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 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 "Freed" **9am** Worship-Communion **10am** Fellowship **10am** Sunday School **4-6pm** Fall Dinner	2	3 **10am** Bible Study **7am-8pm** Dahlgren General Elections	4 **6:30pm** Bible Study	5	6	7
8 "Prepared" **9am** Worship **10am** Fellowship **10am** Sunday School	9 **1pm** Quilting Group **7pm** Dahlgren Township Mtg	10 **10am** Bible Study	11 **8:30am** Card Ministry **6:30pm** Bible Study	12	13	14
15 "Opportunities" **9am** Worship-Communion **10am** Fellowship **10am** Sunday School	16	17 **10am** Bible Study **6:30pm** Council Mtg	18 **6:30pm** Bible Study	19	20	21
22 "Service" **9am** Worship **10am** Fellowship **10am** Sunday School	23 **7pm** Ecumenical Worship @ St. John's Lutheran in BP	24 **10am** Bible Study	25 **8:30am** Card Ministry	26	27	28
29 "Change" **8:50am** Hymn Sing **9am** Worship-Communion **10am** Fellowship	30					

PASTOR BRYANT'S OFFICE HOURS:
MON – WED 8:30AM-NOON

DARCY'S OFFICE HOURS:
TUES & THURS 9AM-1PM

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

This time of year is a favorite of mine. Leaves are burnt orange, bright yellow, and fiery red. They decorate the ground like confetti and crunch in a satisfactory way under your feet. Mornings are crisp. The air is refreshing in a way it hadn't been all summer. Birds are on the move. The days are getting shorter. It's as if all creation is preparing itself for what is to come.

It is a time of year where perhaps we long for the warmth of summer. A time of year where we dread what is to come—snow and ice and darkness and wintry cold. A time of year where it feels like we live in-between: in-between the light and warmth of summer and the darkness and cold of winter.

Maybe that's why I appreciate fall so much. For it is simply a reminder of what it means to be a Christian—for we are always living in-between. We're living in-between the grief and pain of this world and the joys and life of the next.

We're caught in-between. But, for family and friends who have died, they are no longer in this in-between time—no, now they live into life everlasting.

For within church calendar, fall brings with it a holy holiday: All Saints' Day. It is a day where we pause and remember—we remember all the saints who have gone before us and now live in the arms of their Savior and Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

All Saints' Day is a time to give thanks for the wisdom of those who have gone before us. It is a time to remember that so long as the memory of those who have died lives within us, they never truly die. Each of us has the bold responsibility of carrying on the legacy of those who have died.

Each of us, living reminders of the saints who taught us what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ. Saints who put their faith and trust in the One who sets us free. Saints who are no longer caught in the in-between. Saints who now live in the reality of peace and joy and life eternal with Christ.

And so, for us who still make this journey by faith, we remember and we give thanks. We remember the lives of those who have died and we give thanks for the joy of eternal life they now live into.

And together, in this season of fall—in this season of faith—we hold fast to the promise of life eternal. Of the joys and peace and everlasting love that we, too, will one day be clothed with thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

November Theme

Our theme for this month is *Opportunities*. Each and every day, there are moments and opportunities that are put before us. Moments where our gifts and skills are needed. Opportunities for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. With the Holy Spirit by our side, we have been called, equipped, and sent to meet these moments and embrace these opportunities. For they are always there. Together, we have been called to be on the lookout for all the ways we have been called to serve as Christ first served us.

Tuesday Bible Study

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

Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday group will meet on 11/4, 11/11 & 11/18 at 6:30pm.

Sunday School

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

Schedule

11/1/26 Sunday School

11/8/26 Sunday School

11/15/26 Christmas Program Practice

11/22/26 Christmas Program Practice

11/29/26 No Sunday School

All Saints' Sunday

During worship on November 1st, we will give God thanks for our Saints:

- Pastor Tom Stutelberg
- Jane Volk

Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner

Our Swedish Meatball Dinner is on November 1st from 4-6pm. Meatballs & gravy, potatoes, carrots & homemade desserts will be served.

Carver Lions Club Sunday Brunch

The Carver Lions Club is hosting their Annual Sunday Brunch on November 8 from 9am-1pm at the Carver Village Hall. The brunch includes French toast, pancakes, omelet bar, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy.

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 11th & 25th at 8:30am.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship

East Union is part of an ecumenical group of churches that meet monthly in Belle Plaine. Each year, those congregations gather together in worship to give thanks. On Monday, November 23 at 7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran in Belle Plaine, the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship service will be held. East Union has the privilege of running the service this year. What that means for you is this: we're in charge of providing snacks and treats following the service. This is what we do best! What a joy it will be to worship with our siblings from other congregations and to gather together in fellowship as we give thanks for all the blessings we have received!

