

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

September 2026

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 10am Bible Study	2	3	4	5
6 "Accountability" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship	7	8 10am Bible Study	9	10	11	12
13 "Mercy" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 1pm Steamboat Days Parade	14 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	15 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	16 8:30am Card Ministry	17	18	19
20 "Generosity" Rally Sunday 9am Worship-Communion 10am Rally Day Festivities & Potluck	21	22 10am Bible Study	23 6:30pm Bible Study	24	25	26
27 "Obedience" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	28 1pm Quilting Group	29 10am Bible Study	30 1-7pm Blood Drive 6:30pm Bible Study			

Words from Pastor Bryant

Some time ago I made banana bread. I gathered together the ingredients, mixed them together, poured the mixture into the pan, and put it into the oven to bake. It was only then, during the clean-up process, that I noticed something.

There, still in the microwave, was the butter. Butter I had softened, but forgotten. With the banana bread halfway through baking the question now was: How crucial was butter going to be to the overall taste?

Very crucial, it turned out. The banana bread looked fairly normal. You couldn't tell from staring at it that it lacked butter. However, when you took a bite, it was like eating stale cardboard. It had no flavor. No moisture. No *nothing*. Apparently butter is important for banana bread.

But before butter gets too big of an ego, we could easily argue that each ingredient, on their own, is quite important. How about the bananas? Hard to have banana bread without them. How about the baking soda? It wouldn't be much of a bread without that. Same with the flour. And the sugar.

Forget any one of those ingredients and the whole thing falls apart. On their own, each ingredient isn't all that special. But, when your goal is banana bread and you forget butter... well, suddenly butter *is* fairly special.

Think about church life—we're constantly "baking" things. We're making cards and quilts. We're teaching kids about Jesus in Sunday School and confirmation. We're showing hospitality through food and fellowship. We're welcoming folks in at plant sales and spaghetti dinners and silent auctions. We're saying hello to the visitor. Smiling at the child who can't sit still. Offering advice to those who need help. Listening to those who need to be heard. Caring for a building and grounds so folks can continue to gather in community.

We're all a single ingredient in this thing we call church. And because of that, you might look in the mirror and think of yourself as not important to the end result—because surely the church is greater than one, single person.

But, was the banana bread truly banana bread if it was missing one, single ingredient? Of course not. It needs *all* the ingredients for it to be banana bread. Such it is with the church. Every, single ingredient is needed.

You are needed. All your gifts and talents and skills—no matter how large or small you may consider them to be—they are necessary. Necessary for us as a church to continue our mission. Our mission of being the hands and feet of Christ to a world in need.

So, yes, you are a crucial ingredient. For without you—the people of God—we would be banana bread without butter. Banana bread without bananas. It is thanks to you and your God-given gifts that when we gather together in worship of Christ that it all comes together.

It all comes together in praise of the one who makes us one: Jesus Christ.

Peace,
Pastor Bryant

September Theme

Our theme for this month is **Abundance**. Grace and mercy and life and love are plentiful in Jesus' kingdom. His presence overwhelms us with these gifts. As sinners, we give thanks for the waters of forgiveness that wash over us and reconcile us to God. In response, we are invited to share that same abundance of mercy and forgiveness with our neighbors. For we have been called to continue what Jesus started: a life of grace and mercy to a world in need.

Tuesday Bible Study

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

Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday group will resume on September 23rd at 6:30pm.



Sunday School

Sunday School starts on September 27th. Registration forms can be found in the newsletter, at the Parish Center and on the website. Please return them to the church office.

Schedule

9/20/26 Rally Sunday

9/27/26 First day of Sunday School

One More Night—Riverside Ballroom

Carver on the Minnesota will present One More Night at the Riverside on Thursday September 10th from 5-8pm at Carver City Hall. Enjoy an evening of historic photographs, stories, food, music and memories celebrating one of Carver's most cherished gathering places. We hope you will join us.

Steamboat Days Parade

The parade is on Sunday, September 13th 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. This day is also Lutheran's Day of God's Service.



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 16th at 8:30am.



Rally Sunday & Potluck

Join us on September 20th for Rally Sunday & Potluck. There will be BINGO and games for the children. Everyone is welcome!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Would you like to save a life? Join us and the Red Cross on **Wednesday, September 30th 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>

We're looking forward to hosting the Red Cross as together we save lives!



Love INC Winter Wear Drive

We will be hosting a winter wear drive during the month of October. Items needed are: winter coats, snow pants, warm boots, hats, mittens & gloves. Gently used or new adult and kids sizes are needed.

Quilt Retreat

The quilting group is hosting a retreat on October 8th & 9th 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.

Schram Winery

We are going to Schram Winery in Waconia after worship on Sunday, October 18th. All are welcome!

