



DECEMBER 2024 HAPPENINGS

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December Worship Schedule

EAST has 9:00 am worship (*coffee always after church*)

BOTH have **JAM classes** 10:00 am at West church

WEST has 11:00 am worship (*coffee before church at 10:00 am*)

Dec. 1—*Practice for Program: 2 hour practice at EAST church (10am-noon)*
AND BOTH churches decorate for Christmas after their worship.

Dec. 8—9am EAST Christmas program — Jesus' Birthday cake after program

Dec. 15—11am WEST Christmas program — Jesus' Birthday cake after program

Dec. 24—Candlelight Services at both: 400 pm at West....6:00 pm at EAST.

Dec. 25—*Merry Christmas! (No services / Office is closed)*

Dec. 29: *JOINT Hymn-Sing at EAST.*

OFFERINGS: Our congregational councils ask you to prayerfully continue your financial support for your church. Please be sure to make your check out to "West St. Olaf Lutheran Church" or "East St. Olaf Lutheran Church" and mail to...

West members mail to: Dave Peterson 25378 720th St., Hayfield, MN 55940

East members mail to: Bryan DeCook at 7583 80th Ave. SW, Stewartville, MN 55976

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



Mangers are odd little things. They're feeding troughs, of course. In ancient Judea they were made of stone. They're not super-comfortable, but in a pinch, they can be kind of protective. That's why experts, priests who lived near Bethlehem, near a hill known for raising lambs for temple sacrifice, would put newborn lambs in them. Not all the lambs, just the ones without blemish and suitable for blood sacrifices that took place twice a day. These were the lambs for which Bethlehem was famous.

The Hebrew priests wanted to keep their sacrificial lambs free from bumps and bruises. So they'd wrap them up tightly. They'd swaddle them, wrapping them in cloths, like precious and fragile bottles of wine. Then they'd lay them in a manger.

It's really only a small group of people who would understand it's significance. And they were the ones who heard the words, "you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Shepherds! The shepherds of the sacrificial flock. They knew what the cloths and the manger meant. "This will be a sign to you," the angel said. And it was. It was a sign that would have been missed by most, but not by shepherds. And this sign was staggering. This long-expected king was not headed for a palace. This king was headed for a sacrifice.

Think of the lambs this Christmas season. Think beyond parties and presents, to the precious gift that was Jesus, God's sacrificial lamb for us all.

In eternal joy,
Pastor Paul Thompson

Membership Updates, WELCA News and More

MEMBERSHIP INFO

No updates at this time.

EVENTS AT EAST

DECEMBER Worship 9:00

- 1 After service DECORATE CHURCH – Helpers needed
- 3 10am Quilting/Sack Lunch... and Set up for Quilt Sale
- 7 9am-2pm EAST HOLIDAY PALOOZA & QUILTING SALE with SOUP LUNCH AVAILABLE
- 8 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM at EAST & Jesus birthday cake
- 10 Take Down Quilting Items
- 15 EAST CHRISTMAS BRUNCH by the East WELCA: ALL EAST FOLKS INVITED... AND after brunch East WELCA has their December meeting.
*WEST Christmas program
- 24 CANDLELIGHT SERVICES 6pm at East—4pm at West
- 25 Merry Christmas-no worship
- 29 Christmas Hymn Service

WEST WELCA NEWS

We wish you and your family Christmas blessings as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus! We are blessed to have Advent by Candlelight on December 8 at 5 PM to get our hearts/minds prepared for this season. Thank you to Heather Bamlet and Donna Larsen for organizing this event. Be sure to inform one of them, if you'd like to attend.

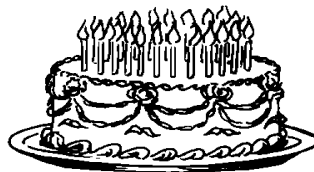
We are adopting two families from Stewartville for our Christmas mission. There is a tree in the entry of the church with tags that tell what items are needed. Please have your gifts in the church or chapel by December 8. Luther League is willing to wrap them if you choose not

to. Be sure to tape the tag on the gift. *This is a Thrivent Action Team mission project and we hope you are able to give generously.*

Another special event we always look forward to is the WELCA Christmas program and potluck luncheon which is on December 11 at 10:30 AM. Please bring a dish for the potluck and remember men are welcome too!

