

## East Union Lutheran Church

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## EAST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Carver, Minnesota

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952-448-3450

### **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 & Sunday School**

**May 2024**

**East Union Lutheran Church**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Pastor Bryant's Office Hours:</b>                      Mon—Wed 8:30am-Noon  <b>Darcy's Office Hours:</b>                      Tues &amp; Thurs 9am-2pm</p>			<p>1  <b>6:30-8pm</b> Youth Faith Formation @ WU</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4  <b>10am</b> Gathering Thru Fellowship</p>
<p>5 "Chosen"  <b>9am</b> Worship-Communion  <b>10am</b> Congregational Mtg  <b>10am</b> Sunday School  <b>10:15am</b> Acolyte Training  <b>10:15am</b> Roadside Clean Up</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7  <b>10am</b> Bible Study</p>	<p>8  <b>8:30am</b> Card Ministry  <b>6:30pm</b> Rite of Passage @ WU</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10  <b>9am-6pm</b> Drop off plant &amp; bake sale donations</p>	<p>11  <b>8am-Noon</b> Annual Plant &amp; Bake Sale</p>
<p>12 "Sent"  <b>9am</b> Worship  <b>10am</b> Fellowship  <b>10am</b> Sunday School</p>	<p>13  <b>1pm</b> Quilting Group  <b>7pm</b> Dahlgren Township Mtg</p>	<p>14  <b>10am</b> Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16  <b>2-8:30pm</b> Photography for New Directories</p>	<p>17  <b>2-8:30pm</b> Photography for New Directories</p>	<p>18  <b>10am-4pm</b> Photography for New Directories</p>
<p>19 "Empowered"  <b>9am</b> Confirmation Worship-Communion  <b>10am</b> Fellowship  <b>10am</b> Last day of Sunday School</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21  <b>10am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:30pm</b> Council Meeting</p>	<p>22  <b>8:30am</b> Card Ministry</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 "For What?"  <b>9am</b> Worship-Communion  <b>10am</b> Fellowship</p>	<p>27  <b>7:30am</b> Honor Guard Service &amp; Breakfast</p>	<p>28  <b>10am</b> Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

## Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear disciples,

What will the world look like in 166 years? What will our congregation look like in 166 years? Thankfully, we don't need to know the answers to these questions. By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit we will continue to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ far and near at East Union in the decades to come.

What a wonderful and engaging conversation that was had on a Saturday in April as we gathered as a congregation to listen, learn, and grow from one another. To hear what our passions are, what our skills and talents are, and what our hopes and dreams are for our community of faith.

If you weren't able to join in for that discussion, please talk with myself or a Council member to receive a questionnaire—we would love to hear as much feedback as possible!

A comment that was prevalent during that listening session—and feedback I've heard during my time here—is the welcoming and inviting environment created by you: the people! The Holy Spirit is alive and active in this place—you can hear its presence in the laughter between friends and neighbors on a Sunday morning, you can taste its presence in the abundance of delicious foods and coffee at fellowship, you can feel its presence in the well-worn hymnals, handshakes, and smiles, you can see its presence in the faces of everyone who enters the doors, and you can smell its presence in the beauty of the countryside that surrounds us.

You, the people, are integral to the proclamation of Christ's forgiveness and love to a world in need. What a joy it is to serve alongside folks who are willing to give in any and all capacities knowing that the Spirit has empowered us to do incredible things in Jesus' name!

Remember, always, that you have been called and equipped with every gift and skill you need to be Jesus' hands and feet out in the world. As we dream about the path we're being called down over the next few years and decades at East Union, remember that all of us—together—make up the body of Christ and proclaim the good news!

I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us—with your continued generosity, joy, and service, the future is filled with abundance thanks to Jesus Christ!

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

## May Theme

Our theme for this month is **Onward**. Throughout May, we will hear of Jesus' return to the Father. This leaves a glaring question for the disciples and for us: What now? The Holy Spirit has our answer: the next steps are to continue on the mission and ministry of Jesus to all the world. For through the Holy Spirit we have been equipped and empowered to be Jesus' hands and feet to our neighbors near and far!

