



## MAY 2019 HAPPENINGS

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### \*\*\* WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY \*\*\*

**EAST is early at 9:00 am... WEST is late at 11:00 am**

**West JAM's last day is May 5... East Sunday school resumes in autumn**

## Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



An EMT once gave a talk about how to talk about death. In it he asked if it was OK to be honest with those who are dying. He said that in the early years of his career, if a fatally injured person asked, "Am I going to be OK?" would always answer, "Yes, you'll be fine." After all, it would be cruel to tell a person, "No, you are going to die." Right?

Then he came upon a man who'd been badly injured in a motorcycle accident. There was no hope for him. He was agitated and worried and asked, "Am I going to make it?" This time the EMT told him the truth. At that, the man relaxed, had a peaceful look on his face, and slipped away quietly.

Since that time, the EMT always told people the truth, if they asked. People's responses to him, across all religious and ethnic lines, has been the same. Acceptance. Many want some assurance of forgiveness, some assurance that they'd be remembered, and some assurance that their life would have meaning. Knowing the truth gets them to that point of meaning.

It's easier to accept things that we know are coming. If we don't know, we worry, we are anxious, and we cause ourselves all kinds of grief. We speculate, "What do I do if...?" or Imagine a young person waiting to hear if they've been accepted into their college of choice. Imagine a older person waiting to hear the pathology report on the strange lump they had biopsied. Imagine the person waiting to hear if they'd gotten the job for which they'd interviewed.

We face mysteries of all kinds in our lives. The future for most of us is a guess, not a sure thing. But we have one sure thing, one absolute: Jesus Christ rose so that we might live. Whatever date that our death finds us, God has already found us. Whatever circumstances befall our lives, God is with us.

In God's peace,  
Pastor Paul Thompson



## Congratulations to 2019 Graduates!

Congratulations and God's blessing upon those who will graduate from high school this spring. May God give them wisdom in their next steps.

**East St. Olaf graduates:** Aaron Stewart and Adam Watson

**West St. Olaf graduates:** Nikolas Aasen, Camryn Dahle, Alexis Glynn, and Toni Fjerstad



## Membership Updates, WELCA News & Serving Schedules

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

#### HOLY BAPTISM

##### Winston Edwin Goldberg

Was baptized at East. St. Olaf on April, 14, 2019. His parents are Kyle & Sheena Goldberg.  
Sponsors: Wade & Nico Guza, Joe & Katie Schallenbeger.  
Officiated by Rev. Paul Thompson.

#### EAST WELCA DATES

##### May 7 (Tue.)

10:00 quilting/sack lunch

##### May 14 (Tue.)

10:00 quilting/sack lunch

##### May 21 (Tue.)

10:00 am Circle 4 Bible study  
12:00 pm Circle 4 meeting, then quilting

##### May 28 (Tue.)

10:00 quilting/sack lunch

#### WEST WELCA NEWS

As I write this article, we have snow covering everything again. In addition to the snow, electrical power was out for "hundred's" of people across the area. How much we depend on our modern conveniences. This winter has produced many cancelations of quilting days, WELCA meeting, Lenten and church services. May all this remind us to depend on our Lord to guide us through all things in our life and look forward to spring bringing all things green again.

We are thankful that our Holy Hot Dish Sunday was such a great success. Thank you to everyone who planned, brought food, worked and was part of the program.

Thank you to our April Chairperson Deb S. and Altar Guild Jane E. and Sheryl Wohlers. Hope your family

shared a joyous Easter.

May Chairpersons are Heather B. and Sharon G. Altar Guild is Cindy S. and Donna L. Our May WELCA meeting is scheduled to be at the Villa on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Pastor Paul will give a message that day. We are happy to share our WELCA meeting with those members who live at the Villa and the Care Center.

We will be serving coffee on Memorial Day, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Coffee will begin at 8:30 AM with free will offering to benefit the Hayfield American Legion. The Legion Memorial Service will be at 10:25 AM.

May 31<sup>st</sup> is the Synod Assembly in Rochester beginning at 8AM.

As spring appears around the corner, may the rebirth of all things growing shine God's light upon us and bring smiles in gratefulness.

Happy Spring!  
Sisters in Christ  
Nancy P. & Sharon G.



### Perhaps a Smile or Two

Q: What stays in the corner and travels all over the world?

A: *A stamp.*

Q: Why did the computer go to the doctor?

