

East Union Lutheran Church

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EAST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Carver, Minnesota

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952-448-3450

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 2024

East Union Lutheran Church

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 "Communion" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship | 2 | 3 10am Bible Study | 4 8:30am Card Ministry | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 "Baptism" 9am Worship 10am Outreach Preparing float 10am Fellowship 1pm Steamboat Days Parade | 9 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg | 10 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Cemetery/Property Committee Meeting | 11 6:30-8pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 "Discipleship" Rally Sunday 9am Worship-Communion 10am Potluck Fellowship & Rally Sunday Activities | 16 | 17 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting | 18 6:30-8pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU 6:30pm Bible Study | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 "Innocence" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School | 23 1pm Quilting Group | 24 10am Bible Study | 25 6:30-8pm Youth Faith Formation @ WU 6:30pm Bible Study | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 "Saltiness" 8:50am Hymn Sing 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School | 30 | | | | | Pastor Bryant's Office Hours: Mon—Wed 8:30am-Noon Darcy's Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am-2pm |

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear disciples,

Fall is nearly here! A season filled with cooler weather, shorter days, and the sights and smells of apple orchards, pumpkin pies, and colorful leaves. In short, it is a season of change.

And while the seasons changing may bring about excitement, change within our own lives may make us feel apprehensive and anxious. I know this is certainly the case for my family. This summer has been one new thing after another. Weeks filled with different activities—from mini-vacations, to day trips, to school and daycare events.

From family celebrations and gatherings with friends to preparations for the upcoming school year. And although I write this less than one week before the start of a new school year, I have a strong suspicion that the new school year will *not* bring with it a new sense of routine and ritual. Because, like a river, the waters of change always flow.

Although a river remains constant, its waters are always changing. Although a river looks similar each time you view its banks, the waters that flow in between are fresh and new each year, each month, each minute. Life, it turns out, is as steady as a river and as changing as its waters.

It is a both/and. Both persistent and sure while simultaneously filled with upheaval and change. What is one to do during such a time—such a life? Perhaps, hold on while also moving forward.

There was a river near the cabin I stayed at recently. That river contained both calm waters and small rapids. Campers were given tubes to lazily float down the river—tubes that allowed you to relax and take in the sights when things were calm and tubes that you gripped tightly when you passed over the rapids.

The river also dictated which direction you traveled: forward. There was no turning back, no staying in place, no meandering here then there. And even though you couldn't necessarily dictate your direction, you did have a choice to make: your reaction to the sometimes unpredictable and forever changing conditions of the river around you.

In the midst of change, in the midst of circumstances and situations that often seem forced upon us, in the midst of a life that seems anything but certain or predictable, we do have a choice: the choice to hold onto the presence of the Holy Spirit that surrounds us and uplifts us each and every day. The choice to embrace the good gifts God has given us. The choice to be the hands and feet of Jesus to family, friends, and neighbors.

The choice to, in the midst of uncertainty, embrace the certain presence of Christ in our lives. Because although this life may feel uncertain, you have the certain promise of peace, hope, joy, and love through and with your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

All we need to do is embrace it as the waters of new life carry you forward.

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

September Theme

Our theme for this month is *Luther's Small Catechism*. We finish our summer journey through the Small Catechism's pages this month. As we conclude this series, I encourage you to continue studying Luther's words--for they provide a foundation for our faith lives to be built upon. Beginning on Rally Sunday, we return to the Revised Common Lectionary and pick up in the heart of Jesus' ministry as our journey through the fall gives way to the Advent season in due time!

Bible Study

Bible Study continues every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center. **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** starts on September 18th at 6:30pm. All are welcome!



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 September 8th after worship to prepare the float for Steamboat Days, all are welcome to help.

Steamboat Days Parade

The parade is on Sunday, Sept 8th at 1:00pm. We are still looking for volunteers and donations for the following: Provide potted and hanging flowering plants for the float. Donate bags of wrapped candy to be given to children during the parade. Volunteers are needed to walk in the parade passing out the seed packets. This parade is a wonderful opportunity to share our faith and love for Jesus with the Carver community.