Our chairpersons for December are Deb Schuck and Carma Bjornson. The altar guild women are Jane and Sheryl. *Thank you to the November chairpersons Nancy Gulbransen and Marilyn Skov and altar guild women Mary and Sandy.* The 2025 calendar is not complete so you will have to watch the bulletin for WELCA announcements. *We also want to thank Pastor Paul for leading us in our monthly Bible studies.*

Merry Christmas!
Sharon and Nancy



A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER!!!

December 18th will be Mervis Keckhafer's 100th birthday!

This is a special birthday for a special lady! *Everyone please shower her with birthday cards at:*

115 2nd Street NE Apt. 209
Hayfield, MN 55940...

AND MERVIS' FAMILY IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY OPENHOUSE FOR HER, on Sat., Dec. 14 from 1-4pm at Midtown Manor Community room. All are welcome to drop by with happy birthday wishes!



SERVING SCHEDULES

WEST—December

Ushers: Pete D. organizes volunteers

Deacon: Deb Schuck

Altar Guild: Jane Estby and Sheryl Wohlers

Stewardship:

1st Sun. – Alli Horejsi

2nd Sun. – Board of Ed.

3rd Sun. – WELCA

4th Sun. – Council

5th Sun. – Council

Acolytes:

Dec. 1– Mathea H., Scott C.

Dec 8– Scott C., Cole T.

Dec 15– Scott C., Hannah M.

Dec 22– Scott C., Hannah M.

Dec 29– Ben Laxen

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EAST—December

Acolytes: Ushers fill-in

Altar Guild: Darlene & Sonya

Deacon: Jane Williams

Typical Weekly Servers for East Coffee & Fellowship:

1st Sunday — Sarah Circle

2nd Sunday — Quilting Sisters

3rd Sunday — WELCA brunch

4th Sunday — Circle 4

5th Sunday — SS group during school year, Church council in summer



BOTH CHURCHES DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS on December 1, right after their church service.



EAST & WEST Christmas Programs “Journey to the Christ Child”

JAM has practice for program Dec. 1st at EAST church from 10:00am-Noon.

EAST Christmas Program

December 8 at 9:00 am

After the program, enjoy some coffee and Jesus' birthday cake. All welcome! Come celebrate Jesus' birth!!!

WEST Christmas Program

December 15 at 11:00 am

After the program, enjoy some coffee and Jesus' birthday cake. All welcome! Come celebrate Jesus' birth!!!

“Holiday Palooza” at East St. Olaf

9am til 2pm on Saturday, December 7, 2024



**EVERYONE is welcome to be a vendor or just come shop...
And a delicious soup lunch will be available for a free-will donation.**

**WE'LL HAVE FOOD VENDORS, CRAFTS, BAKING,
ALSO ANNUAL SALE BY THE EAST SEWING SISTERS!
LEFSA SALE TOO! COME SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS!!!**

Everyone is welcome to become a vendor and sell your wares at the East St. Olaf HOLIDAY PALOOZA tables are \$30. Event will be advertised.

Vendor contract and forms are available online at

eaststolaf.org >> Click on link for East Bulletin Board

All Vendors are Welcome! Come and Sell, Come and Shop!

Contact Amy Schwarz for information: amy.jorgenson23@gmail.com



AND The Sewing Sisters of East St Olaf will also hold their annual sale the same day as the Holiday Palooza Event. There will be quilts of all sizes, material, patterns, templates, a Singer Sewing Machine, and more from Peggy Andreason's estate. Lots of holiday fabric. Soup and Sandwich Luncheon available.

9:00AM - 2:00PM Basement

COME ON DOWN!! East St Olaf 6200 CR3 SW Byron, MN



BOTH: Decorating Churches for Christmas December 1

Each church is decorating for Christmas right after their services on Sun., Dec. 1. Helpers are needed at each church. Help get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth!!!

Christmas Bazaar by the Field Crest Auxiliary

Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8:00 am 'til Noon

at Hayfield Senior Center 25 E. Main Street

Lefse, baked goods, embroidered dish towels, Christmas decorations, and craft items. Coffee and treats are free-will offering.

All proceeds are put toward projects at Field Crest Care Center. All welcome!



