

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

November 2023

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 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30-8pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU 6:45-7:45pm Bible Study @ EU	2	3	4 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
5 All Saints Sunday 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 4-6pm Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner	6	7 10am Bible Study	8 6:30-8pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU 6:45-7:45pm Bible Study @ EU	9	10	11
12 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:15am Women's Bible Study	13 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	14 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Property/Cemetery Committee Meeting	15 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30-8pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU 6:45-7:45pm Bible Study @ EU	16	17	18
19 9am Worship-Communion & First Communion Celebration 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10:15am Women's Bible Study	20 7pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship @ Our Lady of the Prairie in Belle Plaine	21 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving!!	24	25
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Words from Pastor Bryant

It was nearly one year ago that I first encountered the wonderful people of East Union and the rich history of service and mission you have brought to the community of Carver and beyond. I've had the privilege and honor of learning and growing with you during this last year—hearing your stories, celebrating milestones, and holding hearts and hands in grief.

Nearly one year of experiencing amazing grace, incredible hospitality, and a passion for service. What a joy and blessing it has been to journey with you and I cannot wait to see what God continues to have in store for our community of faith!

As we enter this month of November I can't help but think of Thanksgiving and the innumerable ways we have all been blessed by Jesus—and to shout to the highest heavens our thanks and praise for his generosity!

I would also like to take time to thank you—yes, you reading this very note! You are a beloved member of East Union and the body of Christ. Thanks to you, Jesus is made manifest in the world. Through your hands and feet, through your words and actions, through your prayers and hospitality, through your work—both visible and unseen—your neighbors both near and far are changed!

Changed by the presence of Jesus Christ and changed by your willingness to make a difference! Together, let's spend this month with an attitude of gratitude. For no matter where we find ourselves in this life, we can be sure of the all-encompassing love and grace of Jesus that surrounds us and the presence of the Holy Spirit which leads us.

A presence that is seen and heard and felt through you! Together, we can change the world! Together, with the Holy Spirit by our side, we can proclaim life and love!

I am so incredibly thankful for you. For your willingness to lean into this amazing calling we all have before us: To be disciples of Jesus. Thank you for everything you do to make East Union a beacon of hope and peace, of love and joy—thank you for trusting that when the Holy Spirit leads you, when the Holy Spirit leads us, all things are possible!

Peace,
Pastor Bryant

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

11/05: No Sunday School

11/12: Sunday School

11/19: Sunday School sings during worship, Sunday School

11/26: No Sunday School



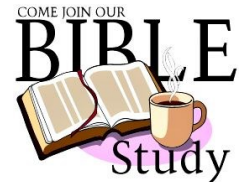
Youth Faith Formation

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) is held @ WU on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm.

Schedule: 11/1, 11/8, 11/15 & 11/29

Bible Study

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



Wednesday evening Bible Study is held @ EU from 6:45-7:45pm and follows the Youth Faith Formation schedule. All are welcome!

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 11/12 & 11/19

Bountiful Basket

We are hosting a Bountiful Basket food drive for the month of November. They are in need of diapers, pasta sauce, pancake mix, cake mix & cooking oil. Please bring your donations to the grocery cart in the Parish Center. Thank you!

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 November 1st & 15th at 8:30am.

Gathering Thru Fellowship

We will gather on November 4th at 10am in the Parish Center for a Make-N-Take. We will be decorating wood gnomes and pine trees. Free will donations are accepted to cover the cost of materials. All are welcome to visit or create, coffee will be on! If you have a craft idea to make for future events, please let the church office know.



We are looking for someone to help co-coordinate future Gatherings. Stephanie has decided to step down from this role and we are looking for a volunteer to help LuAnn with future events. A big thank you to Stephanie for all your hard work over the past couple of years! Please call LuAnn at 952-239-6986 if you would like to help.

All Saints' Sunday

During worship on November 5th we will give God thanks for these Saints:



- ◆ John McGraw
- ◆ Tom Fisher
- ◆ Lyle Lund
- ◆ Lauren Olivia Johnson
- ◆ Gary Bengtson
- ◆ Goldie Goetze

Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner

Mark your calendars for our Swedish Meatball Dinner on November 5th from 4-6pm. Meatballs & gravy, potatoes, corn, & homemade desserts will be served.



First Communion Celebration

We will celebrate First Communion on Sunday, November 19th at our 9am worship.



Ecumenical Worship

The Community Thanksgiving worship will be held on Monday, November 20th at 7pm at Our Lady of the Prairie in Belle Plaine. All are welcome!

Christmas Services

We will celebrate Advent 4 on Sunday, December 24th at 9 a.m. and Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be at 4pm and 5:30pm.

Looking Into the Future:

- ◆ Saturday, December 2nd—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ◆ Sunday, December 17th—Sunday School Christmas Program
- ◆ Sunday, January 28th—Annual Congregational Meeting
- ◆ Saturday, February 10th—Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Year End Committee Reports Deadline Upcoming

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of 2023. Just a quick reminder to all committee chairs that 2024 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.

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!

Address Changes

Please notify the church office if you have changed your address/phone number so we can keep our records updated. If you would like to receive a birthday card, please email the office as well with your birthdate. Thank you!

Worship & Music Committee

We were blessed with some great special music in October – flute members of the Minnesota Valley Community Band provided special music for us on October 15 and the Chime Choir offered a beautiful song on October 22.

The Minnesota Valley Community Band Brass Ensemble is scheduled to provide music for us on November 26 so hopefully you can be at the service that Sunday to enjoy their special music!

The Worship & Music Committee is involved in all the aspects of the worship service –

- Scheduling special music
- Organizing the volunteers for the Altar Guild (communion preparation, changing of paraments and banners)
- Organizing the volunteers for the Sunday morning scripture readers
- General input regarding Sunday morning services, communion, input and service layout for special services, such as Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Easter, etc.



Watch for sign-up clipboards during the services in November and December to sign up for scripture reading and Altar Guild during 2024.

We would love to have you join the committee or participate in any of the groups!

Contact Information: Barb or Ann eastunionlc@gmail.com

Council Meeting Minutes

Each month's minutes are posted in the parish center after being approved at the following month's meeting. If you have any questions about the meeting minutes please contact Rochelle Hasse, Council Secretary.

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!



East Union Lutheran Church Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner

Featuring meatballs & gravy, potatoes, corn, & homemade desserts

**Sunday, November 5
4pm-6pm**

Adults & Youth \$14
Children ages 4-10 \$7

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