Christmas Caroling in Carver

We are looking for Carolers for the Gazebo Tree Lighting in Carver on Saturday, December 5th. Meet at the Gazebo Park in Carver at 5pm.

Toy Donations

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

Year End Committee Reports Deadline

Reminder to all committee chairs that 2027 budgets are due to the Finance Committee by December 1st and year end committee reports are due to the church office the first week of January to allow enough time to assemble the Annual Report.

Looking Into the Future:

- December 13—Sunday School Christmas Program & Potluck
- December 24—Christmas Eve Worship
- January 21 & 22, 2027—Quilt Retreat
- January 31, 2027—Annual Congregational Meeting
- February 6, 2027—Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Alyssa Lundquist and Nathan Brandecker, who were married on September 18, 2026! May God richly bless their new journey together as husband and wife.

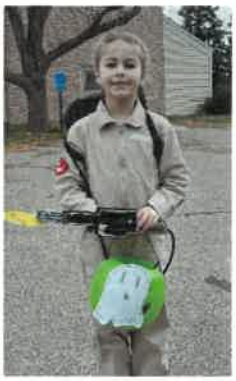
Schram Winery

We had a great time at the Winery on October 18th. Thanks to everyone who went!!

Thank yous

Love INC Winter Wear Drive—Thank you to everyone who donated winter gear for those in need in our community.

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



Carver County Environmental Center

The Care for Creation Committee would like to point out that Carver County offers a Product Reuse Room at the Environmental Center where residents can look through a variety of items, all free of charge. Common items in the Reuse Room include latex paint, spray paint, stain, varnish, cleaning supplies, automotive products, and other household items. If you are interested in learning more, go to: https://www.carvercountymn.gov/departments/public-services/environmental-services/environmental-center. Look under 'Reuse Room'.

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 and plastic grocery bags. If you have extra, please put them in the grocery cart. Thank you for your donations!

Thanksgiving Food Drive - The Food Shelf is also looking for some of the holiday staples that make the meal feel complete, including stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, cream of mushroom soup, and green beans!

Tithely

Use the QR code or go to 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.

Quote of the Month

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thanksgiving Fun Facts

- President Abraham Lincoln officially proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863.
- Americans eat about 46 million turkeys and 50 million pumpkin pies every Thanksgiving Day.
- The Butterball Turkey Hotline answers more than 100,000 cooking questions each Nov. and Dec.
- The very first frozen TV dinner was created by Swanson in 1953 using 260 tons of unsold Thanksgiving turkey.
- The original 1621 Thanksgiving Day feast did not include turkey, but instead featured venison, duck, goose, and seafood.
- There are four "Turkey" towns in the US. They are in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina.

The Butterball Turkey Hotline Funniest Questions

The Electric Blanket: A caller asked what number to set the electric blanket to in order to thaw the turkey.

30-Year-Old Bird: A caller asked if it was safe to cook a frozen turkey that had been left in a freezer 30 years.

Stomping to Fit the Pan: A caller asked if they could break all the turkey's bones by stomping on it so that it would fit into a smaller baking pan.

Four-Day Slow Cooker: A caller wanted to know if they could slow-cook a turkey over four straight days just to make the house small good.

The Great Turkey Expansion: A new bride cooking a turkey for the first time in a small apartment- sized oven called to make sure her turkey wouldn't expand during cooking (like baked goods) and thus get stuck in the oven.

Snow Day: A lady from Colorado asked about how to thaw her turkey. She was very proud that she had stored her frozen turkey in a snow bank outside. However, it had snowed overnight and it suddenly dawned on her that she didn't have a clue as to which snow bank her turkey was in!

Minnesota Freezer: A man called to say that his wife had every inch of the fridge and freezer filled so he had left the turkey out in the garage. Well, since it was Minnesota, it was pretty cold and the turkey probably would have been fine....except he left the garage door open and it was devoured by our outdoor critters!

East Union Lutheran Church
Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner
Featuring homemade meatballs & gravy, potatoes, carrots & homemade desserts
Sunday, November 1, 2026
4pm-6pm
Adults & Youth $16
Children ages 4-10 $9
East Union Lutheran Church—15180 County Road 40, Carver

CARVER LIONS

Sunday Brunch

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Carver Community Room

316 Broadway Downtown Carver

9:00am - 1:00pm

Featuring:

- French Toast
- Pancakes
- Omelet Bar
- Sausage
- Bacon
- Hashbrowns
- Scrambled Eggs
- Biscuits and Gravy