A: *Because it had a virus.*

Q: Did you hear about the angry pancake?

A: *It just flipped!*

Q: What did the tailor think of her new job?

A: *It was sew-sew.*

Q: How do you communicate with a fish?

A: *Just drop him a line.*



### SERVING SCHEDULES

#### MAY at WEST

**Acolytes:** Ushers until fall

**Ushers:**

Steve Arett, Scott Iverson, Philip Senjem, Will Laxen

**Deacon:** Cindy Orning

**Stewardship:**

Jeff & Susie Thoe

#### MAY at EAST

**Altar Guild:** Rita Distad

**Acolytes:**

To be determined

#### COFFEE SERVERS at EAST

**Serving Coffee Hours Each Month:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Sarah Circle
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Quilters Group
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	College Fund
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Circle 4
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	___? Open week



# VBS is coming!



Dear Parents:

As an incoming preschooler or older to West St. Olaf's West JAM Sunday School or East St. Olaf's Sunday school this coming fall, your child is invited to attend our Vacation Bible School this June, called ROAR!

At ROAR, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Kids discover that God is good through all of life's challenges. Life is wild for kids—full of ups and downs and twists and turns. It can feel chaotic and out of control. At ROAR kids experience the solid foundation of God's goodness—something they can stand on, cling to, hold, and remember when the wild side of life doesn't feel so fun or adventurous. Through science, art, team-building games, cool Bible songs, the kids will learn that "Life is Wild—God is Good!"

Kids in preschool (4 years old) through those who will be in 6th grade during the 2019-2020 school year are welcome to attend. Older kids (7<sup>th</sup> grade and beyond) can attend as well and will be Crew Leaders. On the registration form, please enter the child's grade for the **2019-2020** school year so we can make sure they are in the right group. Also, please indicate if your "older" children would like to join us – along with what they might like to help with (music, science/art, games, preschool, help with keeping a Crew organized, etc.)

**Mark these dates on your calendar: June 16<sup>th</sup> - June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – at West St. Olaf in the chapel**

5:30 – registration (get your name tags and find your crew)

6:00-8:00 VBS Program (parents, please feel free to join us the last 20 minutes!)

**Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> – at West St. Olaf in the chapel**

5:30 – supper for kids and helpers

6:00-8:00 – VBS Program (parents, please feel free to join us the last 20 minutes!)

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – at West St. Olaf in the chapel**

5:30 – supper for kids and helpers

6:00-8:15 – VBS Program (parents, friends and family please join us about 7:30 for the ROAR! Finale\*)

A couple of reminders:

- 1). Since everything is hands-on during VBS, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes!
- 2). In case of a severe weather threat during VBS, we will announce any cancellations over email and on KTTC and KROC.
- 3). As always, we'd appreciate any help in tearing down the decorations that you can offer. We'd love to have many hands making light work for the tear down!

Call Jana Hiam at 507-951-3630, [janamhiam@gmail.com](mailto:janamhiam@gmail.com) or Katie Masching at [katiemasching@gmail.com](mailto:katiemasching@gmail.com) or talk to any Board of Education Member if you have and questions regarding ROAR!



**VBS 2019 Registration (please try to return this form by June 3)**

**Family Information:**

Parent Name(s)	Phone Number(s)	Email Address	Interested in helping at VBS?	
		<b>We try to communicate any updates or changes in VBS plans via e-mail as soon as possible.</b>	Y	N
	H: C:		Y	N
	H: C:		Y	N

**Child(ren) Attending VBS:**

- Children ages 4 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (at the start of **2019-2020** school year) are welcome to participate.
- Older children are also welcome and encouraged to attend and will be "Crew Leaders" or station helpers.

	Name	Birth date	Grade during 2019-2020 School	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> graders help? Yes or No Where/What?	Allergies/Medical Conditions	Home Church (circle one)
1						East West Other: _____
2						East West Other: _____
3						East West Other: _____
4						East West Other: _____

**More children to register? Need more room for pertinent medical information?** Please feel free to write on an additional sheet of paper.

**Extra Emergency Contact(s): We'll try to call parents (listed above) first.**

Name	Phone Number(s)	Relationship to Child(ren)
	H: C:	

**Picture Release Form**

This release is for the purpose of putting pictures with students on the East/West St. Olaf Facebook page, newsletters and bulletin boards. The intended use will be to show the various activities that our church offers. Pictures will be used without names.

