

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

March 2025

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 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
2 "Strengthened" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	3	4 10am Bible Study	5 8:30am Card Ministry West Union 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship	6	7	8
9 "Tested" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10am Outreach Meeting	10 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	11 10am Bible Study 7pm Dahlgren Annual Mtg	12 East Union 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Worship	13	14	15
16 "Laboring" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	17	18 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	19 8:30am Card Ministry East Union 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Worship	20	21	22
23 "Urgency" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	24 1pm Quilting Group	25 10am Bible Study	26 East Union 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Worship	27	28	29
30 "Found" 8:50am Hymn Sing 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	31					

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

The air is moist. The ground, soggy. The days, longer. The snow, melted. The birds, chirping. The waters, flowing. I know we're still a ways away from throwing off the season of winter, but we're slowly but surely approaching its end.

And with it come hints of something new. Change is certainly in the air. When we finally broke that cold streak the other week, on that first warm Monday morning I stood at the bus stop with a few other kids. One in particular wore shorts. Another a skirt. None had coats on. Later that day while driving around, the sidewalks were littered with folks walking their dogs. Going for a run.

All it took was one day above freezing for Minnesotans of all ages to recognize that this was a moment and opportunity to seize. All it took was one sight, sound, and smell of spring for folks to rush outside like it was the middle of summer.

And another the calendar still said February, although the official season was still Winter, although the temperatures were still relatively cool, most folks treated those warm days like it was a summer's afternoon. Why? Because they recognized that something was different. Something had changed. And so they changed. Their behaviors were a reflection of the newness that surrounded them.

Warm weather brought with it a change of behavior. As we journey through Lent and then find ourselves at the cross and resurrection, do our behaviors change with such a monumental moment? Easter brings with it incredible change and newness and the gift of abundant life—now the question is: Do we live differently because of it?

This Lenten season, we prepare our hearts and minds and souls for that Easter experience. We prepare to be changed. For things to be different. To throw off the throes of pain and suffering and grief and death itself for a new experience: Life. Together, let's live new and changed lives—for the darkness of death has been replaced with the light of life thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

And because of that gift, our lives are forever changed.

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

March Theme

Our theme for this month is ***Urgency***. With the cross approaching, Jesus continues his push to preach and teach the people before his impending death. We, too, as followers of Jesus are pushed to be diligent in pursuit of both Christ and the lost and forsaken. For there are many out there who are still in need of what you have to offer. Not tomorrow, but today. Right here and right now. So, with Jesus leading the way, we get to work!

Tuesday Bible Study

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



Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday evening Lenten services will follow throughout March and April, so we will not meet these days. Wednesday Bible Study will start up again in the Fall.

Sunday School

Classes are held for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Sundays from 10am-11am.

Schedule

3/2/25 Sunday School

3/23/25 Sunday School

3/9/25 Sunday School

3/30/25 No Sunday School

3/16/25 Sunday School

Vacation Bible School

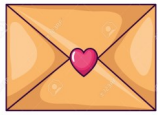
East Union VBS will be held 7/28 thru 7/31. Grades K-5th grade are eligible, volunteers are needed. Theme is Epic Australian Adventure. Watch for more details.



Gathering Thru Fellowship

We will gather on March 1st at 10am in the Parish Center and we will be making table arrangements for the Parish Center. All 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 5th & 19th at 8:30am.



Lent

We are looking forward to worshipping with our Sister church West Union again this year. If you would like to help host a meal, call the church office or sign up on the clipboard on Sunday morning. Here is an outline of the Lenten Season.

Ash Wednesday

- March 5 at West Union
- Dinner @ 6 pm
- Service @ 7 pm



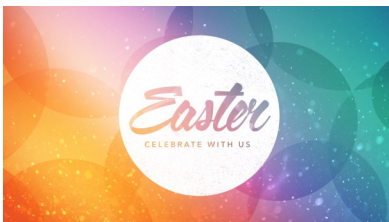
Midweek Lenten Services (*March 12, 19, & 26 @ East, Holden Evening Prayer*)

April 2 & 9 @ West)

- Meal @ 6 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Service @ 7 pm, Sanctuary

Holy Week

We start Holy Week with Palm Sunday on April 13th at 9am. Maundy Thursday Worship will be hosted by West Union on April 17th at 7pm. Good Friday Worship will be at East Union on April 18th at 7pm.



Easter Worship

Celebrate Easter with us on April 20th at 9am!