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 11th at 8:30am.

Rally Sunday & Potluck

Join us on September 15th for Rally Sunday & Potluck. There will be food, fellowship & fun! Everyone is welcome! We are looking for volunteers to help with set up & take down and help with games. Please let the office know if you can help.



Youth Faith Formation

We are partnering with West Union again to offer Youth Faith Formation (YFF).

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm at **West Union**. It's open to 6th-12th graders and will serve as confirmation learning for 6th, 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. **YFF begins on September 18th**. Please email the church office if you are interested in attending.

Sunday School

Sunday School starts on September 22nd. (Registration forms can be found in the newsletter, at the Parish Center and on the website). Please return them to the church office. We are looking for a teacher and volunteers to help with the Sunday School Program. If you are interested, talk to Mel at church or call her at 320-304-1557.



Schedule

9/22/24 Sunday School

9/29/24 Sunday School

10/6/24 Sunday School

10/13/24 Sunday School

10/24/24 No 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!



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.

Looking Into the Future:

- ♦ October 26th—Trunk N Treat
- ♦ November 2nd—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ♦ November 3rd—Fall Dinner
- ♦ December 15th—Sunday School Christmas Program & Potluck

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who drove their classic/unique car to church on August 18th. We had 16 cars at our show, and everyone had a great time!



Committee Members

Here is a list of all our committees and members.

Care for Creation: Ann & Gordon Decker, Dave Lundquist & Apryl Mellgren

Cemetery: Rick Beck, Mike Coleman, Larry Goetze, David Hellriegel, Dave Lundquist, Paul Lundquist & Daryl Mellgren

Finance & Stewardship: Chris Hallin, Kent Hasse, David Hellriegel, Todd Johnson, Gary Lokken, Brenda Lundquist, Paul Lundquist, Tom Lundquist, Kathy Schallberg, Janet Schultz, James Scott & Barb Steers

Food & Fellowship: Stephanie Cardinal, LuAnn Haas, Chris Hallin, Rochelle Hasse, Sandy Hitzeman, Carrie Hron, Karen Lanpher, Brenda Lundquist, Jeanne Lundquist, Nadine Lundquist, Sandy McGraw, Toby Nelson, Lori Scott & Ruth Steen

Outreach & Evangelism: Kyle Bakkum, Connie & Rick Beck, Gordon Decker, LuAnn Haas, Cheryl Hubbard, Sandy McGraw & Kathy Schallberg

Property: Kyle Bakkum, Kent Hasse, Gary Lokken, Tom Lundquist, Dan Meyer, Corey Olson, Ron Olson, James Scott, Tom Simonson, Ole Steen, Tom Strobel & Stacy Trimbo

Worship & Music: Jeri Bowers, Ann & Gordon Decker & Barb Steers

Youth & Education: Jeri Bowers, Rochelle Hasse, Tami Johnson, Alyssa Leistiko, Jan Lundquist, Melina Simonson & Erica Wirtz

Bible Game

There are names of sixteen (16) books of the bible hidden in the paragraph below. A preacher found 15 books in twenty minutes; it took him 3 weeks just to find the 16th one, HAVE FUN!

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. A certain luke, kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others, it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a job. We want it to be a most fascinating little moment for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help find them. I will be quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen books of the Bible in this paragraph.

Enjoy the fun now and find the 16 Books!

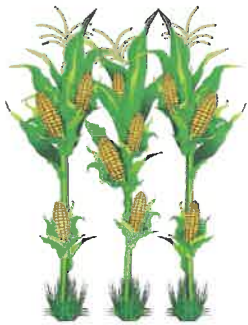
(Hint: you may find the book within another word or you may have to join two adjacent words together)

Activities Around the Area



The **Eden Prairie Art Center** provides access to the arts for people of all ages and abilities. They offer programs in drawing, painting, ceramics and glass fusing. There are classes for all ages from toddlers to seniors. They also offer open studio time for students actively taking a class or pre-approved members to work on projects. Dates and hours are subject to change. Find current programs and register at: edenprairie.org/Recreation

