

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

November 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-1pm						1 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
2 “Saintlike” 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 4-6pm Fall Swedish Dinner	3	4 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Property/Cemetery Committee Meeting	5 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Bible Study	6	7	8
9 “Transformed” 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10am Outreach Meeting	10 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	11 10am Bible Study	12 6:30pm Bible Study	13	14	15
16 “Patience” 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	17	18 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	19 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Bible Study	20	21	22
23 “Kingdom Come” 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	24 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Ecumenical Worship	25 10am Bible Study	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28	29
30 “Watchfulness” 8:50am Hymn Sing 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship						

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

The leaves keep changing colors. They continue to fall. We rake them up, bag them up, send them away only to see a clean and clear yard become leaf-covered as more leaves fall. This process will continue for a bit longer.

Leaves fall, leaves are picked up.

I, when time allows, do this. Rake and then bag the leaves. However, more often than not, I simply fire up the lawn mower and mulch them up. Turn them into little bits that remain out in the yard, but in a smaller, less visible form.

Leaves that once turned sunlight into food for the trees now have a new purpose. Because although it looks like life is leaving those once green trees, those brown and yellow and orange leaves are now serving a new purpose: providing the plants of the ground with nutrients.

What once gave life to the trees is now giving life to the ground. Because even for the leaves of the trees, death is not the end—new life always springs forth. So it is for us. Having just celebrated Reformation Sunday and All Saints' Day, we are reminded of the life-giving presence we receive in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are reminded that death is not the end; that the power of sin does not enslave us; that the forces that would seek to separate from the love of Jesus have found themselves rent asunder. Because in the death and resurrection of Jesus, the end is no longer the end. Death is no longer the final chapter—it is only the beginning.

For like the beautiful leaves gracing the ground, there is still life to be found. In this season of change, in this season of gray skies and leafless trees, let's hold fast to the promise given to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus: that death is not the end.

Let's celebrate and give thanks for the gift of new life that begins now—a gift that joyfully sends us out into God's creation proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

November Theme

Our theme for this month is **Watchfulness**. The reign of Christ is both a future hope and a present reality--a kingdom of God that is slowly breaking its way into our broken world. As followers of Jesus, we are both alert to its hidden presence and active participants in bringing it about. For with the Holy Spirit by our side, we, like Jesus, will shine the light of truth, hope, and love for a world in need of Jesus' life-giving presence.

Tuesday Bible Study

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

Wednesday Bible Study

Bible Study meets at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings. No class on November 26th.



Sunday School

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

Schedule

11/2/25 Sunday School

11/23/25 Christmas Program Practice

11/9/25 Christmas Program Practice

11/30/25 No Sunday School

11/16/25 Christmas Program Practice

Gathering Thru Fellowship

We are looking forward to our next gathering on November 1st at 10am in the Parish Center. We will be making mason jar ring pumpkins. All are welcome to participate or visit!



All Saints' Sunday

During worship on November 2nd we will give God thanks for these Saints:



- ♦ Ray Lundquist
- ♦ Sandra Schmidt
- ♦ Mary Berg
- ♦ Gerald Bohn
- ♦ George Olson
- ♦ Evangeline Stai
- ♦ Pat Probst
- ♦ Andra Fjone



Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner

Join us for our Swedish Meatball Dinner on November 2nd from 4-6pm. Homemade Meatballs & gravy, potatoes, carrots & homemade desserts will be served.

Property & Cemetery Committee Meeting

The committees are meeting on Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30pm.



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 5th & 19th at 8:30am.

Ecumenical Worship

The Community Thanksgiving worship will be held on Monday, November 24th at 7pm at River Rock Church. Address is: 551 E Park Street, Belle Plaine. All are welcome!

Toys for Tots

We are collecting toy donations for Toys for Tots. Please bring donations to the Parish Center. Thank you!



Christmas Caroling in Carver

We are looking for people who would like to go Caroling in Carver on Saturday, December 6th. Meet at the Gazebo in Carver at 3:15pm. We will start Caroling at 3:30pm.

Sunday School Christmas Program & Potluck

The Sunday School Children will host their Annual Christmas Program on December 14th during worship. Everyone is welcome to stay for the potluck during Fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. We look forward to it!!

MN Valley Community Band

Mark your calendars for December 21st. The brass quintet from MVCB will provide special music during worship.