Pancake Breakfast

There will be a pancake breakfast during fellowship on April 27th hosted by Randy & Tami Johnson. Pancakes, sausage and fruit will be served. Free will offering. All are welcome!

Outreach Committee Tour

The Outreach Committee has been invited to tour Gustavus College on April 23rd. This includes a luncheon with President Bergman and staff. Discussions with the music department will be held for future opportunities.

Spring Plant Sale

Mark your calendars for our Annual Spring Plant Sale Plus Homemade Bake & Craft Sale on May 10th from 8am – Noon.

Looking Into the Future:

- ◆ April 5th—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ◆ May 10th—Annual Plant & Bake Sale
- ◆ May 26th—Honor Guard Memorial Day Service & Breakfast
- ◆ July 28th-July 31—Vacation Bible School
- ◆ September 14th—Rally Sunday
- ◆ October 25th—Trunk or Treat

Thank you!

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. Thank you to Jan Lundquist for spearheading the auction and to anyone who donated, bid on, or purchased the auction items. A special thank you to the Food & Fellowship Committee for preparing and serving the meal! All help & donations are greatly appreciated. The event brought in over \$5,300 which will be used to support our Youth and Family Events.



Thanks to all who donated toilet paper and Kleenex! Bountiful Basket and Carver Elementary School were very thankful!

Spotlight on Council

Here are short bios about our council members.



Todd Johnson

1. **How long have you been part of EULC?** We joined formally in 2023.
2. **What brought you to EULC?** The congregation, the Pastor and the proximity to home.
3. **What's something you enjoy doing outside of EULC?** Gardening & reading.
4. **What motivates you to stay involved with EULC?** Continuing to meet and work with the people here.
5. **What do you enjoy most about being part of this community at EULC?** Worship and coffee in the Parish Hall.
6. **What are your hopes for the future of EULC?** Continued growth in worship attendance and participation in the many programs we offer to the community.



Barb Steers

1. **How long have you been part of EULC?** I joined EULC in 2005.
2. **What brought you to EULC?** My family and I moved to Carver in 2003. We liked the “small town” feel of EULC, as well as the sense of community.
3. **What's something you enjoy doing outside of EULC?** I enjoy gardening, reading, jigsaw puzzles, games, exercise/walking with and socializing with friends; my full-time job with Lakeshore Properties as well as my part-time job with Chanhassen Dinner Theatre.
4. **What motivates you to stay involved with EULC?** It seems that everyone truly enjoys being a part of this church, enjoys being involved and serving their friends and neighbors. It is such an awesome community that I can't imagine not being a part of it.
5. **What do you enjoy most about being part of this community at EULC?** I love the people, the sense of community and the support of the church family. I also love participating in the music program at EULC as well as other aspects of the church service.
6. **What are your hopes for the future of EULC?** I hope that we can continue to reach out to people in the community and provide whatever spiritual growth and support that is needed and to continue to provide a place that people can go to feel welcome, supported and loved.



Cheryl Hubbard

1. **How long have you been part of EULC?** I started attending service May 2023
2. **What brought you to EULC?** I received an invitation to attend EULC from fellow Carver Lions member Evelyn Grimm.
3. **What's something you enjoy doing outside of EULC?** Seeing Broadway shows at the Orpheum and Ordway Theatres.
4. **What motivates you to stay involved with EULC?** The opportunities provided for spiritual growth.
5. **What do you enjoy most about being part of this community at EULC?** The friendships I have made attending bible study, card ministry and outreach.
6. **What are your hopes for the future of EULC?** That we continue to share the good news with the growing community of Carver and build a relationship with Gustavus College.



Chris Hallin

1. **How long have you been part of EULC?** I've been a member all my life (with a little break when I lived out east). Baptized and confirmed at East Union.
2. **What brought you to EULC?** My parents 😊
3. **What's something you enjoy doing outside of EULC?** I'm a big fan of traveling, working on visiting as many National Parks as I can; Vikings fan and Theater buff.
4. **What motivates you to stay involved with EULC?** Having grown up here, this place holds many memories for me. My parents were active members of the church (mom was Sunday School Superintendent and dad was Financial Secretary). I'm happy to pass on the traditions they taught me to be part of the community.
5. **What do you enjoy most about being part of this community at EULC?** I'm grateful to have many friends with whom I grew up still attending EULC along with the many newer members that I've come to know over the years.
6. **What are your hopes for the future of EULC?** One of the best parts of this community is the close connection that we have with each other. I hope that continues as we grow. I'm excited for the passion that people have for outreach into the community.