## Sunday School

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Sunday School year a success!! Our last day of Sunday School is May 19th.

### Schedule

5/5: Sunday School

5/12: Sunday School

5/19 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, please call the church office or sign up on the clipboard on Sundays if you can help. Registration forms are available, please return them to the church office by July 1st. Space is limited, please register soon!

## Youth Faith Formation

Last day of Youth Faith Formation (YFF) is on May 1st from 6:30-8pm @ WU.

## Rite of Passage

West Union will host a Rite of Passage Ceremony for the Confirmation families on May 8th at 6:30pm.

## Bible Study

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



## Gathering Thru Fellowship

We will gather on May 4th at 10am in the Parish Center and we will be decouping glassware. Free will donations are accepted. All ages are welcome to participate or visit, coffee will be on! Gathering Thru Fellowship will break for the summer, next one will be in October.

## Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on **May 5th** following worship to talk about property insurance for the church.

## Roadside Cleanup

It's that time of year again! Roadside cleanup is Sunday, **May 5th** right after our Congregational Meeting. We need lots of volunteers, call the church office if you can help. Wear sturdy shoes and bright colors.



## Acolyte Training

We will be hosting acolyte training for kids first grade and up after the Congregational Meeting on **May 5th**.

## 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 May 8th & 22nd at 8:30am.



**Annual Plant Sale**—Our Annual Plant & Bake Sale is Saturday, May 11th from 8am-noon!! We will have hundreds of hanging baskets, herbs, flowering annuals, vegetable plants, potting soil & fertilizer! Come and get your homemade baked goods also!

Every year we get awesome donations of garden related items along with items from your personal gardens. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help make our plant sale a great success. This year we are asking for one small favor - we would appreciate any plants donated be potted. If you are in need of pots please contact anyone on the plant sale committee (Lori and Jamie Scott, Tom and Nadine Lundquist, Paul and Jeanne Lundquist, Linda Goetze, Dave Lundquist, Kent and Rochelle Hasse, Rick and Connie Beck, Matt Brumm) and we will help make that happen.

## Bake Sale Items

We are looking for baked good donations for our Plant & Bake Sale. Please drop your items off on **Friday May 10th** from 9am-6pm at the Parish Center. Homemade baked goods only. Please package 6 to a plate, no prices on them (we will take care of it). Thank you.

## Confirmation Sunday

We will celebrate with the families of Gracelynn Heggstad and Marlee Wirtz on May 19th as they make their Affirmation of Baptism. After the service, we will continue our celebration with fellowship.



## Memorial Day Service

The Honor Guard will be here promptly at 7:30 am for a brief service held in our cemetery on May 27th. Breakfast will be served after the service.

## Graduation Sunday

Join us on Sunday, June 2nd as we celebrate with our 2024 High School Graduates. If you have not sent in your graduation photo or future plans, please email them to the church as soon as possible.

## Looking Into the Future:

- ♦ Sunday, July 21st—Ice Cream Social
- ♦ July 22—July 25—Vacation Bible School
- ♦ July 27—School Supply & Clothing Give & Take Event

## Thank you!

Thank you to the team that shampooed the carpets in the Fellowship Hall: Mark L, Dave L, Tom L, Dwight S, Marvin G, Ole S, and Gary L. Thank you to Kevin Lebens for the use of his industrial cleaning machine. Great job guys!!

## Heritage Scholarship

If you are an EULC graduating high school senior with plans to continue your education next fall, don't miss out on the opportunity to gain a \$1000 scholarship towards your fees. Please contact the church office as soon as possible to get the application, which will be due by May 21st.

## Time & Talent

Thanks to those who were able to attend our April 20 listening session. It was great to hear from so many individuals on how East Union Lutheran Church impacts their lives, their families' lives, and our neighboring communities. We heard many things on what brings people to our church and what our church offers to families in the community. Over the next few months, we'll be compiling the information and begin to formulate how we will continue to live our vision of "A Wellspring of Faith, Hope, and Love".

