

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

September 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	2	3	4	5	6
7 "Discipleship" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 1pm Steamboat Days Parade	8 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	9 10am Bible Study	10	11	12	13
14 "Found" Rally Sunday 9am Worship 10am Potluck/Celebration 10am Outreach Meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 "Shrewd" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	22 1pm Quilting Group	23 10am Bible Study	24 6:30pm Bible Study	25 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	26 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	27
28 "Rewards" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	29	30				

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear disciples,

It's quite foggy out as I write this. The fog never seems to settle this thick over Purgatory Creek in Eden Prairie, but anytime it does it reminds me of the constant fog in southwest Wisconsin. A fog that nestled its way into the coulees and valleys. A fog that leveled out the valleys like cotton candy.

Up on the ridgetops, your line of sight was clear. But, any dip into a valley brought with it uncertainty: What was ahead of you? A journey to the creek-filled lowlands brought your visibility to nearly nothing. And so it was: any journey through that countryside involved the ups and downs of the ridges and coulees—traversing both the bright and clear highlands and the dark and foggy lowlands.

Life can feel the same way: filled with ups and downs, clarity and confusion. But, in any case, there's always a path forward. Even when you're heading down winding and foggy roads, there's always a road in front of you. Lines to guide you. Other cars ahead of you to follow. And, the reminder that there are cars behind you, too, following your every move. You're both following and leading through the fog.

As we enter this season of fall with its cooler weather, changing leaves, and shorter days, we're reminded of the constant change around us. We're reminded that although we've been rooted on the earth of East Union for well over one hundred years, much has changed since the foundation was laid. A change that brings with it opportunities—opportunities to continue proclaiming Jesus' name far and wide whether the path ahead of us is clear or cloudy.

For what burns off the fog? The light of day. As I finish this, the sun has begun to shine brilliantly through the fog and it has lifted swiftly to reveal a bright, blue sky. In the midst of foggy valley, we continue forward knowing the Holy Spirit guides us and leads us. In the midst of clear ridgetop, we continue forward knowing the Holy Spirit guides us and leads us.

In all things, we continue forward. What a joy it is to make that journey together. Whether into the fog or the light, we continue onward—knowing our steps are guided by the one who will never let us stumble, our Savior and Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

September Theme

Our theme for this month is **Discipleship**. What does it cost to follow Jesus? In what ways do we use the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit? How generous of our time and talents are we in the here and now? The texts this month are daunting--they are a reminder that we are held close by our Shepherd and also sent out into the world to follow in the footsteps of the one who went to the cross for us. Together, we find strength in community and the power of the Holy Spirit as we live out Jesus' words and deeds.

Tuesday Bible Study

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



Wednesday Bible Study

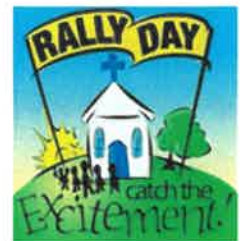
Wednesday Bible Study begins on September 17th at 6:30pm and will continue every Wednesday evening.

Steamboat Days Parade

The parade is on Sunday, Sept 7th at 1:00pm. We need 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 seed packets. This parade is a wonderful opportunity to share our faith and love for Jesus with the Carver community.

Rally Sunday & Potluck

Join us on September 14th for Rally Sunday & Potluck. There will be games for the children. 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

YFF is for students in grades 6 through 12. We'll begin the year with a **Parent and Student Orientation on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30pm** at West Union. If you are interested, please contact the church office for more details.



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 17th at 8:30am.

Sunday School

Sunday School starts on September 21st. Registration forms can be found in the newsletter, at the Parish Center and on the website. Please return them to the church office.



Schedule

9/14/25 Rally Sunday

9/21/25 Sunday School

9/28/25 Sunday School

10/5/25 Sunday School

10/12/25 No Sunday School

10/19/25 No Sunday School

10/26/25 Sunday School

Quilt Retreat

The quilting group is hosting a retreat on September 25th & 26th from 9am-5pm each day. If you are interested in joining, please call the church office, cost is \$10 per day. Bring your own lunch.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Would you like to save a life? Join us and the Red Cross on **Wednesday, October 1st from 1-7 p.m.** 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!

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!

Looking Into the Future:

- ♦ October 25th—Trunk or Treat
- ♦ November 1st—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ♦ November 2nd—Fall Dinner
- ♦ December 14th—Christmas Program & Potluck

Altar Guild

If any of the altar guild members would like a refresher class on the specifics of setting up communion or have questions about any of the other aspects of the Altar Guild duties, let Jeri Bowers know, and we can schedule another class in the near future.

Classic & Unique Car Show

Our Second Annual Car Show was a success. Thirteen cars were shown. Larry Goetze won a crystal sportscar figurine for the participation award drawing. After the show a parade of cars drove to the winery & breweries.