Rick Beck

1. **How long have you been part of EULC?** Since May 2022
2. **What brought you to EULC?** We were church shopping and felt most comfortable at EULC. The congregation is very welcoming.
3. **What's something you enjoy doing outside of EULC?** Hiking, yard-work, spending time with my grandkids, museums, visiting historical places and music.
4. **What motivates you to stay involved with EULC?** I feel it's important to help out where needed.
5. **What do you enjoy most about being part of this community at EULC?** How everyone is willing to pitch in with various projects for the greater good.
6. **What are your hopes for the future of EULC?** To hold onto our rich history while being a part of our growing community

2025 Council Members Committees and Executive Committee:

- Council President: Todd Johnson
- Council Vice President: Chris Hallin
- Council Secretary: Tom Simonson
- Stewardship and Finance Committee: Chris Hallin, Jamie Scott
- Youth and Education Committee: Tom Simonson, Todd Johnson
- Worship and Music Committee: Barb Steers
- Food and Fellowship Committee: Jeanne Lundquist
- Property Committee: Jamie Scott, Tom Simonson
- Cemetery Committee: Rick Beck
- Care for Creation Committee: Kathy Schallberg
- Outreach and Evangelism Committee: Cheryl Hubbard

* We will continue with bios from the rest of the council in future newsletters.

Bountiful Basket

There is a need for brown paper grocery bags. If you have extra, please put them in the grocery cart in the Parish Center. Thank you for your donations!

Share Campaign

When viewing East Union Facebook notices or worship services, please press the share button. This is an easy way to share our events with friends and neighbors.

Tithely

Tired of writing out checks? Are you out of town? Tithely is an easy way that you can contribute to East Union online. Your gift is safe and secure and goes directly to our church. Go to <https://give.Tithe.ly/my-church> 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.

Select “sign up” to create an account to track your gifts, set up recurring giving, and more. Reach out to Chris Hallin if you have any questions.

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. Thank you for your donations!

Great News for Carver County Residents

For all of you like me missing the local newspaper, Carver County now has a new, free, online newspaper! It's called **“Carver County Local News.”** The paper is a non-profit, non-partisan media organization covering news, events, stories, etc. from Chaska, Carver, Chanhassen, Victoria and Carver County in general. To find the newspaper, go to this link: cclocalnews.org and subscribe for free!

Recipe from Barb Steers

(Bars provided by Barb for coffee hour on February 16)

Chocolate Peanut Butter Tart/Bars

Crust:

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/3 cup unsalted peanuts, chopped
1/2 cup melted butter

Fudge Layer:

2 tbsp butter
1 cup semi-sweet real chocolate chips
1 tbsp water
1/4 cup powdered sugar

Filling:

1/3 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
1/4 cup softened butter
3 ounces softened cream cheese

Chocolate Drizzle:

1 tbsp butter
2 tbsp semi-sweet real chocolate chips

In medium bowl stir together all crust ingredients. Press crust mixture evenly on bottom of 10 inch tart pan or 13x9 inch cake pan; refrigerate until firm (5-10 minutes). In one quart saucepan, combine 2 tablespoons butter, 1 cup chocolate chips and water. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally until melted (3-5 minutes). Remove from heat; stir in 1/4 cup powdered sugar until smooth. Spread fudge mixture over crust; set aside. In medium mixer bowl combine all filling ingredients. Beat at high speed, scraping bowl often, until light and fluffy (2-3 minutes). Spread peanut butter mixture over fudge layer. In one quart saucepan, combine 1 tablespoon butter and 2 tablespoons chocolate chips. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until melted and smooth (2-3 minutes). Drizzle over filling. Cover; refrigerate at least 2 hours.

History of the EULC Community

This is a reprint of an article that Mike Coleman wrote many years ago.

BEGINNING OF THE INDIAN WAR

When you hear the story about the Indian uprising on August 20, 1862 that happened in Kandiyohi County you might wonder what has this to do with us in Carver County. The story begins with a traveling minister named Andrew Jackson who traveled to the Lundborg cabin for a service on that day. This cabin was centrally located among a few small farms in the West Lake area. What a joy it was to bring the good news to these people. All was fine and the sermon was completed when 7 year old Peter Broberg walked in with a troubled look on his face. He told us the Indians were at the Broberg cabins. He said they were acting strange. A wagon was brought for the women and children and the men walked. When A. P. Broberg arrived there was normal conversation between him and the Indians. Then at some kind a pre arranged signal, the Indians began shooting and killed everyone in the cabin. Then the Indians picked up their tomahawks and pursued the children, killed them and mutilated their bodies. Then the wagon carrying the women and small children arrived and the Indians attacked and murdered most of them. 14 bodies and 13 were dead.