WEST ST. OLAF Advent by Candlelight



Advent by Candlelight at West St. Olaf is on Sunday, December 8.

Sign-up sheets are available for those who would like to attend, those who would enjoy doing different jobs that evening (*ushers, readers, car parkers, etc.*). Please sign up as you are able!

The event will start at 5:00 for punch, conversation and the chance to view all of the tables. The service will begin at 6:00 in the church. A light supper to follow in the chapel. ***Our offering for the evening will go to Hayfield Fire and Ambulance.*** If you have questions, please contact Donna Larsen or Heather Bamlet.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



Dec. 24: We will celebrate Christ's birth with our evening candlelight services.

4:00 pm at West St. Olaf (with communion)

6:00 pm at East St. Olaf (with communion)

Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!! No church services / Office closes



Joint Hymn-Sing Service Dec. 29

Dec. 29 at 10am for both: Joint hymn-sing service at East St. Olaf

EAST: Come Decorate God's House for the Season at East on December 1!



Please mark your calendars! All hands are needed!

We have early church that morning, so 9:00 church, and 10:00-11:30 decorate.

Help get ready to celebrate the season of Jesus' birth!

Special Sports Note: The Minnesota Vikings are playing the Cardinals at noon, so we are minding the time.

EAST WOMEN: Come build relationships and excitement in our church.



The November meeting was held on the second Saturday of the month. Discussions on the upcoming Palooza were shared. We have 10 vendors, the Sewing Sisters, and a soup and salad luncheon planned. Prep dates for the Palooza will be on Wed. Dec. 4 and Friday Dec. 6. Advertising is starting for that event. Confirmation Celebration will be Sunday, Nov, 19 with Chicken Croissant Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, and bars. December 10 East St Olaf is hosting the Pastor's Conference, and we will supply coffee, rolls, and some non-sugary items for the pastors. Dec. 15 is the Christmas Brunch by WELCA, and all of East is invited. WELCA will have a brief meeting after the brunch, for our December meeting. And our planning meeting for 2025 will be Saturday, January 11 at 10:00AM in the East Basement. ALL WOMEN of East are invited to attend.

EAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Palooza Event, Dec. 7, 9:00AM-2:00PM



East St Olaf is hosting a Holiday Shopping Palooza on Saturday, Dec. 7.

We are in need of volunteers to serve soup and sandwiches that day. Call a friend and spend a day with us, in the Holiday Spirit! You can take the first shift in the morning, or a second shift in the afternoon. Please contact Amy Schwarz at amy.jorgenson23@gmail.com, or Jane Williams (507)271-2272 (talk or text) to volunteer. You can also help by bringing a crock of soup that day. The free will donations from the soup and sandwich lunch will go to East St Olaf's congregation. Please consider a donation of soup or time.

EAST Mission: Giving Tree in the East Narthex for the Women's Shelter



All Things Cozy will be the theme for our Giving Tree this year, and presents donated will be sent to the Women's Shelter in Rochester, MN. This safe house serves Rochester and local areas. Many arrive here with just the clothes on their backs, seeking refuge from abuse and looking to start a new and better life. Your donations will support women, children, and young adults seeking refuge. All are invited to donate. *"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked" Psalm 82:3-4*

EAST SEWING SISTERS QUILT SALE Dec. 7, 9:00AM-2:00PM



The Sewing Sisters of East St Olaf will hold their annual sale on Saturday, Dec. 7 along with the Holiday Palooza Event. There will be quilts of all sizes, material, patterns, templates, a Singer Sewing Machine, and more from Peggy Andreason's estate. Lots of holiday fabric. Soup and Sandwich Luncheon available.

9:00AM – 2:00PM Basement COME ON DOWN!!
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Christmas Brunch by Women of East St. Olaf: Sun., Dec. 15, 10am

Just come, enjoy, and relax!! The Women of East would like to welcome the entire East congregation to a Christmas Brunch! Church is at 9:00AM on this Sunday morning, and the brunch will follow at 10:00AM. Egg bakes, Homemade cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, Milk, Juice, Coffee. We hope you can join us!

Christmas Brunch by Women of East



All East Members invited!

Sunday, Dec. 15

9:00 Church 10:00 Brunch

St. Olaf Kid's Corner: December

What Child is This ?

