

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

September 8, 2024: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Baptism

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.*

## SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE & RALLY DAY



**WEST 9:00 am worship** with coffee after church at 10am  
-> **JAM RALLY DAY @ WEST** for East & West kids:  
10:00 am NEXT Sunday with a Rally Lunch @ 10:45am  
**EAST 11:00 am worship** with coffee always after church

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild**

**Altar Guild:** Sept. – Dawn Evjen

**Deacon:** Sept. - Lori Peterson

**Acolytes:** If none listed, then ushers are covering

**EAST COFFEE SERVERS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – *Quilting Sisters*

## INTRO & READINGS for SEPT. 8:

**INTRODUCTION:** *James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 35:4-7a: *These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom,*

*Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.*

PSALM: Psalm 146

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17: *Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37: *In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### YOU'RE INVITED - A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!



Please join us for a birthday luncheon, honoring Audrey Carlson, **following church TODAY**. We hope to see you there!

### JAM RALLY DAY NEXT SUNDAY WEST

There will be blessing of backpacks and presentation of third grade Bibles during church service. JAM will be at 10:00 am – and we will have our regular coffee hour; then about 10:45 am a Rally Day lunch will be served (with free will offering going to JAM for curriculum and supplies). *This is co-sponsored by Thrivent. MENU: Pulled pork sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, bars and beverages.*

### PRAYER UPDATES:



Please inform Gina if you have any prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

## EAST WELCA & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

**SEPTEMBER:** *Worship at 11:00 AM*

- 3 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch (Circle 4 meeting too)  
6:00 PM JOINT Council Meeting at East
- 8 *After church: Birthday luncheon for Audrey Carlson, hosted by her family*
- 10 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 14 10:00 WELCA Meeting
- 15 Rally Sunday at WEST St. Olaf 10:00 JAM, 10:45 lunch
- 17 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 24 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch

## EAST ST OLAF: "OPERATION SCHOOL SUPPLIES"



It's that time of year again! School is starting, and we are donating items for kids who have difficulty getting the basics they need to start the school year. Please consider donating some of these items listed below. At this time, they are on sale at local stores. Thank you so much!

**Supply Drive is Sept 1 – Oct 7 and you can drop off your donations in the church entryway.** *Donations will go to Byron, Kasson, Stewartville, and Hayfield schools.*

- Wide lined notebooks
- Packs of #2 Pencils
- Crayons (24 pack)
- Expo Markers (3 or 4 packs)
- Safety Scissors
- Pencil Boxes
- Large erasers
- Rulers (with both inch and centimeter)
- Solid colored folders
- Glue Sticks or Elmers Glue

**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!*

## EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(09/01/2024) Current \$1,606 and Sunday School \$34.

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

<b>TODAY:</b>	9:00 am	West worship / coffee 10:00 am
	11:00 am	East worship / coffee after church, <b><u>Then after East worship – the birthday luncheon for Audrey Carlson – we hope to see you!</u></b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	West WELCA meeting
	7:00 pm	<b><u>Confirmation class at West</u></b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Friday:</b>	-----	Pastor's day off-work
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:00 am	<b><u>East WELCA meeting at church</u></b> <b><i>WEST CHAPEL RESERVED:</i></b> <i>private family burial and luncheon</i>
	-----	Cocuzzi/Smetana marriage GEV
<b>Sun. 09/15:</b>	9:00 am	West worship / coffee 10:00 am
	10:00 am	<b><u>JAM RALLY DAY at WEST with a LUNCH served at 10:45 am</u></b>
	11:00 am	East worship / coffee after church

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

**Sept. 16 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office

**Sept. 17 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

**Sept. 18 (Wed.):** 7:00 pm **Confirmation class at West**

**NOTE: Pastor Paul on vacation Sept. 19 – Sept. 24: Please  
call your council presidents/council members if you have  
an emergency pastoral need.**

<b>Sept. 19 (Thur.)</b>	7:00 pm	<u>DEADLINE to submit newsletter reports/articles to Gina</u>
<b>Sept. 22 (Sun.):</b>		<u>Rev. Jim Rushton preaching @ both</u>
	9:00 am	West worship, <u>communion</u>
	10:00 am	JAM/SS... West coffee hour
	11:00 am	East worship, <u>communion</u>
		East coffee after church
<b>Sept. 24 (Tue.):</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
<b>Sept. 25 (Wed.):</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	<u>Confirmation class at West</u>
<b>Sept. 26 (Thur.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>	<b><u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office...</u></b>
		(9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)
<b>Sept. 27 (Fri.)</b>	-----	Pastor's day off-work
<b>Sept. 29 (Sun.):</b>	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM/SS... West coffee hour
		<u>West deadline-to donate school supplies for world missions</u>
	11:00 am	East worship – coffee after church
<b>Sept. 30 (Mon.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office

### TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**East Prayers:** Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, Mary Madson, Jerry Nelson, Kaysie Peterson, Scott Kittleson (*son-in-law of Paul Jordan*), Cody Hegna, Alan Hovey, Jean (*Sandy Dahle's daughter*), Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Keith Roeder (*son-in-law of Paul Jordan*), Dalton Mansfield (*in military*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Sylvia Torstenson, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PASTOR Paul Thompson:** (*Please call before driving to office*)  
**Cell Phone:** 507-273-8504 **Email:** pthomp821@gmail.com  
**Office hours:** Monday and Thursday

9:00 am-Noon... OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

**SECRETARY: Gina Moser:** (*Please call before driving to office*)

**Office Phone:** 507-365-8222 **Cell Phone:** 507-951-4964

**Emails:** eastwest@kmtel.com AND certainty@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 SERVICE:** Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

**COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:**

President, Bruce Peterson: 507-254-1822

Gary Kearns: 507-206-3158 or 507- 254-5285

Bryan DeCook: 507-208-1590

**EAST: VISITS FOR OUR MEMBERS**

If you know of anyone who may like a call or visit from Pastor Paul or from another member, please contact East deacon, Jane Williams: 507-271-2272.