

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 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 1pm-7pm Blood Drive 6:30pm Bible Study	2	3	4 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
5 "Obedient" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	6	7 10am Bible Study	8 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Bible Study	9	10	11
12 "Thankful" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Outreach Meeting	13 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	14 10am Bible Study	15 10:30am Cemetery Clean Up	16	17	18
19 "Persistence" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Roadside Clean Up	20	21 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	22 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Bible Study	23	24	25 11am Funeral for Andra Stutelberg 4pm-6pm Trunk N Treat
26 "Freed" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	27 1pm Quilting Group	28 10am Bible Study	29 6:30pm Bible Study	30	31	

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” It’s been a question of relevance in my household recently. We were watching a hockey game the other day and I asked our youngest if he wanted to be out on the ice like his big sister one day. “No,” he replied. Instead, he pointed toward the corner of the ice rink and said, “I want to be a Zamboni driver.”

And maybe one day he will be. What’s interesting about asking a kid that particular question—*What do you want to be when you grow up?*—is that they spend very little time examining their gifts or skills or talents. They spend little energy wondering if they’d be proficient at a particular job. They don’t worry about what may or may not be truly possible.

All they do is think about what they’re willing to do, what they would be excited to do, what they would potentially dedicate their time to—and using those metrics, they determine what it is they’d like to be when they grow up.

The answer has nothing to do with ability, but instead everything to do with the heart. As 1 Peter 4:10 says, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

Again, living out God’s purpose for your life has nothing to do with what you think your gifts and skills are, but instead has everything to do with your willingness to use your gifts for the sake of others. For each of us may get caught up in the comparison of gifts and skills. We might think what we do isn’t sufficient compared to others. We might judge our service to the world as lacking when compared to the saints of old.

But, this is problematic, no? For if we judge our gifts to be lacking, then we’re telling God that what he’s graciously given us isn’t sufficient—and that clearly isn’t the case. For what matters is not whether God has blessed us with much or little—what matters is that no matter the case the blessings and gift is enough. So, therefore, it is up to us to move out into God’s creation with a sheer willingness and joy to share it with others.

Because the gift isn’t the ability—it’s the willingness to use it.

What a joy it is to serve with folks who daily recognize the heart of the matter—that we have been called to be cheerful givers. Disciples whose purpose from God is not based in gifts or skills, but instead based in service and love toward neighbor.

Together, with the innocence of a child, let’s wonder what God is calling us to do today—and then, without regard to gift or skill or talent—let’s do it: for the sake of God and for the sake of our neighbor.

Peace, Pastor Bryant

October Theme

Our theme for this month is ***Discipline***. Although our readings are varied this month, they line up to form a core: Service, Worship, and Prayer. These are daily habits that when put into practice guide our hearts and set our spirits on Christ. Daily, let's set aside time to give thanks to God for the gifts he has given us. Daily, let's worship the creator of all things and the giver of life. And, daily, let's enter into prayer with the one who holds us close in the loving arms of his Son, Jesus Christ.

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 every Wednesday evening.



Sunday School

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

Schedule

10/5/25 Sunday School

10/19/25 No Sunday School

10/12/25 No Sunday School

10/26/25 Sunday School

Red Cross Blood Drive



Would you like to save a life? Join us and the Red Cross on

Wednesday, October 1st from 1-7pm in the Parish Center!

Sign-up on the Red Cross's website: <https://>

www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=eulc

If you've never given blood before, have no fear! The donation process is painless and once you've given you'll receive a couple snacks as a tasty reward! We're looking forward to hosting the Red Cross as together we save lives!

Mark your calendars: Next Blood Drive will be held on February 11, 2026.

Gathering Thru Fellowship

We are looking forward to our next gathering on October 4th at 10am in the Parish Center. We will be making pumpkins made from mason jar lids and air fresheners in jelly jars. All are welcome to participate or visit, 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 8th & 22nd at 8:30am.

Cemetery Fall Clean Up

The Cemetery Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the fall cleanup on Wednesday, October 15th starting at 10:30am. Please contact the church office if you can help. Thank you!

Roadside Clean Up

It's that time of year again! Roadside cleanup is Sunday, **October 19th** right after worship. We need lots of volunteers, contact the church office if you can help. Wear sturdy shoes and bright colors.



Andra Stutelberg Memorial Service

The service for Andra Stutelberg will be held on Saturday, October 25th at 11am, visitation at 10am at East Union. There will be a luncheon following the service. Cards can be sent to Pastor Tom at his son's address: Karl Stutelberg, 5105 Relia Way West, Quartz hill, CA 93536

Trunk or Treat

It's not too soon to start planning that amazing, decorated truck for Trunk or Treat coming up on Saturday, Oct 25th from 4 to 6pm. 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 2nd from 4-6pm. Meatballs & gravy, potatoes, carrots & homemade desserts will be served.