Address: 7650 Equitable Dr, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, **Phone:** (952) 949-8304



Sever's Fall Festival

You can get pre-season discounts on tickets for Sever's Fall Festival now through Aug. 31. Prices go up Sept. 1. This year's theme is "Magical Forest"! The Fall Festival is open weekends September 14 through October 27 with bonus dates for MEA on October 17 & 18. Discounts for seniors! Call 952-270-MAZE (6293) or go to seversfallfestival@gmail.com



There's the corn maze, pig races, zip lines, extreme corn pit, live music, food and drinks, Norm the Magician, antique tractors and fire trucks, petting zoo, llamas, and more!

EVENT RUNS SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

September 14 - October 27

MEA Thursday, Friday, October 17 & 18

Open 10 AM TO 7 PM

The Lodge at Chaska Community Center

The fall 2024 Activity Guide is now available at The Lodge, at the Chaska Community Center, Chaska Curling Center and City Hall. Registration is now open for classes!

Save the Dates!

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|----------------|-----------------------------|
| September 9 | Box Lunch Bingo |
| September 13 | Latin Music & Food Festival |
| September 17 | Treasure Island Casino Trip |
| September 18 | Trivia & Sloppy Joes |
| September 20 | Chaska Cares Music Fest |
| September 30 – | Active Aging Week |
| October 4 | |

RALLY *Sunday*

September 15th

Worship @ 9am

Celebration @ 10am

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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Sunday School Registration Form—cont'd

Consent to use photos or video for Sunday school/church purpose

___yes ___no

Signature: _____

East Union Lutheran Church Accident Waiver and Release of Liability

The undersigned parent/legal guardian hereby gives permission to East Union Lutheran Church, for their child _____ to take part in the East Union Lutheran Church Sunday School program and related events.

Should my child require immediate or emergency medical care while engaged in an activity sponsored by East Union Lutheran Church, in my absence, I hereby grant East Union Lutheran Church authority to release my child for medical treatment to such medical personnel as East Union Lutheran Church determines appropriate under the circumstances.

In consideration for the privilege of allowing my child to participate in the above-named activity, I agree to release and hold harmless East Union Lutheran Church, its officers and agents, from any liability to or responsibility for bodily injury, damage or illness to the above-identified child while participating in any youth athletic or social activity which may be directly or indirectly sponsored by East Union Lutheran Church. Further, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless East Union Lutheran Church, its officers and agents with respect to any claim asserted by or on behalf of my child as a result of bodily injury, illness or damage.

Please read carefully, this permission slip is a legal document which includes release of liability and indemnification.

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|------|---------------------------------------|
| Date | Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian |
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Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Second Emergency Contact: _____

Second Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Sunday School Registration Form—cont'd

Are you members of East Union Lutheran Church? _____

Are you interested in learning more about becoming members? Y or N



Child's name: _____
Birthdate: _____ Age & grade: _____
Baptized? (Y or N) _____
Please list any allergies, dietary or special needs: _____

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Baptized? (Y or N) _____
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Baptized? (Y or N) _____
Please list any allergies, dietary or special needs: _____

Name of parent(s) or adult contact: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Volunteers/helpers needed

Our Sunday school needs volunteer helpers in the following areas. Please check your area of interest.

- Sunday school teacher (every other Sunday)
- An extra pair of hands when needed
- Other? _____

Sunday School Registration Form



East Union Lutheran Church Sunday School Registration 2024/2025

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” Matthew 19:14

Sunday school classes are held for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Sundays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Sunday school is open to members and non-members.

Rally Sunday is on September 15. The first day of Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 22.

Please bring this completed form to East Union Lutheran Church. You may also email the completed form to eastunionlc@gmail.com or mail it to:

East Union Lutheran Church
15180 County Road 40
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Carver, MN 55315

Please contact the Youth & Education Committee if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We welcome and appreciate all ideas and assistance.

God bless you and your family!



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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