Adults	Youth 5-12	Youth 4 & under
$17	$10	Free

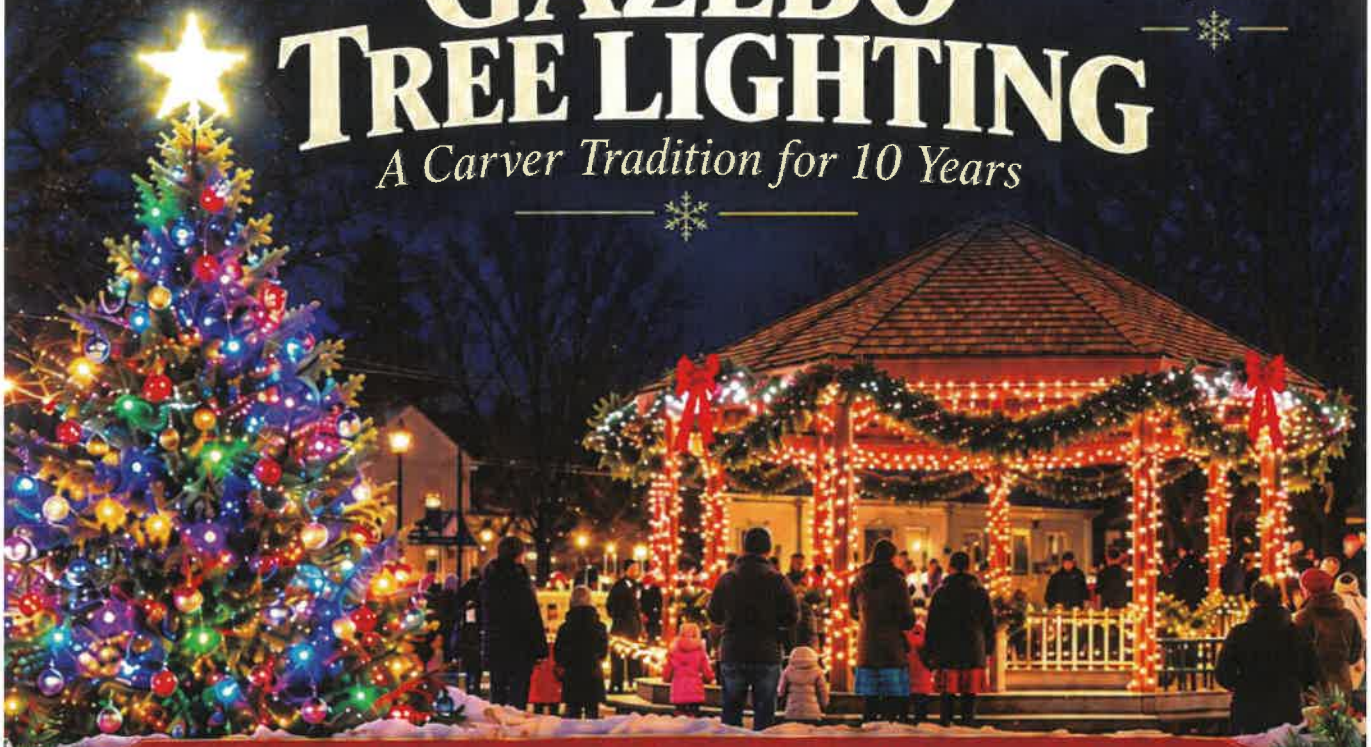
★ Veterans and First Responders Free ★

10th ANNUAL

GAZEBO TREE LIGHTING

A Carver Tradition for 10 Years

Community. History. Holiday Cheer. Together.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

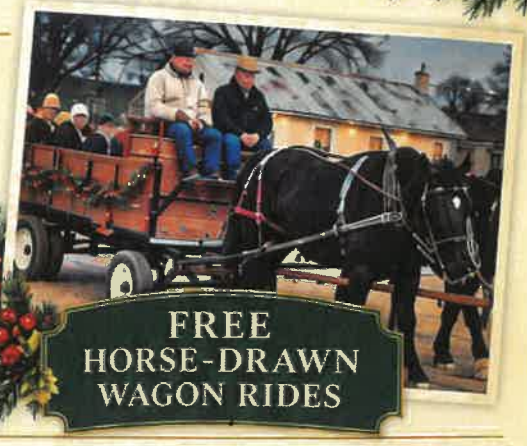
GAZEBO PARK ❖ DOWNTOWN CARVER

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Live Holiday Music ❄ Carolers ❄ S'mores by the Fire
Hot Chocolate & Cider ❄ Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides
Community Countdown ❄ Tree Lighting

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3:30 – 6:00 PM	Live holiday music, carolers & recorded classics in the Gazebo
3:30 – 6:00 PM	S'mores over the open fire, hot chocolate and cider
4:00 – 6:00 PM	**FREE** horse-drawn wagon rides in the Historic District
6:00 PM	Welcome, community countdown to tree lighting



CARVER ON THE MINNESOTA, INC.

Join us in Gazebo Park for an evening of music, warmth and holiday spirit as we light up Carver together!

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