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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
& Women's Bible Study**

November 2022

East Union Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 All Saints Sunday 9am Worship-Communion 10am Congregational Mtg 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	7	1 9am-1pm Church Office Open	2 8am Card Ministry 6:30pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU	3 9am-1pm Church Office Open 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	4 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	5 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
13 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:15am Women's Bible Study	14 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	8 7am-8pm General Election 9am-1pm Church Office Open 7pm Property Committee Mtg	9 6:30pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU	10 9am-1pm Church Office Open	11	12 11am Celebration of Life for Mike McGraw
20 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:15am Women's Bible Study	21 7pm Ecumenical Worship at St. John's Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine	22 9am-1pm Church Office Open	23	24 Happy Thanks-giving!!	25	26
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Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting has been called for **Sunday, November 6** immediately following the church service. The purpose of this meeting will be to hold a ballot vote on the acceptance of our Pastoral Call to Pastor Bryant Bakkum as our new permanent Pastor. Any questions you may have can be directed to any Call Committee member (Chairperson Gary Lokken, Brenda Lundquist, Chris Hallin, Jeri Bowers, LuAnn Haas, Dave Lundquist, and Tom Simonson).

Following is a summary of The **Rev. Bryant Jeremy Bakkum**.

He grew up in the small town of Westby, WI, has a wife and two small children and lives in Eden Prairie MN. He was an Organist from 2000–2013. Served as an Intern Pastor from 2013–2014, a Pastor in West Allis, WI, from 2013-2019, and currently an Associate Pastor at Prairie Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN. To watch one of his sermons online, go to <https://www.plcchurch.org/online-worship-videos>

The comments below were copied from his profile and fit with our interviews that excited us to recommend him.

I am familiar with preaching using the Revised Common Lectionary, Narrative Lectionary, and topical series. I believe in order to make a message relevant it must connect daily life with the biblical passage. In order to do this, I engage the five senses: I use audio, video, and photos when relevant during my preaching to activate the imagination. I view preaching as an opportunity to take the listener on a journey from an obscure aspect of daily life and showcase how the day's passage connects in beautiful and wonderful ways. Worship is our opportunity to praise and give thanks to God! I try to bring an energetic passion to the worship experience. I often custom build worship elements to fit the day's theme so provide an all-inclusive experience for the congregant. I love designing and creating worship themes -- this summer I designed a worship theme around being on the road since many of our members are traveling. Instead of lamenting people leaving for the summer I used it as an opportunity to design our worship around the beauty of God's creation and as a reminder that whether in-person or at the cabin we all have the ability to experience the majesty of God. I absolutely love crafting sermons and preaching them -- they are a sacred space that is filled with both humor and learning, surprises and comfort. I have been involved in worship leadership for nearly two decades. I have been involved in leading a worship service through preaching, presiding, assisting, and music. Leadership in music includes: organist, pianist, soloist, accompanist, and member of a worship band.

Congregational Meeting, cont'd

In my current setting I strongly emphasize the arts. I have taught Vacation Bible School, Sunday school, Confirmation, and Bible Studies. At the heart of everything I do is the energy, spirit, and passion received through and in the presence of Christ. Music has always been an important part of my life. From a young age I have played piano and was an organist for my hometown congregation throughout middle and high school. I fully believe music to be yet another way to experience the Gospel. Liturgical rites, sermons, baptism, and other parts of a worship service are each powerful in their own ways. So, too, is music. Everyone has the ability to impact the world in large and small ways and if I become your Pastor I promise to do my best to fill your expectations.

Church Council: An Opportunity for Involvement....

We have three spots open on the Council for 2023. As a little background on the council per the Bylaws, The Congregation Council serves as the board of directors of the congregation. The Council has control and management of the property of the congregation and is authorized to transact congregational business. Decisions made by the Council are subject to review by the congregation at annual and special meetings. The Council is responsible for the supervision of all committees and staff supporting the congregation and serves at the pleasure of the congregation. Each Council member serves as a liaison to a committee of their choosing.

Council terms run for 3 years. The Council consists of 9 members. Each year there are 3 terms that will expire. Each council member may only be on Council for a total of 2 consecutive terms.

Please consider volunteering for this very important position in our church. If you are interested or just have questions, please contact Rochelle Hasse (612-747- 6649; hasse.rochelle@gmail.com).

Year End Committee Reports Deadline Upcoming

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of 2022. Just a quick reminder to all committee chairs that 2023 budgets are due to the finance committee by December 1 and year end committee reports will be due to the church office the first week of January to allow Darcy enough time to assemble the Annual Report.