Looking Into the Future:

- ♦ October 24—Trunk or Treat
- ♦ November 1—Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner
- ♦ December 13—Sunday School Christmas Program & Potluck
- ♦ January 31, 2027—Annual Congregational Meeting
- ♦ February 6, 2027—Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction



Softball Team

Congratulations to the Steeple People!! We had a wonderful and fun season! We ended the regular season with 9 wins and 1 loss. Thank you to the players and everyone who came to cheer us on!!

Classic & Unique Car Show

Our Third Annual Car Show was a success. Thank you to everyone who brought their cars for the show!



Thank yous

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



Thanks to all who helped label the seed packets for the Steamboat Days Parade. “Many hands make light work”.



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 and plastic grocery bags. If you have extra, please put them in the grocery cart. Thank you for your donations!



Tithely

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.



September Events

Carver Steamboat Days – Sept. 11–13, 2026: The town's biggest yearly festival features a car and motorcycle show, a MN Marketplace vendor fair, live music in the Lion's beer tent, a bean bag tournament, a kids' zone, fireworks on Saturday night (8:20pm), city-wide garage sales, medallion hunt, and the annual parade on Sunday at 1pm. For complete information visit: <https://www.carversteamboatdays.info/>

Chaska Latin Music and Food Fest – Sept. 18, 2026, 6-10pm in Firemen's Park: Latin Music and Food Fest in Chaska. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by enjoying a night of dancing, dining and drinks in a family-friendly space. The event is free & open to the public.

Carver County Senior Expo -- Sept. 15, 2026, 10am-1pm. Located at University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum MacMillan Auditorium. Connect with dozens of local organizations dedicated to helping seniors and their families in Carver County and surrounding communities. Prize drawings, refreshments & health screenings.

September Events

Chaska Arboretum Glass Pumpkin Patch – Sept. 18-20 at the Arb An outdoor exhibition and sale featuring hundreds of unique, hand-blown decorative glass pumpkins. The Arboretum Apple House is also opening Sept. 3 at 9am featuring MN-grown apples and treats. For more information please visit: <https://arb.umn.edu/>

Chanhassen Oktoberfest in Sept! Sept. 12 at the Chanhassen American Legion at 5pm. Traditional Bavarian celebration!

Chanhassen Cars and Caves – Sept. 26 at the Chanhassen AutoPlex -- Gates open at 8:00am. This is the final monthly classic and specialty car show of the year! Classic, collector, muscle, antique, street rod and exotic vehicles along with vintage motorcycles. This event is free and open to the public with food and beverages available for purchase. For more info visit: <https://chanhassenautoplex.com/event/cars-and-caves-september-2026/>

Victoria 17th Annual Nordic Music Festival – Sept. 12 – 10am – 5pm at Victoria Lions Park This is a free family-friendly festival hosted by the Scandia Lodge #1-680 and the Scandinavian community featuring traditional Nordic music, dancing, choirs, local Nordic artists, silent auction, Viking Village, craft vendors, food trucks, activities for children and fresh lefse!

Victoria Classic Car Night – Sept. 10, 5–8pm in Downtown Victoria This car show features classic cars, street food and drinks from local eateries and live music by the lake starting at 6pm.

Waconia Nickle Dickle Day – Sat., Sept. 19 at 8am in City Square Park

This is Waconia's HUGE yearly festival featuring an arts and crafts fair, car and truck show, duck races, 3-on-3 basketball, live music, races, and town-wide special deals. This festival got its name from its 1960s origins as a 5-cent (nickle) sidewalk sale. The rhyming word "dickle" comes from a German term for bartering. For complete information visit: <https://www.destinationwaconia.org/events/chamber-hosted-community-events/nickle-dickle-day/>



Rally Sunday

SEPTEMBER 20TH

WORSHIP @ 9AM

CELEBRATION @ 10AM

*Join us as we kick off the fall
with food, fellowship & fun*

Potluck * Backpack Blessing
* Games * Prizes

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Sunday School Registration Form



East Union Lutheran Church Sunday School Registration 2026/2027

"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 20. The first day of Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 27.

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: _____	

Remember
this place?
COME SPEND
one more night
WITH US. ★



ONE MORE NIGHT ★ AT THE ★ *Riverside*

THURSDAY • SEPTEMBER 10 • 5-8 PM



MUSIC



HISTORIC
PHOTOS



MEMORY
WALL



PHOTO
BOOTH



RIVERSIDE STORIES
& MEMORIES

\$10

ADMISSION

★ **\$15 WITH MEAL** ★

Custom Polish sausage

CHIPS • PICKLE • SODA

— Fresh-popped popcorn available! —



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INCLUDE YOUR NAME, NUMBER ATTENDING & NUMBER OF MEALS



Carver City Hall

VILLAGE HALL ROOM

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

*Come when you can.
STAY AS LONG AS
YOU'D LIKE.*

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