If you couldn't attend, it's not too late to share your insights. You can email them to the church office or Chris Hallin ([CJH20201@outlook.com](mailto:CJH20201@outlook.com)). Please share your thoughts on:

- What brought you to East Union Lutheran Church? What keeps you attending? What are the strengths we have a congregation?
- What does our vision statement mean to you? How do we connect our vision statement with our current ministries? What more could we be doing to live our vision?
- What are some of the changes in our community? What are some of the major challenges facing our local community? How can East Union help bridge any gaps that might exist?

In the newsletter, there is a time and talent sheet. Please take time to consider how you might like to be involved in the congregation. There are many opportunities to become involved. Complete one sheet for each member of your family (adults and children). You can email them back to the church office, drop them off at the church office, or drop them in the offering plate. If you are already involved in any of the activities, please check that you will continue to be involved. We'll be using the information to invite new and returning members to committees and to help with their selected activities. If there is a talent that you have to share with others and it's not listed, please write that in (this could include artistic abilities, willingness to share expertise on a specific topic, etc.)

## 2024 Time and Talent

We have each been blessed with unique talents and passions. God calls us to use our gifts to serve God and our neighbors. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to use your gifts and time in our East Union ministry.

**Please complete one sheet for each person in your household. Return through offering plate or at church office.**

### Finance and Stewardship

- Serve on finance committee
- Assist with tracking/counting offering
- Internal Audit
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Worship and Music

- Serve on worship and music committee
- Become a lector
- Serve on Altar Guild
- Join hand chimes choir
- Join adult choir
- Provide special music
- Assist with seasonal decorating
- Usher
- Run AV during church service
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Youth and Education

- Serve on youth and education committee
- Assist/teach Sunday School
- Assist with Vacation Bible School
- Assist/lead adult bible study
- Assist/participate in youth programs
- Assist with the spaghetti dinner
- Assist with spaghetti dinner silent auction
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Food and Fellowship

- Serve on food and fellowship committee
- Assist with ice cream social
- Assist with fall dinner
- Assist in serving at funerals
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Property

- Serve on property committee
- Serve on cemetery committee
- Serve on care and creation committee
- Help with general maintenance & upkeep
- Provide skilled assistance (plumbing, etc.)
- Provide landscaping assistance
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Outreach and Evangelism

- Serve on outreach and evangelism committee
- Assist with marketing
- Assist with Facebook page
- Assist with website
- Assist with outreach programs (blood drive, back to school kits, etc.)
- Assist with card ministry
- Assist with towel ministry
- Assist with annual plant sale
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Administrative

- General office support (as needed)
- Become a member of church council
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Add your own talents

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Committee Descriptions**

### **Finance and Stewardship**

The finance and stewardship committee is responsible for determining and presenting the annual budget. The committee works with each committee to help develop the annual budget. In addition, works with the Church Council regarding disbursement of funds.

### **Worship and Music**

The worship and music committee discusses and plans worship services throughout the year. In addition, assisting with other aspects of the worship service including providing special music, seasonal decorating, ushering and many other aspects of the worship service.

### **Youth and Education**

The youth and education committee provides vision and guidance in educational ministry of all ages. This includes identifying programs and festive materials to support family and youth, plan Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Education, and the church library.

### **Food and Fellowship**

The food and fellowship committee is dedicated to bringing the EULC and the broader community together for fellowship in the hopes of deepening our relationship with Christ. The committee shall provide opportunity for gathering to include dinners, seasonal events, and will facilitate fundraising events as needed. We will also provide coffee, lemonade and other supplies needed for Sunday morning fellowship. The committee will also provide a minimal amount of help with funeral luncheons. We will try to provide kitchen assistance with preparing coffee, etc. Food will need to be provided by the family by a catering service.

### **Property**

The property committee is responsible for the care and maintenance of the church property. This committee coordinates general repair activities and purchases the services and supplies required to maintain and improve church properties, including snow removal and custodial service. The property committee works with the care and creation and cemetery committees to help maintain the grounds and landscaping around the church.