Christmas Offering 2022

Your Council is seeking suggestions for this year's Christmas Eve offering. In the past we have split this offering 1/3 each between a local, regional, and a global charity. Note that, as always, you do have the option of not-ing your donation should go to the EULC general fund if you so prefer. This decision will be made at the November council meeting so if you have suggestions, please let any council member know prior to Nov 15. Thank you.



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.

November Sunday School Schedule

11/06/22 Sunday School
11/13/22 Sunday School
11/20/22 Sunday School
11/27/22 No Sunday School

December Sunday School Schedule

12/04/22 Sunday School
12/11/22 Sunday School
12/18/22 Sunday School Program
12/25/22 No Sunday School

Youth Faith Formation Schedule

November

11/02/22 @ West Union
11/09/22 @ West Union
11/16/22 No Class
11/23/22 No Class
11/30/22 @ East Union

December

12/07/22 @ East Union
12/14/22 @ East Union
11/21/22 No Class
11/28/22 No Class

Women's Bible Study

Bible Study meets in the Parish Center at 10:15am. We are studying Leviticus.

11/06/22 No Bible Study
11/13/22 Leviticus 16
11/20/22 Leviticus 17-22
11/27/22 Leviticus 23-27

Break through December, enjoy the holidays with friends and family. In January, we will start studying the book of Numbers.

Quilt Retreat

The quilting group is hosting a retreat on November 3rd & 4th from 9am-5pm each day. If you are interested in joining, please call the church office, cost is \$5 per day. Bring your own lunch.

Gathering Thru Fellowship

On Saturday, November 5th we will be gathering to create gnomes for our shut-ins. Supplies are included with an instructor giving step by step instructions. Fun and easy to make. All are welcome to visit or create! **Don't miss out on this fun event for fellowship. It starts at 10am in the Parish Center.** Coffee will be on! Suggestions are welcome for another event on the 1st Saturday of every month. Sharing love thru Christ—Stephanie & LuAnn

All Saints' Sunday

During worship on November 6th we will give God thanks for these Saints:



- ♦ Don Atkins
- ♦ Curt & Esther Lundquist
- ♦ Sherry Richardson
- ♦ Lee Ostlie
- ♦ Marilyn Loge
- ♦ Don Nelson
- ♦ Henry Gordon Anderson

Ecumenical Worship

At 7pm on November 21 we will join with our brothers and sisters in Thanksgiving worship at St. John's Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine, hosted by River Rock.



Thank You!

Thank you to the Berg Family and all those who participated in the Road Clean Up. The ditches look great!

Kitty Seck Memorial

Kitty's memorial was completed by her kids. If you get a chance to view it before the snow flies, it is just to the right of the entrance to the Parish Center from the church.



Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction Donations

We are looking ahead to our Spaghetti Dinner in February. We'd love your help to start thinking of donation items or have a business contact for the Silent Auction. Watch for more details to follow!

Carver Lions Club Sunday Brunch

The Carver Lions Club is hosting their Sunday Brunch on November 13 from 9am-1pm at the Carver Village Hall. There will be French Toast & Pancakes, Bacon & Sausage, Omelet Bar, Hash Browns, Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy and more!

Worship & Music Volunteers

Your Worship & Music Team invites you to consider helping with worship. We could use folks to usher, acolyte, bring flowers to decorate the altar, learn our A/V system, serve fellowship, offer special music or join the choir. Please sign up on the clipboard or call the church office to volunteer.

Towel Helpers Needed!



East Union has an active role in a Towel Ministry, part of ECC Love INC. Volunteering consists of filling towel orders and driving the towels to the client's home. You will receive training too!

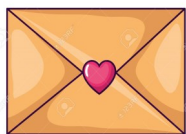
Email Ann Decker: adeckerchaska@gmail.com if you are interested!

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!



Card Ministry Team



The Card Ministry Team will meet at 8am on 11/2, 11/16 & 11/30. This team is looking for unwanted card material that is no longer being used. We can put it to good use.

Pastoral Care

If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Adam at 952-222-8236. He will be supporting any need; communion, a visit, just a chat on the phone or a prayer.

Council Meeting Minutes

Reminder if you would like a copy of the previous month's council minutes, you can find them in the rack near the library door at the Parish Center.

Church Newsletter

If you have an idea or want to contribute something for the newsletter, please email the church office eastunionlc@gmail.com. Thank you.

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.

