

## 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**

# October 2024

## East Union Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Pastor Bryant's Office Hours:</b> Mon—Wed 8:30am-Noon <b>Darcy's Office Hours:</b> Tues & Thurs 9am-2pm		1 10am Bible Study	2 6:30pm Bible Study	3	4	5 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
<b>6 "Vulnerable"</b> 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	7	8 10am Bible Study	9 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Bible Study	10	11	12
<b>13 "Wealthy"</b> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10am Outreach Meeting	14 1pm Quilting Group 2pm Lois Zimmerschid Funeral 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	15 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	16	17	18	19
<b>20 "Greatest"</b> 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	21	22 10am Bible Study	23 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Bible Study	24 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	25 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	26 4pm-6pm Trunk N Treat Event
<b>27 "Freed"</b> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	28 1pm Quilting Group	29 10am Bible Study	30 6:30pm Bible Study @EU	31		

## Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear disciples,

I was in the midst of putting together a new bookshelf for my daughter—one of those with simple directions and simple parts and pieces. And as I was nearing the end and feeling fairly good about this new piece of furniture that would adorn her room and hold cherished books, I was hit with a problem: I was now in need of bookends.

Whereas the old nightstand was small enough to hold up all the books, this new bookshelf had enough space that without help on the ends, the books would stand upright for a moment before toppling over like a row of dominos.

What's interesting about bookends is while they're incredibly important—they hold together books of all shapes and sizes—they're not *the* object of importance. The books hold that title. The books are the things that contain the substance, the words, the stories, the laughter, the fun—the bookends are simply sturdy and stable ends to what truly matters: the middle.

And is that not where we live life—in the middle? Certainly, there are different bookends, if you will, within our lives. Days or events or celebrations or moments that mark the passage of time. Times within our lives that help prop us up, sustain us, and propel us forward. And yet, those highlights are not what make up the bulk of our lives. Much of our life is lived in-between—in-between the bookends.

For me, the fall and upcoming winter (gasp!) seasons are filled with bookends—Rally Sunday, apple orchards, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. All filled with family gatherings, delicious meals, decorations, and smells of pine trees, turkey, and sugary candy.

Those are all bookends—celebrations and moments that last for just that: a moment. Days that are wonderful and uplifting and worth celebrating and looking forward to. But, what about the in-between moments and days? What about right now—today? For me, it's a quiet and warm September 25th. Mid-afternoon, lazy puffy clouds drifting through a bright blue sky, the sun doing its best to stave off fall's first freeze.

There is certainly nothing remarkable about today. It's not a holiday. It's not a family celebration. There is seemingly nothing significant about today. It's a day in-between. And yet, it's what lies in-between the bookends that counts. The ordinary and mundane days and moments where we've still been called to celebrate and give thanks.

Because today is yet another day you can experience the grace, hope, peace, and love of God. Today is another day of opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Today is filled with moments where you will encounter the Holy Spirit. Today is, well, it's filled with ordinary miracles.

Life is lived in the in-between. An in-between where we have the opportunity to encounter the very life-giving presence of Jesus with each passing moment.

Peace—Pastor Bryant

## October Theme

Our theme for this month is ***Servant Leadership***. We will hear concrete examples from Jesus about what it means to be his disciple. Needless to say, the path Jesus has put before us is shocking and unexpected: the first are last! Earthly riches are problematic! Be like a child! Together, we will sift through rich and familiar passages that both comfort and convict heart and soul as we seek to understand Jesus' will for our lives and the life of the world.

## Tuesday Bible Study

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



## Wednesday Bible Study

All are welcome to Wednesday Evening Bible Study. Schedule is:

10/2/24 Sunday School

10/23/24 Bible Study

10/9/24 Sunday School

10/30/24 Sunday School

10/16/24 No Bible Study

## Sunday School

Classes are held for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Sundays from 10am-11am. If you are interested in helping with the Sunday School Program talk to Mel at church or call her at 320-304-1557.