Christmas Eve Worship

We will celebrate Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24th at 4:30pm.

Looking Into the Future:

- ♦ December 6th—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ♦ December 14th—Christmas Program & Potluck
- ♦ December 24th—Christmas Eve Worship
- ♦ January 22 & 23, 2026—Quilt Retreat
- ♦ January 25, 2026—Annual Congregational Meeting
- ♦ February 7, 2026—Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction
- ♦ February 11, 2026—Blood Drive

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 and for brown paper grocery bags as well as empty egg cartons. If you have extra, please put them in the grocery cart. Thank you for your donations!

BOUNTIFUL BASKET CURRENT NEEDS - October



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| • Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta | • Ramen Noodles |
| • Canned Chicken, Tuna & Salmon | • Easy Mac & Cheese |
| • Canned Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges | • Cereal |
| • Canned Mixed Vegetables | • Hearty Soup |
| • Canned Pinto Beans | • Saltines |
| • White & Brown Rice | • Mayonnaise |
| • Instant Rice | • Flour, Sugar & Cooking Oil |
| • Healthy Kid Snacks | • Baking mixes |
| | • Diapers |
| | • Toilet Paper |

And, THANKSGIVING ITEMS

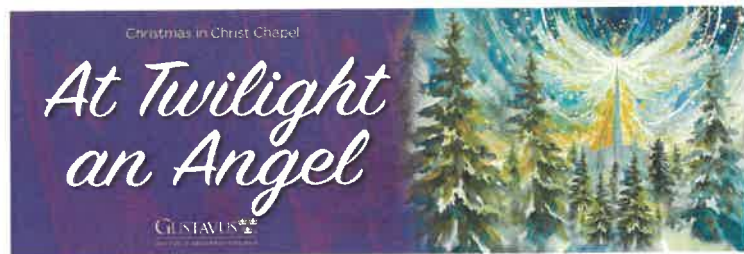
including: stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, gravy, green beans and mushroom soup

Card Ministry—Free Cards

Our committee has appreciated all the free card donations! We have an over abundance right now. There is a tote in the Parish Center for anyone who would like to give a card. Please take what you need.

Gustavus Christmas Concert

Tickets for the services are available now. Go to <https://gustavus.edu/events/ccc/index.php>



Year End Committee Reports Deadline

Reminder to all committee chairs that 2026 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.

Thank You's

Pumpkin Wagon—Thank you to the East Union congregation for allowing our family to sell pumpkins again this season! We were blessed with many pumpkins, so we were very appreciative to have our wagon at East Union again. Thank you for supporting us! ~ Akerberg Family

Love INC Winter Wear Gear—Thank you to everyone who donated winter gear to Love INC! We collected over 2 full grocery carts!!



Trunk or Treat Event—Thanks to everyone who supported or donated to our Trunk or Treat Event. It was a good community outreach event!



Tithely

Did you forget your offering? 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.

Use the QR code or go to [Tithe.ly Giving](https://Tithe.ly/Giving) 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.

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



Veterans Day—November 11

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. Veterans Day 2025 will occur on Tuesday, November 11. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied Nations and Germany in World War I, then known as “the Great War.”



Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day.