I, (*print your name here*) \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for East/West St. Olaf to use pictures of my child(ren), listed on this registration form, for use on their website, Facebook page, newsletters or bulletin boards.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1  7:00 pm BOTH Confirmation at EAST church	2 9:00 am-Noon Pastor at office  7:00 pm WELCA women invited to a Birthday Party at Kasson St. John's Church	3 Pastor Paul's Day Off-Work	4 <a href="#">West church and chapel are reserved all day:</a> 11:00 am Memorial service for Charles Brown at West St. Olaf (visitation 1 hour before service)
5  9:00 am East Worship & <a href="#">comm</a> 10:00 am JAM—last day until autumn 11:00 am West Worship & <a href="#">comm</a>	6 9:00 am-Noon Pastor at office	7 10:00 am East Quilt/sack lunch   6:00 pm East Council meeting	8 1:00 pm West WELCA meeting held at Villa in Hayfield. Pastor Paul presenting the message.  7:00 pm BOTH Confirmation at EAST church	9 9:00 am-Noon Pastor at office   6:00-8:00 pm West women's craft night at chapel. <i>Bring a snack.</i>	10 Pastor Paul's Day Off-Work	11
12  9:00 am East Worship 11:00 am West Worship & baptism of Rhylin Hiam	13 9:00 am-Noon Pastor at office   7:00 pm West Council meeting	14 10:00 am East Quilt/sack lunch	15  7:00 pm BOTH Confirmation at EAST church	16 9:00 am-Noon Pastor at office	17 Pastor Paul's Day Off-Work	18
19  9:00 am East Worship & <a href="#">comm</a> 11:00 am West Worship	20 9:00 am-Noon Pastor at office  <b>Noon</b> <i>Deadline to submit info for the newsletter</i>	21 10:00 am East Circle 4 Bible study, then... Noon meeting, sack lunch, and quilting	22  7:00 pm BOTH Confirmation at EAST church... <i>last class until autumn</i>	23 9:00 am-Noon Pastor at office	24 Pastor Paul's Day Off-Work	25
26  9:00 am East Worship 11:00 am West Worship & <a href="#">comm</a>	27 <b>Memorial Day</b> <u>Office CLOSED</u>  <b>AT WEST:</b> 8:30 am Coffee/goodies served - free will offering benefits Hayfield Legion 10:25 am Memorial service by Hayfield American Legion at West St. Olaf	28 10:00 am East Quilt/sack lunch	29	30 9:00 am-Noon Pastor at office  <b>NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY</b> 9:10-printing 9:30-folding 10:00-collate/tape	31 8:00 am <b>SE MN SYNOD ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>June 1</b> <b>SE MN SYNOD ASSEMBLY</b>  >> <i>Please try to register for VBS by June 3... the form is in this newsletter</i>



## Memorial Service with Coffee and Goodies at West St. Olaf



**Memorial Day Service at West St. Olaf** will be conducted by the Hayfield American Legion at **10:25 am**. Coffee and goodies will be available starting at 8:30 am for a free-will offering that will benefit the Hayfield American Legion. Everyone is welcome. *Co-sponsored by Thrivent.*



## Thank You West St. Olaf

Thank you to West WELCA for the beautiful quilt, and to the Council for the monetary gift!

It was my pleasure to serve my church by helping with the bulletins and newsletters while Gina was away. The gifts were a surprising bonus! Thank you so much! ~ Jan Nordland ~



## Thank You West Members

Thank You, West St. Olaf Members! Holy Hotdish 2019 was a success!

We appreciate all the delicious food that was brought in, the many willing workers on both shifts and the people who set up on Thursday. Thank you to the musicians and actors for their many hours of preparation and to Greg Brandt for setting up the sound system. Special thanks to Kurt Orning for writing and organizing the program, Cindy Orning for taking the reservations and Jan Nordland for taking care of the advertising.

The "Holy Hotdish" flour sack quilt brought in an extra \$115 for the food shelf. It was won by non-other than Carma Bjornson, aka "Bertina". We donated \$615 to the Dodge County Food Shelf. We appreciate the start-up money from the Thrivent Action Team.

We had so many compliments on the food and entertainment. We had many requests to "do it again next year!"

## West Women's Craft Night is May 9



6-8:00 pm at West chapel.  
Bring a snack to share.