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 - August 2025

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| • Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta | • *** Cereal *** |
| • Canned Chicken, Tuna & Salmon | • Healthy Kid Snacks |
| • Canned Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges | • Cooking Spices |
| • Canned Vegetables | • Cooking Oil |
| • White & Brown Rice | • Crackers |
| • Instant Rice | • Mayonnaise |
| • Mac & Cheese | • Flour |
| | • Baking mixes |
| | • Diapers (any size) |
| | • Toilet Paper |



We could also always use your plastic and brown paper bags and empty egg cartons!

Thank you's

Thank You—Thank You, Thank You for the angel(s) who gave a fantastic towel donation recently!!! You are all angels!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our School Supply Event for Carver Elementary!! The teachers and kids really appreciate it!



Ordination Thank you

For the wonderful and incredible celebration of my 10th anniversary of ordination I want to say thank you! Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity--the gifts and appreciation you showed were truly touching and moving. What a joy these past few years with you have been and I look forward with great anticipation for the future--I know the Holy Spirit has great things in store for our congregation!

Thank you!

Pastor Bryant



RALLY *Sunday*

September 14th

Worship @ 9am

Celebration @ 10am

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

Potluck * Bounce House * Games
* Backpack Blessing * Prizes

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Sunday School Registration Form



East Union Lutheran Church Sunday School Registration 2025/2026

"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 14. The first day of Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 21.

Please bring 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
PO Box 283
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!

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

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

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

Volunteers/helpers needed

Would you like to volunteer? ___yes ___no

Consent to use photos or video for VBS/church purpose ___yes ___no

Signature: _____

Sunday School Registration Form—cont'd

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.

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Second Emergency Contact: _____

Second Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____



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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Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Salem Congregation

February 9, 1891 - - January 24, 1952

The Centennial History of the East Union Evangelical Lutheran Church would be quite incomplete if some history of the Salem congregation of Carver would not be given even though Salem organized their own congregation in 1891.

During the past one hundred years the East Union and Salem congregations in general associated very closely, such as always sharing the same pastor and having the same cemetery privileges. The Salem congregation could well have been considered a sub-division of the East Union congregation ever since it was organized in 1858.

Quite a number of the Charter Members of the East Union congregation lived in the Carver area when it was organized in 1858 and for the best interest of the church the congregation was divided into six districts commonly known as (rote) and the members from Carver were included in the congregation's (5th) fifth district.

Being that the Village of Carver was the terminating point of transportation by boats on the Minnesota River from Minneapolis and St. Paul and being that transportation by boat was the general means of travel at that time, Carver became a big business trading center and soon had a brick yard started and a plow and farm implement manufacturing plant in operation. With these and other incurring interests the Village population grew quite rapidly from 1858 to 1900 and in 1876 the Carver Village had a population of about 700 of which one half were Germans and the other half Swedes.

Even though Carver was getting to be a very progressive town there likewise came to pass a church problem for the Swedish people living in the Village and the closely surrounding area due to their type of employment. Only a few families had any need of horses and being that horse and buggy was the only way of traveling with the exception of walking, it also showed its effect on getting to and from church in East Union.

In the year 1876 the Swedish people living in and around Carver came to a point where they saw that something had to be done in regard to their spiritual needs, even though at that time Carver already had two churches. Neither of these met the approval of the Swedish people, as one was of a different denomination and the other held services in the German language which the Swedish people

could not understand. Therefore a meeting of these Swedish people was held and they presented the following requests to the East Union Church. They wished to redistrict the East Union congregation and form an additional district to be known as District No. 7 which would include Carver Village and its close surrounding area. They wished to be represented on the Board of Administration by one Deacon and one Trustee and to be authorized to build a church building in the Village of Carver to be fully paid for by the new district. All of the above requests were granted and the Salem Church was built in 1876 and they shared the same pastor with the East Union congregation who had charge of all services until December 17, 1890. A large number of the members living in and around Carver met in the A. L. Skoog store located on the corner of Broadway and Fourth Street in the Village of Carver. By petition they requested of the East Union congregation, 1st: That District No. 7 be discontinued and organized into a congregation of its own. 2nd: To share the services of the same pastor with East Union and to have one forenoon service and two (either afternoon or evening) services each month and to pay \$250 annually as a pastor's salary for these services. 3rd: To retain the same privileges in the East Union Cemetery as in the past. The above petition was presented to the East Union congregation on January 2, 1891 and on January 6, 1891 the East Union congregation gave the following reply. 1st: That the Trustees of the East Union congregation get a legal deed for the lot and church property located on Lot 6, Block 19 in the Village of Carver, Minnesota and give said deed to the Trustees of the new (Salem) congregation as soon as they had incorporated and had been accepted as a congregation by the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod. 2nd: That a boundary line between East Union and the Salem congregation be established and after such a boundary line was agreed upon no member could transfer from one parish to the other unless approved of by two-thirds of the Board of Administration members of both church Boards. 3rd: That the members of the Salem congregation have the same privileges in the East Union Cemetery as the members of the East Union congregation.

On February 9, 1891 all the requirements had been fulfilled and the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Salem congregation was organized on this date.