

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

October 4, 2026: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:



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

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER



EAST EARLY at 9:00 am for Oct. (*East coffee after church*)

BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)

WEST LATE at 11:00 am for Oct.

NOTE: CONFIRMATION DAY at BOTH will be OCT. 25

BOTH THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Oct. – Gena Cahill

Deacon: Oct. - Mehgan Ohman

Readers: Oct. 4: EllaMae Ohman

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 1st Sun. - Quilting Sisters

READINGS: Oct. 4, 2026 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7: *The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this*

song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14: Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46: Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAST CONFIRMATION RECOGNITION NEXT SUNDAY!!!

East members, please join us after church **next Sunday, Oct. 11,** for Confirmation Recognition Coffee with cake, for our 2026 Confirmand, Ady Pyfferoen. God bless Ady, in taking this step in her faith journey!

MEETINGS ABOUT ST. OLAF PARSONAGE:

>>> East and West will each hold a "parsonage informational meeting", on Sunday, October 18 (these meetings will be right after each worship service - with both council presidents being present at both churches). **>>> Then there will be a "voting-meeting", regarding the parsonage on Sunday, November 1, at each church** (right after each worship service).

EAST MEMBERS:



We are POSTPONING two big events!!! Our Fundraiser Raffel with Potluck Brunch AND ALSO the East Meatball Dinner are BOTH POSTPONED and BEING MOVED INTO 2027!

Due to so much going on this fall, we are postponing our FUNDRAISER RAFFLE (likely to be in late April) and our MEATBALL DINNER (to take place in February).

**JAM & LUTHER LEAGUE EVENT NEXT SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 11: [for Luther League + JAM]**

CRAFT SUNDAY: During the Sunday School hour, JAM and Luther League will have a special craft session. *Each group will participate in a different, age-appropriate Christian craft.*

- **JAM:** A craft tile celebrating our church
- **Luther League:** A sea glass mosaic craft

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE: GOOD GIFTS GALA

Thursday, October 15, 2026 at Rochester Golf & Country Club
3100 Country Club Rd. SW Rochester. Join us for an inspiring evening of dinner, auction, community, and generosity in support of the life-changing ministry of Good Earth Village. What to expect: A delicious dinner and fellowship, silent and live auctions, live entertainment, special guests, and an inspiring program. Learn more and buy tickets at <https://goodearthvillage.org/good-gifts-gala/>

FALL BAZAAR AT WEST ST. OLAF!!!



Everyone is invited to **West St. Olaf FALL BAZAAR on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9:00am thru 11:30am.** There will be Lefse, Rosettes, Krumkake, Donuts,

Baked Goods, Crafts, and Quilts to buy. **And as always, a delicious brunch:** Bacon & egg lasagna, fruit, sweet breads, orange juice/coffee. **Adults: \$10, Children ages 5-12: \$4, children 5 & under are free.**

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

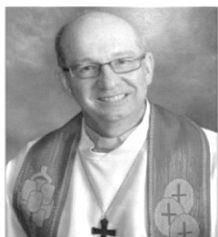
If you are willing to do scripture readings, please sign up at the lectern by the communion book. Thank you.

PRAYER UPDATES:

Please email our church secretary if you have prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

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!

SAVE THE DATE: EAST RETIREMENT DINNER!!!



**East St. Olaf
Retirement Appreciation
Lunch for
Pastor Paul & Jana
Sunday, November 15, 2026**
11:00am Worship, then Noon Lunch
Wishing you the best!

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	9:00 am	East worship, <u>Communion</u> (<i>East coffee after church</i>)
	9:30 am	JAM & LUTHER LEAGUE meet at parsonage for tours & history of parsonage & Tverberg cabin... and parents are welcome too!
	10:00 am	(<i>West coffee</i>)
Tuesday:	11:00 am	West worship, <u>Communion</u>
	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West
Sun. (10/11)	9:00 am	East worship, <u>then after church</u> <u>Confirmation Recognition Coffee</u> <u>with Cake, for Addy Pyfferoen</u>
		<u>After church Meeting for Women of East</u>
	10:00 am	<u>L.L. & JAM CRAFT DAY</u> (<i>West coffee hour</i>)
	9:30 am	WEST RECOGNITION for the WEST CONFIRMANDS:

*Reese Hazelman, Benjamin
Laxen, Lauralee Olson, Kaleb
Palmersheim, and Cole Twaddle*

11:00 am West worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> Oct. 11 - Oct. 13: Pastor Paul at Theological Conference

Oct. 13 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Oct. 14 (Wed.): 9:00 am West WELCA meeting,
Host-Jane Estby, Study-Pastor Paul

>>> NO class for Conf. (due to MEA)

**Oct. 18 (Sun.): >> Informational Meeting(s) about Parsonage:
Right after each church service!**

9:00 am East worship (NO communion)

After church: PARSONAGE INFO MEETING

10:00 am JAM at West (*also West coffee*)

11:00 am West worship (NO communion)

After church: PARSONAGE INFO MEETING

Oct. 20 (Tue.): 9:00 am West Lefse & Donut Making Day

10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

>>>> **DEADLINE to submit info for
next newsletter**

Oct. 21 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West

Oct. 22 (Thur.): 9:00 am West Lefse & Donut Making Day

Oct. 24 (Sat.): 9:00-11:30am **WEST FALL BAZAAR/BRUNCH!**

Oct. 25 (Sun.): **BOTH: CONFIRMATION DAY!**

9:00 am East worship, Communion &
CONFIRMATION DAY
(*East coffee after church*)

10:00 am JAM at West (*also West coffee*)

11:00 am West worship, Communion &
CONFIRMATION DAY

Oct. 27 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Oct. 28 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West

**Oct. 29 (Thur.): >>>> NEWSLETTER DAY at Office
(9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:40-collate)**

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2026

WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Nov.

BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)

EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Nov. (*East coffee after church*)

Nov. 1 (Sun.): >> VOTING Meetings about Parsonage: right after each church service!

9:00 am West worship, Communion

After church: PARSONAGE VOTE MEETING

10:00 am JAM at West (*also West coffee with
80th Birthday Party for Larry Himle*)

11:00 am East worship, Communion

After church: PARSONAGE VOTE MEETING

(*East coffee after church*)

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN ROCHESTER FAIR-TRADE MARKET: Our Savior's Lutheran Church Rochester would like to once again invite you to our 18th Annual Fair-Trade Market. Last day is today, Oct. 4th, 2026. *HOURS: 10am-1pm.*

FIRST LUTHERAN BLOOMING PRAIRIE LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

MEAL IS Saturday, October 10 with 11am, Noon, or 1pm seatings: RESERVATIONS & PREPAYMENT REQUIRED.

\$28 per meal (children 5 years and under are free).

TICKET SALES began on Monday, September 21 at 10am - Reserve & Pay Online at flcbp.flocknote.com OR by Phoning During Office Hours: 507-583-6621.

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EAST Prayers: Tom Myhre, Sr., Jim Olson, Linda K. (friend of Pat Nelson), Keith Roeder (friend of Audrey Carlson), Salem (cousin of Keaton DeCook), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., 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); and Dawson Meier (completed Basic, starting AIT training).

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