Looking Into the Future:

- ♦ November 1st—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ♦ November 2nd—Fall Dinner
- ♦ December 14th—Christmas Program & Potluck
- ♦ February 7, 2026—Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Love INC Winter Wear Drive

During the month of October, we are collecting the following:

- Winter Coats
- Snow Pants
- Warm Boots
- Hats
- Waterproof Mittens & Gloves



Adult and kids sizes, gently used or new items appreciated. Please no tears, stains or broken zippers.

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 - September


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FOOD SHELF

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

We could also always use your Plastic and Brown Paper Bags and Egg Cartons!

Thank you

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!!



Tithely

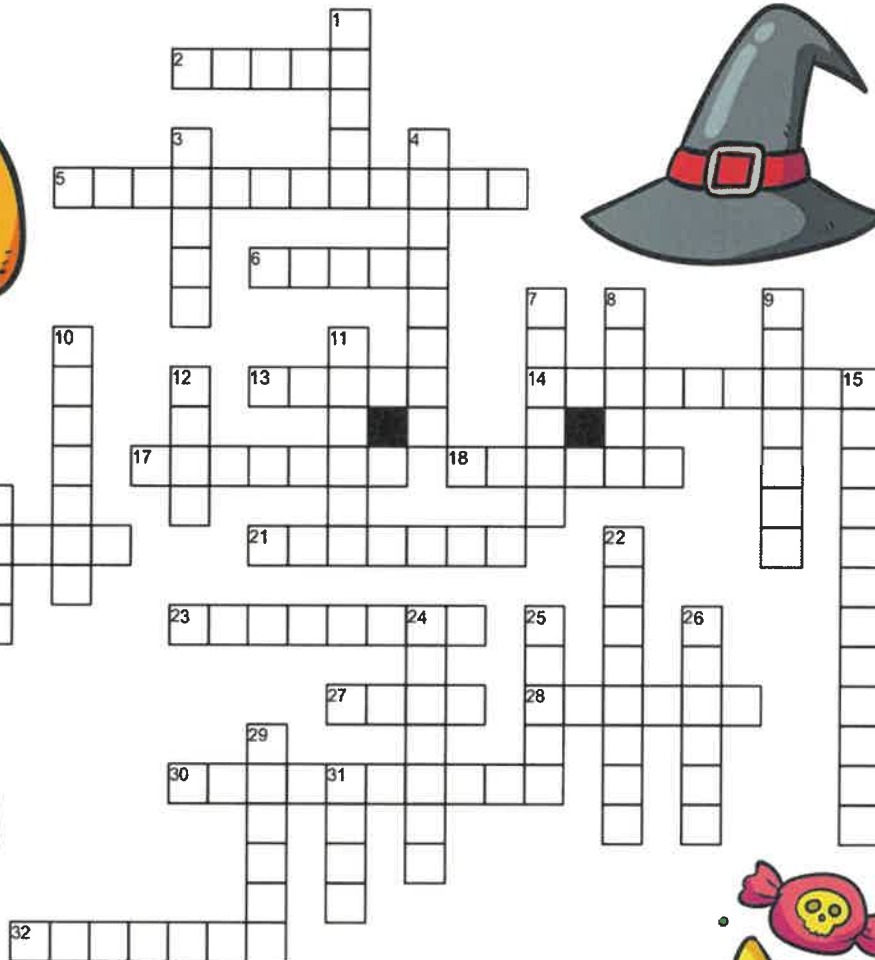
Did you forget your offering? Tired of writing out checks? Are you out of town? Tithely is an easy way that you can contribute to East Union online. Your gift is safe and secure and goes directly to our church.



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.

Halloween Crossword



Down

1. dead person appearing to the living
3. synonym of frightening
4. a human who has turned into an animal
7. a mischievous, ugly spirit
8. a hole in the ground in which a dead person is buried
9. spirit, ghost
10. you put them in jack-o'-lanterns
11. strong dislike, shuddering fear and disgust
12. not living
15. beyond what is natural or physically possible
16. an evil spirit; a devil
19. strange things happen when the moon is _____
22. a burial ground; graveyard
24. inhabited by ghosts
25. a trick, a practical joke
26. walking dead; living ghost
29. a drink of medicine or poison
31. used for hiding or protecting the face

Across

2. a woman who is supposed to have powers of magic
5. a Halloween pastime in which kids go door to door asking for goodies
6. causing fear; weird
13. a grave-robber
14. furry little animals; friends to witches
17. a corpse restored to life that sucks human blood
18. collection of money for the United Nations Children's Fund
20. outfits worn during Halloween
21. a person who casts magic spells; a sorcerer
23. twelve o'clock at night
27. causing disgust, especially of smell or taste
28. the season that comes before winter
30. witches fly on this
32. jack-o'- _____



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 25th

4:00-6:00pm

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Featuring homemade meatballs & gravy, potatoes,
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Sunday, November 2
4pm-6pm

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

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