea.	\$
Hydrangea		\$20.00 ea.	\$
TOTAL COST			\$

In Honor of: _____

and/or

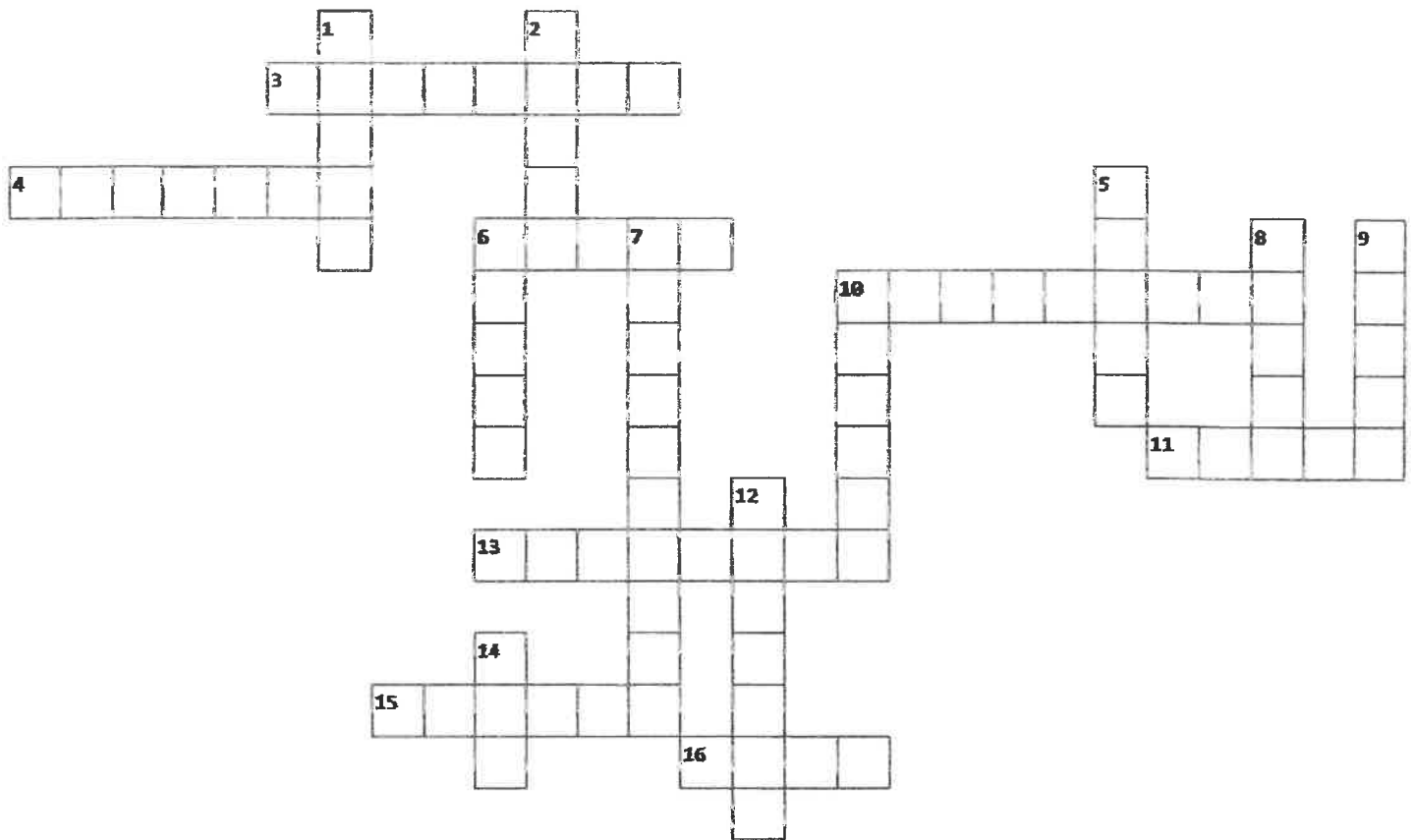
In Memory of: _____

- ♦ *If ordering multiples, please note if specific flower types should correspond to a specific honor or memory. Thank you.*

Given by: _____

Revelation Crossword Puzzle

Revelation



Across

- 3. Future Statement
- 4. Bugle like Instrument
- 6. A Heavenly Being
- 10. The New City
- 11. Aquatic Animal with Flippers
- 13. Number After 999
- 15. One was Locusts
- 16. Anon

Down

- 1. Ire
- 2. The Number of Swans a'Swimming
- 5. It's Number is 666
- 6. First Letter
- 7. What Richter's scale measures
- 8. In Place of Z
- 9. Receptacles for Wheaties
- 10. Passed Sentence Upon
- 12. The Hanging Gardens of...
- 14. Strife

VBS Registration Form



East Union Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School Registration Form 2024

“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 22nd thru July 25th, Mon-Thurs from 9am-3pm. Grades K-5th grade are eligible, no registration fee. Volunteers are needed.

Please bring 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: _____ _____

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Birthdate: _____ Age & grade: _____
Baptized? (Y or N) _____
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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: _____