How is this terrible story related to East Union. The Brobergs and Lundborgs have ties to West Union, with some buried in their cemetery. And secondly the minister that day was Andrew Jackson who ended up here as a pastor at West Union and had a hand in setting up the school we had here that became Gustavus College in St. Peter.

The third coincidence was, one of the people at the service that day was named Sven Oman. Sven and old man Lundborg, being older, walked slower and didn't arrive until after the attacks had begun. They were able to hide until after the attack was over. The interesting story here is that Sven and his family were able to hide in his cabin. He had built a fruit storage room under the cabin which was used to store produce from their garden. They hid there and later escaped and moved north of Minneapolis for a time and then to Carver County and became a member of East Union Church. His wife, son, daughter in law and their children are buried in our cemetery.

There is a monument at Monson Lake State Park in remembrance of this family that was murdered by Indians on that fateful day. The only survivor of the Broberg family was Peter, the little boy who interrupted the service on August 20.

Paul Lundborg researched and wrote a book called "Death of a Dream" in 2013. A copy of the book will be in our library if you would like to read about this terrible time on the Minnesota prairie.

St. Patrick's Day Fun Facts

St Patrick's Day is celebrated each year on March 17th. The day is the observation of the death of St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.



1. St Patrick was born in 385 AD in a place believed to be Banna Venta Berniae, a town in Roman Britain (his exact place of birth is however uncertain). He died during the fifth century in the year 461 AD at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland.
2. St Patrick's Day commemorates the arrival of the Christianity in Ireland. It happened in the year 432.
3. At the age of 16, St Patrick was kidnapped and was taken to Ireland. He was kidnapped by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. He worked there for 6 years tending sheep and then escaped and became a priest.
4. St Patrick's Day is also known as the 'Feast of Saint Patrick' and the 'Day of the Festival of Patrick'. Patrick studied and received his training in the religion for more than 12 years after he escaped from the captivity of the Irish raiders.
5. Saint Patrick used a Shamrock (a young sprig of clover) to teach the pagans about the Holy Trinity. The shamrock is now the official flower of Ireland.
6. St Patrick's Day has been observed by the Irish as a religious holiday for more than 1,000 years.
14. Wearing green attire or shamrock is also a St Patrick's Day tradition. It is one of the Irish traditions to pinch someone who is not wearing green on the day.
18. St Patrick's Day is one of the most celebrated festivals in the world. St Patrick's Day parades began in North America in the 17th century but they did not spread to Ireland until the 20th century.



19. St Patrick's Day is not celebrated on March 17 when it falls within the Holy Week. The celebration of the Day is adjusted

Chanhassen Senior Center News:

The Age Well Discussion Series is a **free** education and conversation group sponsored by the U of MN's Aging Studies (ASIG) student group.

Meet up monthly and learn together **how to age well, age strong, and age informed**. Group meets the **2nd Friday every month, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m., Chanhassen recreation Center. Fridays March 14, April 11, May 9.**

Luck o' The Irish Luncheon, Chanhassen Senior Center – March 17

- Monday, March 17, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | \$12
- Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the musical mixings of **Paul Young**, a local, old time Disc Jockey! Put on your favorite green attire and come ready for a rainbow of good cheer

After the show, enjoy a hearty baked potato bar with all the toppings, dessert and beverages.

Chaska Community Center—The Lodge

Weekly Activities at the Chaska Community Center:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bingo 1st & 3rd 1:00pm	Bridge 1:00-3:30pm	Cards 1:00-3:30pm	Cribbage 1:00-3:30pm	Games 9:30-11:30am
Cards 500 2nd & 4th 1:00-3:30pm	Hand & Foot 1:00-3:30pm		Hand & Foot 1:00-3:30pm	Manitoba Rummy 9:30-11:30am
	Mah Jongg 1:00-3:30pm		8 Ball League 5:00-8:00pm	Mah Jongg 9:30-11:30am

PLUS **SPRING PLANT SALE** **HOMEMADE BAKE & CRAFT SALE**

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8AM-NOON

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