The Bible tells us that God promised the world a Savior would come. A Son. People waited and waited.

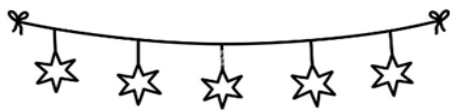
And then, one day, when God thought it was the right time, he chose a young woman named Mary to have the baby. An angle visited Mary and told her what was going to happen. The angel also visited her husband, Joseph, and gave him a big job too. Joseph had to take care of Jesus until He grew up.

While Mary was getting ready to have the baby, King Herod made a law that everyone in his kingdom had to travel to the place where their family came from. King Herod wanted a list of everyone who lived in the country. So, Mary and Joseph had to travel for many miles to Bethlehem. It was a long and hard journey.

When they got there, all the places to stay were full. One owner of a small inn felt sorry for Mary and Joseph. He saw that Mary was almost ready to have a baby! He offered them a small barn where the animals stayed. And that is where Jesus was born! God didn't choose a fancy place because His Son didn't come to earth to be rich or rule like the king of a country.

Jesus was sent to earth to remind people that God is real. When he got older, Jesus taught many people about God's love and how to be a child of God.

On CHRISTmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus CHRIST. Merry CHRISTmas to all of you!



Christmas Word Find

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| MARY | SHEPHERDS |
| JOSEPH | STAR |
| ANGEL | WISEMEN |
| JESUS | CHRIST |
| BETHLEHEM | CHRISTMAS |
| ANIMALS | MANGER |

Bible Verse

*"For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given: and
the government shall be up-
on his shoulder: and his
name shall be called Won-
derful, Counsellor, The
mighty God, The everlasting
Father, The Prince of Peace"*

Isaiah 9:6:

*Written about 700 years
before Jesus' birth.*

A Prayer for Christmas

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for a day to celebrate his birth. Jesus taught us more about God and how to live our lives for Him. He gave us eternal life. Thank you, Lord, for the best gift in the entire world. AMEN!

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KID'S PAGE PT. 2: Christmas Decorations! Did you know... ?



Christmas Trees: Stand for eternal life as evergreen trees stay green all year.

Star on top of the tree: Stands for the Star over Bethlehem. This star helped shepherds and wise men find baby Jesus. They gave Him gifts and worshipped Him.

Christmas lights: Stand for Jesus as the "Light of the World." They remind us of hope.

Nativity scene: Shows the birth of Jesus in the manger (the box that held feed for the animals). Mary, Joseph, the animals, shepherds and wise men are part of it too.

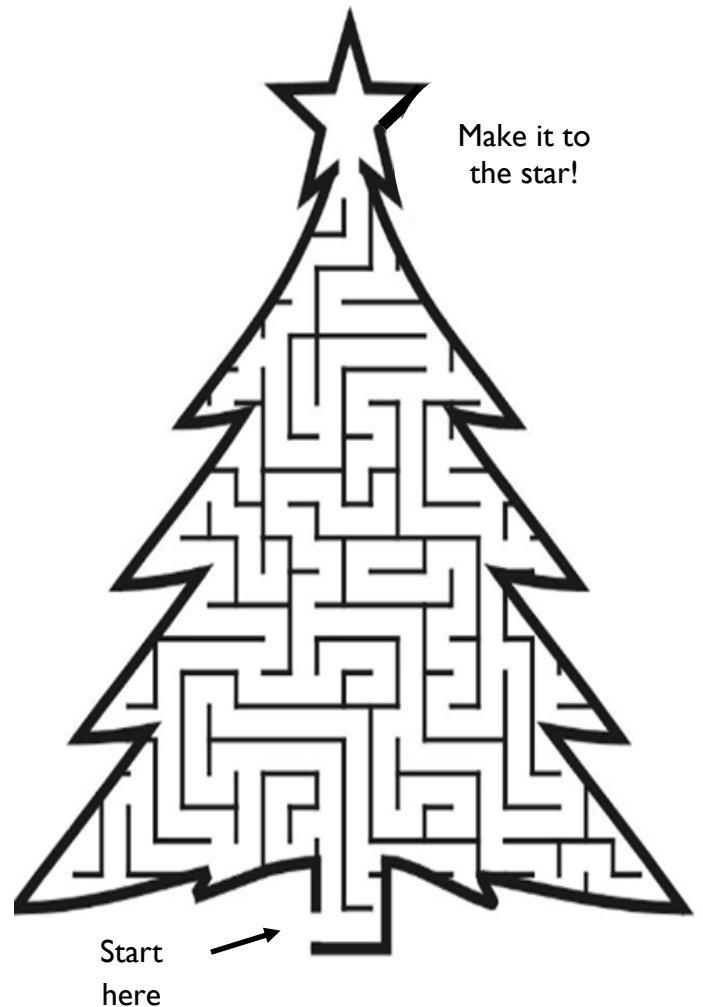
Wreaths: Stand for the circle of life and God's never-ending love.

