East Union Lutheran Church

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EAST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

September 2023

East Union Lutheran Church

		6:30-8pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU 6:45-7:45pm Bible Study/Adult Faith Formation @ EU	10am Bible Study/ Adult Faith For- mation	1pm Quilting Group	9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am First Day of Sunday School
29	28	27	26	25	24
		Faith Formation @ WU 6:45-7:45pm Bible Study/Adult Faith Formation @ EU	Adult Faith For- mation 6:30pm Council Meeting		10am Potluck & Games
22	21	20 6:30-8pm Youth	19 10am Bible Study/	18	17 Rally Sunday
15	6:30pm Property Committee Meeting	13 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	12 10am Bible Study	11 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	10 9am Worship 10am Fellowship
8	7	6	5 10am Bible Study	4	3 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship
1					Pastor Bryant's Office Hours: Monday—Wednesday 8:30am-Noon Darcy's Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm
Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear Disciples,

Crisp leaves. Cool weather. Brilliant hues of orange and yellow dotting the landscape. *Change is in the air!* And what beautiful change it is: A reminder that our God is not a static God—our creator God is always at work! All we need to do is witness the wonders that surround us!

This liminal time during the change of seasons is always my favorite. It's a time of newness, a time where one season seamlessly blends in with another—a brief moment during the year where we can have one foot in the coolness of fall and the other in the warmth of summer.

In other words, it's a time of excitement! I'm incredibly excited as we begin our program year this fall. There are numerous opportunities for our community of faith to come together with compassion and excitement, joy and love—thanks to *you* this is a place where all God's children experience the grace and hope of Jesus.

Whether it's Sunday morning during worship or fellowship, during Bible study or Confirmation, quilting or card ministry groups, committees meeting to organize and plan community events, Council stewarding the gifts you've given, to pulling weeds, painting, cleaning, and volunteering in any and every way possible—with the Holy Spirit by our side, we make the ordinary, extraordinary!

And trust me, the presence of the Holy Spirit *is with you*. It is contagious and because you let its presence flow through you, the Spirit's power and presence can quite literally be seen and felt and heard.

As change is upon us this fall, we have the opportunity to effect great change. Every moment of every day is yet another chance to change the lives of every single person we meet by sharing the same grace and hope and love we first received from Jesus.

Is that not incredible? I couldn't be more excited to join hearts and hands with you as we embark in this mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and the world. East Union, you have been blessed to be a blessing and what a joy it is to serve with you as together we lean into the presence of the Holy Spirit and make the ordinary, extraordinary!

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

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 September 13th at 8:30am.



Rally Sunday & Backpack Blessing, September 17th

Join us as we kick off the fall with food, fellowship and fun! There will be a potluck, bounce house, games & prizes, and a Backpack Blessing. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday School

Sunday School begins on September 24th. Classes are held for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Sundays from 10am-11am. Please bring your completed registration forms to church or email (eastunionlc@gmail.com) If you are interested in helping with the Sunday School Program talk to Mel at church or call her at 320-304-1557.

Schedule

9/24/23 Sunday School	10/15/23 Sunday School
10/1/23 Sunday School	10/22/23 No Sunday School
10/8/23 Sunday School	10/29/23 Sunday School

Youth Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation

We are partnering with West Union to offer Youth Faith Formation (YFF) and Adult Faith Formation (AFF) programs, collaboratively!

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm at **West Union**. It's open to 7th-12th graders and will serve as confirmation learning for 7th and 8th graders. The capstone project for 8th graders will include service, writing reflections on the Apostle's Creed, and creating a faith statement or project. West Union will own this program, but East Union youth are invited to participate. YFF begins on September 20th.

Bible Study/Adult Faith Formation (AFF) will be held on Tuesdays at 10am and Wednesdays at 6:45-7:45pm at **East Union**. It's open to adults of all ages. East Union will own this program, but West Union adults are invited to participate. The first Wednesday evening bible study is September 20th.

We'll be communicating updates, changes, and curriculum to both congregations. We'll also be swapping teaching roles sometimes. We are excited to offer these programs to our community and to grow in our faith together!