### Schedule

10/6/24 Sunday School

10/20/24 No Sunday School

10/13/24 Sunday School

10/27/24 Sunday School

## Gathering Thru Fellowship

We will gather on October 5th at 10am in the Parish Center for a Make-N-Take. We will be making toilet paper pumpkins. Free will donations are accepted to cover the cost of materials. All are welcome to visit or create, coffee will be on!





## 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 October 9th & 23rd at 8:30am.

## Outreach & Evangelism Committee

We are looking for more members with ideas for the Outreach Committee. If you are interested, please talk with LuAnn Haas, Cheryl Hubbard or Connie Beck. The Outreach Committee will meet on October 13th after worship.

## Roadside Cleanup

It's that time of year again! Roadside cleanup is Sunday, **October 13<sup>th</sup>** right after worship. We need lots of volunteers, sign up on the clipboard at church or call the church office if you can help. Wear sturdy shoes and bright colors.



## Quilt Retreat

The quilting group is hosting a retreat on October 24th & 25th 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.

## Trunk or Treat

It's not too soon to start planning that amazing, decorated truck for Trunk or Treat coming up on Saturday, Oct 26th from 4 to 6 pm. We will have food, crafts, and hayrides as well as candy from decorated car trunks! Hope you can join us! Call the church office if you want to sign up to decorate your car or if you want to volunteer to help with the event. Thank you!



## Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner

Mark your calendars for our Swedish Meatball Dinner on November 3rd from 4-6pm. Meatballs & gravy, potatoes, corn, & homemade desserts will be served.



## Looking Into the Future:

- ◆ November 2nd—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ◆ November 3rd—Swedish Meatball Dinner
- ◆ December 15th—Sunday School Christmas Program & Potluck

## Church Directory Update

We are waiting for the final proof before they are printed. We will keep you posted.



## Thank You

**Thank you**—I would like to sincerely thank everyone at East Union Lutheran Church for the generous donation towards my medical fund. This cancer journey has really been very humbling to me as I am usually the giver and not the receiver. I have already gone through chemotherapy, surgery, radiation and will continue with an infusion every three weeks until Jan.

You never think that cancer is going to be your story, but when it does become yours, it is a journey that so many others have also traveled. And once I am all through with my cancer journey, I hope to be there for others like so many have been for me.

~ Charlotte Sandeen

**Thank you!** A big thank you to Ole Steen, Dwight Schultz, Marv Grimm, Dave, Tom & Mark Lundquist for shampooing the carpets in the Parish Center! The carpets look amazing!

**Thank you!** Thanks to everyone who donated candy, helped decorate the float, walked in the parade, or cheered us on as we walked through the parade at Steamboat Days. It was a lovely day, we handed out 1,000 seed packets to our neighbors!!



## 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.

## Activities Around the Area

### Events and Programs at Chanhassen Senior Center and Chanhassen Rec Center

Barn Quilts of Carver County Tour & Lunch, Friday, October 4, 10:00am-2:45pm.

Explore the Painted Barn Quilts of Carver County on this narrated bus tour over many rural miles and fascinating stories. Meet some of the barn owners along the way. We'll grab lunch at Unhinged Pizza for a hot buffet of chicken, pizza, salads and more! \$52 all inclusive. Minimal walking required.



Polka Band & Oktoberfest Luncheon, October 24, 2024

Chanhassen Recreation Center, Call: 952-227-1400 for information on fees, 55 yrs +

Plan Ahead for Christmas at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater!

White Christmas at Chanhassen Dinner Theater, November 13, 2024

Chanhassen Dinner Theater, 501 W. 78th St., Chanhassen

Call Chanhassen Recreation Center. 952-227-1400, 55 yrs +

I Am Betty - MN History Theater and Lunch, Thursday, December 5, 8:40am-3:15pm.



\$86, all inclusive. Feed your appetite for fun musicals and stories with this homegrown, musical history lesson on Betty Crocker's role in America. Her story shaped the lives of women (and men) over

# Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins  
or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

Compiled by Max Bowen





# HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for an afternoon of fun! We will have crafts, face painting, hay rides, cake/book walk, food, and of course trunk or treating!

Saturday, October 26th

4:00-6:00pm

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### Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner

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

**Sunday, November 3  
4pm-6pm**

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

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