Candy canes: Are shaped like a shepherd's walking stick. Jesus is called "The Good Shepherd" because he looks after us and keeps our souls safe.

Bells: Are the joyful sound that told everyone of Jesus' birth

Presents: Are like the gifts given to the baby Jesus by the wise men.

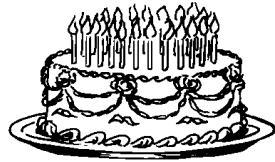
Stockings: This tradition comes from a story of Saint Nicholas, who is known for giving to people in need, especially around the season of Christmas.



DECEMBER

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 am EAST Worship/Comm. 10:30-11 am EAST <u>decorates church</u></p> <p>10:00 am JAM @ EAST: 2-hr <u>program practice</u> Coffee at West</p> <p>11:00 am WEST Worship/Comm. After church WEST <u>decorates church</u></p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office:</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch & SETUP for the quilter's sale</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>West chapel on hold for setup</i></p> <p>7:00 pm BOTH at West: Confirmation</p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Deadline for bulletin info</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>West chapel on hold for setup</i></p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>West chapel on hold for setup</i></p> <p>Pastor: day-off</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>9am-2pm HOLIDAY PALOOZA & QUILTING SISTER'S SALE with a Soup Lunch available (for a free-will offering)</p> <p><i>West chapel on hold for setup</i></p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 am EAST <u>Christmas Program & Jesus birthday cake afterward</u></p> <p>10:00 am <i>NO coffee at West</i></p> <p>11:00 am WEST Worship—<u>due date</u> for mission gifts</p> <p>West Advent by Candlelight 5pm- punch/viewing 6pm- service Light supper after</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p> <p>JOINT COUNCIL meeting at West 6pm individual 7pm joint meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am Zumbro Pastor's Conference & Coffee at EAST</p> <p>10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 am West WELCA Christmas Prog. & Potluck Lunch (men are welcome too)</p> <p>7:00 pm BOTH at West: Confirmation</p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Deadline for bulletin info</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office, then at 10am Kasson Ministerial Mtg.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pastor: day-off</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1-4:00 pm OPEN HOUSE for the 100th Birthday of Mervis Keckhafer at Midtown Manor Comm. Room All welcome to drop by!!</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 am EAST Worship <u>then EAST Christmas Brunch</u> after church for all East members After brunch, East WELCA mtg.</p> <p>10:00 am Coffee at West</p> <p>11:00 am WEST <u>Christmas Program & Jesus birthday cake afterward</u></p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch</p> <p>5:00 pm DEADLINE to submit info for next newsletter</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 pm BOTH at West: Confirmation</p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Deadline for bulletin info</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pastor day-off</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 am EAST Worship/Comm. Coffee after church</p> <p>10:00 am <u>NO JAM class</u> Coffee at West</p> <p>11:00 am WEST Worship/Comm.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Deadline for bulletin info</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><u>NO East quilting</u></p>  <p>Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICES with COMMUNION: 4:00 pm at West 6:00 pm at East</p>	<p>25 Gina VAC</p> <p>Merry Christmas! No worship Office closed</p> <p>NO CLASS for Confirmation</p>	<p>26 Gina VAC</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p>	<p>27 Gina VAC</p> <p>Pastor day-off</p>	<p>28 Gina VAC</p>
<p>29 Gina VAC</p> <p><u>NO JAM class</u></p> <p>10:00 am <u>JOINT Hymn-sing Service at EAST Church</u></p>	<p>30 Gina VAC</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p> <p>NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY 9:10 print 9:30 fold 9:45 collate/tape</p>	<p>31 Gina VAC</p> <p>10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch</p>	<p>JAN. 1, 2025</p> <p>Gina VAC</p> <p>NO CLASS for Confirmation</p> <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY!</p>			

Happy Birthday!



