

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

March 16, 2025: Second 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. 16 – Jane Williams

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

East Coffee Servers: 3rd Sun. – OPEN - *contact Marylin*

READINGS TODAY: March 16, 2025 – 2nd Sun. in Lent,

INTRODUCTION: *Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."*

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18: *God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

PSALM: Psalm 27

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1: *Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35: *Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR BIRTHDAY LISTS: If you are **not** on our birthday lists in the monthly newsletter but you wish to be listed, please email our secretary, Gina, at eastwest@kmtel.com with the details.

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. [PLEASE NOTE that you go and buy the lilies, then drop them off at the church between Palm Sunday and before Easter Day.]**

EAST or WEST NOTIFY: 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

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 CONTRIBUTIONS:

(03/02/2025) Current \$ 2,805 and Benevolence \$125.

(03/09/2025) Current \$ 1,251 and In-Memory of

Dale Boelter: Undesignated \$25.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

TODAY	9:00 am	East worship (<i>coffee after church</i>)
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both (<i>West coffee</i>)
	11:00 am	West worship (at chapel)
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	10:00am	East quilting
	7:00 pm	<u>Deadline to submit newsletter info</u>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<u>Soup Supper at EAST (Circle 4 host)</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>LENTEN SERVICE at EAST</u>
		<u>All confirmations students attend</u>
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off
Sun. (03/23)	9:00 am	East worship (<i>coffee after church</i>)
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both, <i>West coffee</i>
	11:00 am	West worship (at chapel)

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

- 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., (coffee after)
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

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), 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*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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