

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

March 9, 2025: First Sunday in Lent

Rev. Paul Thompson -- Organist: Pat Nelson

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:



If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook (in narthex).
Worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE



EAST 9:00 am worship, *coffee after church*
10:00 am JAM at West (for both), *West coffee*
WEST 11:00 am worship at chapel (*coffee at 10:00 am*)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Mar. - Darlene M., Sonya M.

Deacon: March: Terry Zieman

Reader/Helper: Mar. 9 – Brian Mueller

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 2nd Sun. – Sarah Circle

READINGS TODAY: March 9, 2025 -- First Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION: *These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11: *The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the*

land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13: *Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13: *After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

LILIES TO BEAUTIFY OUR ALTAR FOR EASTER



If anyone wishes to donate/share their Easter lilies at church "in-memory of" and/or "in-honor of" someone, we will list them in the Easter Day bulletins. >>**Please inform us by Sat. 04/11 if you plan to bring lilies to church. [NOTE that you go and buy the lilies, then drop them off at the church before Easter Day.]**

EAST or WEST: Gina Moser eastwest@kmtel.com

WOMEN'S DAY at GOOD EARTH VILLAGE

Crafting Wellness: A Path to Self Care: Sat. March 29 9am-4pm. Cost is \$40. Sign up online at www.goodearthvillage.org/women'sday

THRIVENT "CHOICE DOLLARS" from 2024 can still be directed **until March 31**, by calling **800-847-4836**. When prompted, say "Thrivent Choice". Press 1 to direct your Choice Dollars. A representative will work with you to direct your Choice Dollars. *You may also designate online at Thrivent.com*

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATIONS



To verify if there is a cancelation for a church service or church activity, **please check: KTTC TV (channel 10), or online at www.kttc.com** and click on the tab for

WEATHER - then click on Closings and Delays or check parsonage answering machine 365-8222. Decisions made by council presidents/pastor.

EAST WELCA - MARCH: Service 9:00
Lent begins in March. Wednesday Evening
Dinners are at 6:00PM, Services are at 7:00PM

- 11 Tue. 10:00 am Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 12 Wed. 7:00 PM Lent at West (Lenten Meal at 6:00PM)
- 18 Tue. 10:00 am Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 19 Wed. 6:00 PM Circle 4 Serves Lenten Meal
7:00 PM LENT at EAST
- 25 Tue. 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 26 Wed. 7:00PM Lent at West (Lenten Meal at 6:00PM)

EAST MEMBERS: If you know of anyone who would like a get a card from East St. Olaf, please contact Jane Williams (507) 271-2272 (Talk or Text). *Help us share a blessing!*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

Deadline for bulletin information – Wednesdays by 7:30 pm.

TODAY	9:00 am	East worship (coffee after church)
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both (West coffee)
	11:00 am	West worship (at chapel)
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	10:00am	East quilting
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<u>At WEST Soup Supper (JAM hosts)</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>At WEST LENTEN SERVICE</u> <u>All confirmations students attend</u>
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off
Sun. 03/16	9:00 am	East worship (coffee after church)
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both (West coffee)
	11:00 am	West worship (at chapel)

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

- Mar. 17 (Mon.)** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Mar. 18 (Tue.)** 10:00am East quilting
7:00 pm Deadline to submit newsletter info
- Mar. 19 (Wed.)** 6:00 pm Soup Supper at EAST (Circle 4 host)
7:00 pm LENTEN SERVICE at EAST
All confirmations students attend
- Mar. 20 (Thur.)** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Mar. 21 (Fri.)** ----- Pastor's day off
- Mar. 23 (Sun.)** 9:00 am East worship
(East coffee after church)
10:00 am JAM at West for both
10:00 am (West coffee for 2025 graduate,
Lenora Bamlet)
11:00 am West worship (at chapel)
- Mar. 24 (Mon.)** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Mar. 25 (Tue.)** 10:00am East quilting
- Mar. 26 (Wed.)** 6:00 pm Soup Supper at WEST (LL hosting)
7:00 pm LENTEN SERVICE at WEST
All confirmations students attend
- Mar. 27 (Thur.)** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
>>>>> NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE
(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
- Mar. 28 (Fri.)** ----- Pastor's day off
- Mar. 30 (Sun.)** 9:00 am East worship, Comm.,
(East coffee after church)
10:00 am JAM at West for both (West coffee)
11:00 am West worship, Comm. (at chapel)
- Mar. 31 (Mon.)** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
>>>>> DEADLINE to designate your
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

APRIL

WEST 9:00 am worship (coffee after)

10:00 am JAM at West (for both), West coffee

EAST 11:00 am worship with coffee after church

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Sheila Hegseth (*friend of Glenda & Brian Mueller*), Pat Raasch (*friend of Becky Brakke*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, Mary Madson, Jerry Nelson, Kaysie Peterson, Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Dalton Mansfield (*in military*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Sylvia Torstenson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

West Prayers: Family of Leverne Skov (*brother of Russ Skov*), Susie Thoe, Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*) Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Jerry Nelson, Sandy Miller (*sister of Carma B.*), Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma B.*), Loretta Himle, Gloria Brown, Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria Pew, Boyd Pew, Cindy Senjem, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*). Those serving in our military: Jack Kenyon (*nephew of Will & Gail Laxen*), Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

PASTOR Paul Thompson: (*Call before driving to office*)
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OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

SECRETARY: Gina Moser: (*Call before driving to office*)
Office Phone: 507-365-8222 **Cell Phone:** 507-951-4964
Emails: eastwest@kmtel.com and [certainty@kmtel.com](mailto:certainity@kmtel.com)
Send all emails for Gina to both of her email addresses.

Office Hours: Tues. & Thursdays 10:00 am-Noon

OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SVC: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

President: Randy Robinson: 507-923-0479

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