Dec. Birthdays East

4 Evin Lantz
 4 Jana Thompson
 11 Amy Jorgenson
 13 Dawn Evjen
 15 Trina Exe
 16 Tonya Koehler
 19 Bruce Peterson
 21 Elaine Brakke
 21 Deanna Bakken
 22 Chloe DeCook
 23 Adam Clement
 23 Bradley Distad
 26 Daniel Brandt

27 Dianne Kearns
 27 Adyson Pyfferoen
 28 Elaine Boone
 31 Iris Koehler

Dec. Birthdays West

1 Aaron Bjornson
 1 Carl Bamlet
 3 Charles Stoppel
 4 Jana Thompson
 5 Tully Hovda
 9 Sterling Larson
 10 Maleah Olson
 12 Felicia McAndrews
 13 Heidi Daleske
 14 William Morris
 15 Jessica Johnson
 15 Amanda Imes
 15 Justin Masching

17 Lauralee Olson
 18 Mervis Keckhafer
 18 Alexander Schrader
 20 Diane Berge
 22 Joel Wohlers
 22 Nicholas Larsen
 23 Bryan West
 29 Kent Fjerstad
 29 Melissa Olson
 29 Michael Peterson
 29 Matthew Fjerstad

Thank you to everyone for the cards well wishes and prayers during my illness. ~ *Rita Distad* ~

EAST Offerings/Contributions:

(11/03/24) Current \$2,677 and Benevolence \$250.
 (11/10/24) Current \$1,180.
 (11/17/24) Current \$1,175.

Dear East St. Olaf Members, On behalf of students and staff, we extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of school supplies. Your support means so much to our school community; and it truly makes a difference. With these supplies, you are not only easing the burden on families and teachers but also helping to create a brighter, more positive learning environment. Our students have the tools they need to be engaged, creative, and successful. Thank you for your kindness and thank you once again for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

~ *With gratitude, Jennifer Flynn, Secretary, Kasson-Mantorville Elementary School* ~

EAST St. Olaf Council Minutes: November 5, 2024

- Call to order:** Bruce Peterson at 6 p.m.
- Members present:** Bruce Peterson, Lori Peterson, Gary Kearns, Bryan Decook, Danny Ziemann, Randy Robinson, Tara Stewart.
- Devotions:** Waived in lieu of Pastor Paul's vacation.
- Pastors report:** Pastor Paul on vacation.
- Secretary's report:** Reviewed and approved.
- Financial secretary's report:** Reviewed and approved.
- Treasurer's report:** Reviewed the months of September and October and approved.
- Deacon's report:** Holiday Palooza event with vendors upcoming on December 7.
- Trustees report:** Outlet in kitchen making buzzing noise and may need to be replaced. This was looked at by Randy, Bryan, and Bruce after council meeting. Plowing contract for winter was discussed. Bids needed from Ken Schimek and Nick Swanson.
- Old business:** Gary and Jane to discuss separate mailing for monthly budget deficit.
- New business:** No new business.
- Adjournment:** Randy motioned to adjourn, Bryan seconded motion. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's prayer.
- Next meeting:** Joint council meeting at WEST on 12/9/2024. East and West individual meetings at 6:00 p.m., joint meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tara Stewart.

West St. Olaf Council Minutes: November 11, 2024

Attendance (P = Present, A = Absent)

Pastor Paul		Dave Peterson		Deb Schuck	P	Ben Horejsi
Will Laxen	P	Sheryl Wohlers	P	Clay Hazelmann		Billie Jean Cocuzzi
Hans Estby		Mary Brandt	P	Greg Brandt	P	
Cindy Stoppel	P	Sandy Iverson		Chad Thompson	P	
Jenny Twaddle	P	Carma Bjornson		Del Senjem	P	

Meeting called to order by Will Laxen.

Agenda approval: Motion made to approve agenda by Mary and seconded by Cindy, motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Report read, motion made to approve by Mary and seconded by Deb, motion carried.

Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Reports reviewed and discussed. Line of credit was approved and set up at the bank. Motion made to approve both reports by Greg and seconded by Del, motion carried.

Boad of Education Report: The Halloween party was a success with about 12 kids and 6 parent helpers attending. The kids had a good time and learned about Lutheranism. Heritage Day went well. Appreciation to the ladies for helping. Christmas program practices began Sunday, so far so good. Luther League had a Halloween outing to Fright at the Farm in Zumbrota and 12 people attended, it sounded like a lot of fun. In November, they plan to help the Hayfield food pantry with boxing Thanksgiving meals on Monday 11/18.

Deacon's Report: Cards sent: Thinking of you to Dave Peterson, Carma Bjornson, Ethan Estby, and Russ Skov. Birthday to Jean Thoe, and Sympathy to Susie Thoe and family (passing of Susie's father). Heritage Day was successful and thank you to all that baked, served, cleaned up, and attended. A collection of \$144 for the St. Olaf Heritage Association was raised. The fall bazaar was a success. Thank you to Cindy and Donna for alter guild work, it was an extra busy month with confirmation duties. Decorating the church for Christmas occurs on December 1, Dawn & Craig Steinfeldt will lead us. Advent by candlelight is December 8 with the Hayfield Ambulance & Firefighters Associations as the mission. Potluck WELCA Christmas party on 12/11, all are invited. WELCA will be adopting 2 families for Christmas. JAM Christmas program treats will be purchased. Reminder of Mervis' 100th birthday on December 18, please shower her with cards (*and her family is having an open house on Dec. 14 at Midtown Manor's community room*). Council members are needed to serve on November 24th coffee hour. Mary is the Deacon for this month.

Trustees Report: Roof work has started. Current thermostat in chapel is programmable. Replaced parts in toilet. No responses for painting bids, council agreed to go with GZ for painting projects. Will start with Narthex interior.

Old Business: None

New Business: The council agreed that undesignated Memorial Donations received will be used where the need is most critical. Asking for volunteers to form a Budget Sub-Committee; Will, Jenny, Deb and Cindy Stoppel agreed and will meet to take a detailed look at the budget and see if there is any place to save money. Reminder volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee. Will plans to reach out to Alli Horejsi and Margaret Senjem and see what positions are needed.

Motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Cindy, seconded by Chad and approved. Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Submitted by: Cindy Stoppel, West St. Olaf council secretary

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be at West on Mon., Dec. 9 at 6:00 pm at West with joint meeting to follow.

WEST ST. OLAF FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Oct. 16-Nov. 15, 2024

Date		Current	Date		Benevolence
20-Oct	Offering	\$ 2,777.00	20-Oct	Offering	\$200.00
27-Oct	Offering	1,194.00		Offering	
3-Nov	Offering	875.00		Offering	
10-Nov	Offering	<u>1,050.00</u>		Offering	
Subtotal		\$5,896.00	Subtotal		<u>\$200.00</u>
Other Current Income:			Other Benevolence Income:		
20-Oct	Coffee Hour	44.00			
27-Oct	Coffee Hour	26.00			
27-Oct	Non-Member Don	100.00			
27-Oct	3rd Q Reconciliation	1,429.52			
3-Nov	Heritage Ass'n	144.00			
10-Nov	Non-Member Don	<u>25.00</u>			
Subtotal		<u>\$ 1,768.52</u>	Subtotal		<u>-</u>
Total Current Income		<u>\$ 7,664.52</u>	Total Benevolence Income:		<u>\$200.00</u>

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

October 16,2024-November 15,2024

Current Account	10/16/2024-11/15/2024	
Beginning Balance	\$	3,991.78
Income		\$7,664.52
Total Income	\$	11,656.30
Expenses		\$6,354.29
Supplies		\$62.95
Utilities		\$712.92
Total Expenses		\$7,130.16
Ending Balance	\$	4,526.14
Benevolence Account		
Beginning Balance	\$	2,008.31
Income		\$200.00
Total Income	\$	2,208.31
Expenses		\$0.00
Total Expenses		\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$	2,208.31

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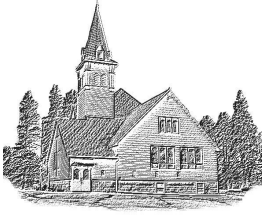
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