Upcoming Carver County Community Events

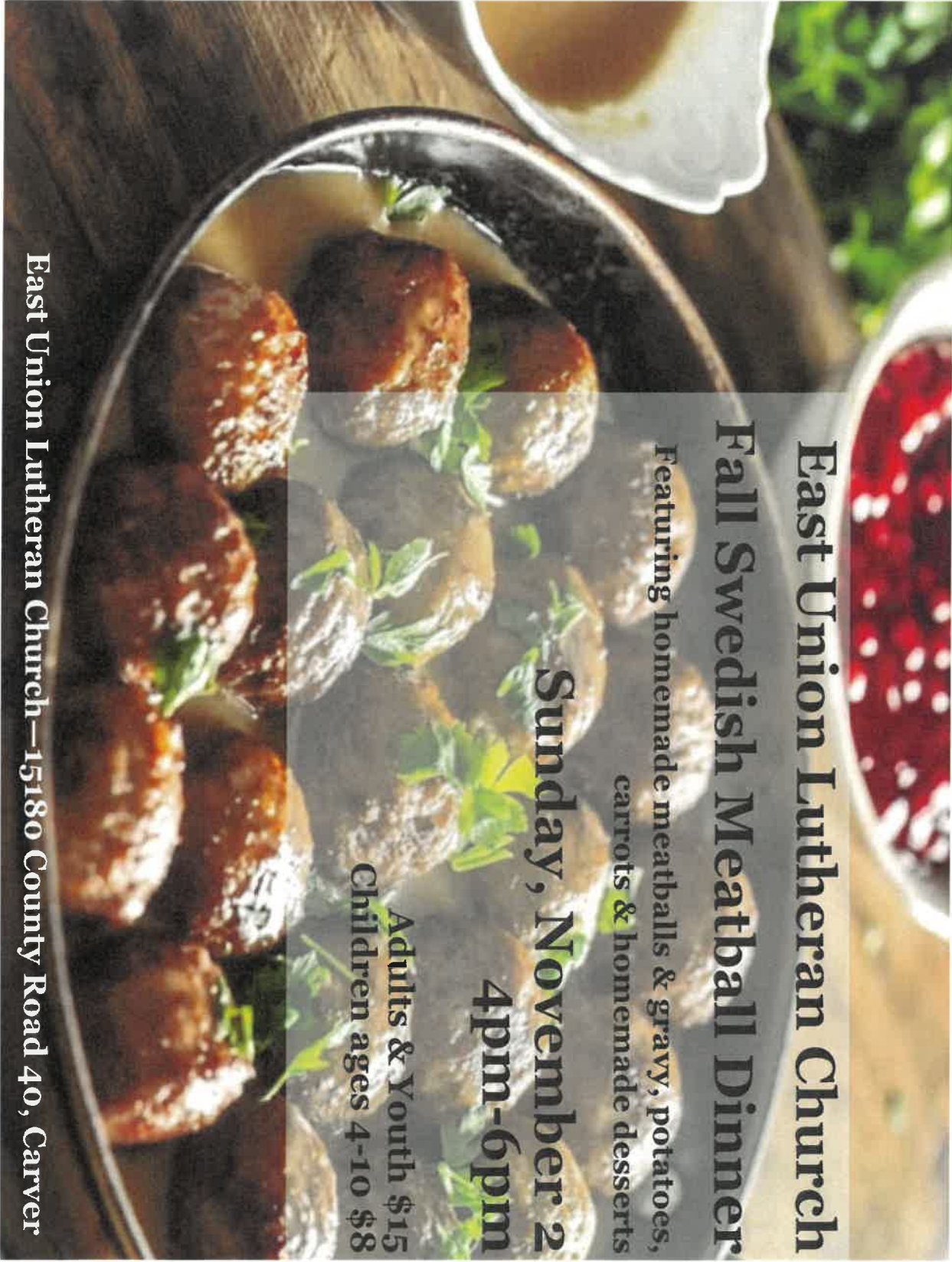
Chan’s Artisan Fair—Saturday, November 8th from 10am–2pm at the Chan Rec Center. This is a huge art gallery with over 35 area artists displaying their unique creations and products including, wood-crafted items, pottery, jewelry, paintings, photography, furniture, bags, clothing, and more. Admission is FREE, but please bring an item to donate to the area food shelf.

Celebrate India—November 14th from 5:30pm–8:30pm at the Chaska Event Center. Celebrate the cultures of India at this FREE community event. Enjoy food, crafts, dancing and cultural performances.

Holiday Craft Fair—Saturday, November 15th from 10am-1pm at Carver Ridge Senior Living, 920 6th St. W., Carver. Featuring handmade treasures and tasty treats!

Chaska Tree Lighting—November 23rd from 6-7:30pm at Fireman’s Park in Chaska. Join us for the lighting of the 50-foot holiday tree and then stay for cozy bonfires, delicious s’mores, and a special visit from SANTA!!

Holiday Market—Saturday, December 6th from 10am–2pm at the Chan Rec Center featuring commercial and handcrafted arts, crafts, jewelry, collectibles, food items, home décor, toys, and more. Admission is FREE, but please bring an item to donate to the Bountiful Basket food shelf.



East Union Lutheran Church Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner

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

Sunday, November 2
4pm-6pm

Adults & Youth \$15
Children ages 4-10 \$8

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