Women's Bible Study

Our first Bible Study will be on October 1st with introduction to the study of Deuteronomy (nearing his death & Moses gives the Israelites a new path to faithful living).

Gathering Thru Fellowship

We will gather on October 7th at 10am in the Parish Center for a Make-N-Take. We will be making Whitewash boards with a saying/quote. Free will donations are accepted to cover the cost of materials. All are welcome to visit or create, coffee will be on!

First Communion Class

Pastor Bryant will host a First Communion Class on Sunday, October 15th at 10am. Please talk with Pastor if you are interested.

Quilt Retreat

The quilting group is hosting a retreat on October 19th & 20th 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.



Looking Into the Future:

- Saturday, October 28th—Trunk or Treat, 4-6pm
- Saturday, November 4th—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- Sunday, November 19th—First Communion Celebration
- Sunday, November 5th—Fall Dinner
- Sunday, December 17th—Sunday School Christmas Program

Bible Study

Bible Study continues each Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center. Starting on September 20th, we will also offer an evening Bible Study/AFF from 6:45-7:45pm. All are welcome!

Church Softball

Our softball season has come to a close. What a fun season with a great group of people. Way to go Steeple People!



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!

Seeking Donations

We are looking for donations for the Nursey Room. We are looking for a newer flat screen TV (36"-40") that is DVD compatible, a DVD player in good condition, church appropriate children's DVD's, and gently used children's toys. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Mel at 320-304-1557 or you can touch base during Fellowship. Donations can be dropped off to the Sunday School rooms.



Supporting your church

Did you know we offer an online giving option? Find out more at this link http://www.eulc.org/Giving, or on our website.

Church Mailing Address

Please remember to use the PO Box when sending mail to the church. Our address is PO Box 283, Carver, MN 55315.



Sunday School Registration Form

Child's name:	Child's name:		
Birthdate:	Birthdate:		
Age: Grade:	Age: Grade:		
Baptized? (Y or N)	Baptized? (Y or N)		
Please list any allergies, dietary or special needs:	Please list any allergies, dietary or special needs:		
Child's name:	Child's name:		
Birthdate:	Birthdate:		
Age: Grade:	Age: Grade:		
Baptized? (Y or N)	Baptized? (Y or N)		
Please list any allergies, dietary or special needs:	Please list any allergies, dietary or special		
	needs:		
Name of parent(s) or adult contact:	II		
Address:			
Telephone:Email:_			
Name of parent(s) or adult contact:			
Address:			
Telephone:Email:_			
olunteers/helpers needed			
Our Sunday school is in need of volunteer helpers in the following areas. Please check your area of nterest.			
Sunday school teacher (every other S	Sunday)		
	bunday)		

Sunday School Registration Form—cont'd

Consent to use pho	tos or video for Sunday school/church purpose
yesno	
Signature:	
	East Union Lutheran Church
	Accident Waiver and Release of Liability
their child (insert o	arent/legal guardian hereby gives permission to East Union Lutheran Church, for hild(ren)'s name) to take part in the East urch Sunday School program and related events.
sored by East Unio authority to release	quire immediate or emergency medical care while engaged in an activity spon- n Lutheran Church, in my absence, I hereby grant East Union Lutheran Church my child for medical treatment to such medical personnel as East Union Luther nes appropriate under the circumstances.
agree to release and liability to or respo participating in any East Union Luthers Church, its officers	the privilege of allowing my child to participate in the above-named activity, I hold harmless East Union Lutheran Church, its officers and agents, from any asibility for bodily injury, damage or illness to the above-identified child while youth athletic or social activity which may be directly or indirectly sponsored by an Church. Further, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless East Union Lutheran and agents with respect to any claim asserted by or on behalf of my child as a regular content.
Please read car	efully, this permission slip is a legal document which includes release of liability and indemnification.
Date	Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian
Emergency Contac	:
	Number:
	Contact:
	Contact Phone Number:



September 17
Worship, 9 a.m.
Celebration, 10 a.m.

Join us as we kick-off the fall with food, fellowship, and fun!

Potluck • Bounce House • Games Bingo • Backpack Blessing • Prizes

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