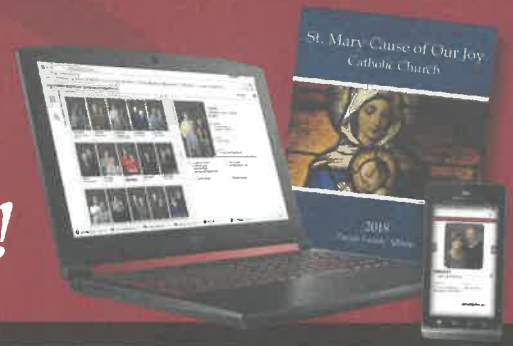
### **Outreach and Evangelism**

The outreach and evangelism committee provides leadership and guidance to help our congregation in the community as well as sustain our rich history in Carver. Through community events and opportunities, such as local parade, provide food for local families in need, or hosting an event at EULC for parents to drop off their kids for fun and games as the parents have a night out. In addition, this committee works to help provide marketing opportunities to help outreach into the community.

### **Church Council**

The Church Council is a group of dedicated EULC members who have been elected to be the chief governing body of the congregation. They have responsibility for the financial life of the church and the strategic direction of the congregation. The church council meets monthly and each council member participates in serving on one of the other committees and provide regular updates at the council meeting.

# Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.  
Connecting families.  
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*Directory Committee*

## Connections Event

***Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.***

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.** If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!** You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

**Set your appointment with Universal today!**

*Gathering families,  
Connecting generations.*



We are looking forward to new photo directories. Mark your calendars for **May 16-18!** You can start signing up now!

### **Online Scheduling Available!**

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **mn428** the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots.

**If you need help signing up or have any questions about the new directories, please contact Chris Hallin, Brenda Lundquist or the church office. Chris and/or Brenda will be helping people sign up during fellowship on Sundays.**



# SPRING PLANT SALE

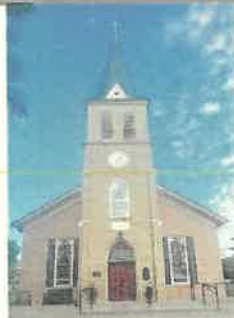
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# HOMEMADE BAKE SALE

Saturday, May 11th 2024

8am–12pm

Hundreds Of  
Hanging Baskets.  
Vegetables & Herbs



Flowering Annuals  
Potting Soil  
Fertilizer

**East Union Lutheran Church**  
**15180 Co. Rd. 40 Carver, MN 55315**



**Get Your Mothers  
Day Gift Here**



## Supply List for VBS

We are looking for supplies for Vacation Bible School. If you can donate any of the following items, please email Mel Simonson at [melinasimonson@gmail.com](mailto:melinasimonson@gmail.com).

- \* Name badges
- \* 2 bright flashlights
- \* cellophane (not red, and enough to have four layers over the flashlights)
- \* 8 ounce plastic cups (we are going to need around 70 of them)
- \* 8 plastic container with large openings such as empty animal cracker containers or large mixed nuts containers
- \* several packages of regular balloons
- \* salt packets-at least 10
- \* About 20 disposable bottles of water
- \* ketchup packets -at least 10
- \* 1 box of cotton swabs
- \* large disposable lasagna pan
- \* 5 gallon bucket
- \* wide mouth jar
- \* 3 to 4 spray bottles
- \* Removeable Sticky note flags
- \* many blankets or rugs for kids to sit on
- \* a couple of packages of toilet paper
- \* soft foam ball
- \* orange caution cone
- \* 5 to 7 bags of small water balloons
- \* 1 pkg of sturdy plastic spoons
- \* 1 beach ball
- \* two large plastic bowls
- \* 30 ping pong balls
- \* gallon buckets (3)
- \* 3 hula hoops
- \* 7 to 10 pool noodles
- \* 4 large bedsheets
- \* 8 pillow cases
- \* orange, red, green, and yellow crepe paper streamers, purple will need 8 rolls of the purple)
- \* large box fan
- \* two 10 x 25 foot rolls of black plastic
- \* several disposable blue tablecloths
- \* 2 folding clothes racks
- \* imitation fruit
- \* imitation rock
- \* 5 large beach towels
- \* old fashioned bell
- \* party horn
- \* large clear plastic tub
- \* bowling ball weighing 8 lbs or less
- \* Jesus costume

# 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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.**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_