### May Birthdays: East

- 2 Janet Anderson
- 3 Greg Moore
- 4 Alysia Rud
- 7 Carl Yngsdal
- 8 Nickoli Schneckloth
- 13 Deb DeCook
- 13 Hunter Rud
- 13 Owen Pyfferoen
- 16 Diane Boysen
- 19 Grace Senjem
- 20 Karen Yngsdal
- 20 Lori Peterson
- 22 Heidi Herness
- 24 Nicole Moore
- 24 Shelby Jorgenson
- 25 Dale Boelter Jr.
- 27 Carol Anderson

## Happy Birthday!



- 29 Payton Koehler
- 30 Sandra Nelson
- 31 Jaedyn Quinn

### May Birthdays: West

- 3 Amber Haley
- 3 Paige Johnson
- 4 Susan Hyland
- 8 Cooper Beyer
- 11 Virginia Hyland
- 12 Myranda Martin
- 13 Roxanne Weinmann
- 14 Brian Daleske
- 14 Scott Morris
- 14 Camryn Dahle
- 16 Patrick Boyum
- 16 Felix Laxen
- 17 Corey Morris
- 17 Daryn McGowan
- 18 Erika Smith
- 18 Alexis Glynn
- 20 JoAnn Tiegen
- 20 Beth Connelly
- 21 Rosalie Steele
- 23 Nancy Danielson
- 24 Cathy Hovda
- 24 Kaitlyn Borland
- 25 Jacob Iverson
- 27 Olivia Larson
- 27 Alexander Phenix
- 27 Bradley Schuck
- 28 Dale Roe
- 28 William Bamlet
- 29 Lori Aasen
- 30 Daniel West
- 31 Russel Skov



## Free Directory Photos - Still Some to Pickup at East St. Olaf

Please check the table in the narthex to see if you have a free photo to pick up from when photos were taken for the church directory.

### East St. Olaf Church Council Minutes ~ April 2, 2019

- Call to Order:** Mike Senjem at 6:15 p.m.
- Members Present:** Pastor Paul Thompson, Gary Kearns, Mike Senjem, Glenda Mueller, Brian Mueller, Steve Senjem, Deb DeCook, Bryan DeCook, Sonya Mansfield, Pat Cahill, and Chris Yennie
- Devotions:** Pastor Paul gave the opening prayer.
- Secretary's Report:** Reviewed and approved.
- Pastor's Report:** Reviewed and approved.
- Financial Secretary's Report:** January, February & March reports reviewed and approved.  
\$585 was raised for Good Earth Village special offering.
- Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed and approved.
- Deacon's Report:** Acolyte schedule & scripture reading schedule was discussed.
- Trustee's Report:** One lawn mowing bid for the church grounds was received and accepted. Old fence around church grounds has been removed. Some tree trimming has been done.
- Old Business:**
- 1) Council will be serving after church on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2) Joint service at East this summer was discussed. It was decided to check with the Heritage Committee to see if joint service could be combined with the Ice Cream Social in August.
  - 3) Church directory discussed. It was decided to go ahead with addresses & phone numbers that are currently available for the directory. Pastor Paul will contact Yvette Dulohery to go ahead with publishing the directory.
- New Business:**
- 1) Graduation recognition Sunday was discussed. Sonya will check with WELCA and parents of the graduates to see if date has been set.
  - 2) Folding machine was purchased for the church office as the old one quit working.
- Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deb DeCook



## West St. Olaf Church Council Minutes ~ April 8, 2019

**Meeting called to order** by Deb Schuck

**Devotions:** Pastor Paul

**Attendance:** Pastor Paul, Deb Schuck, Missy Olson, Dave Peterson, Nancy Gulbranson, Cindy Orning, Greg Brandt, Ken Wohlers

**Review and Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve: Ken Wohlers; Second: Cindy Orning

**Secretary's Report:** Report from 3/5/19 meeting was reviewed. Motion to approve: Missy Olson; Second: Nancy Gulbranson. Approved.

**Financial Report:** Report for 3/5/19 was reviewed. Missed Sundays due to snow had a negative impact on the last month. Motion to approve: Ken Wohlers; Second: Missy Olson. Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Report for 3/5/19 was reviewed. Motion to approve: Ken Wohlers; Second: Dave Peterson. Approved.

**Board of Education Report:** After Easter they will work on plans for summer Bible school and 2019 and 2020 confirmation.

**Luther League:** No report.

**Pastor's Report:** 12 visits; 8 Sunday worships; 4 midweek worships; 2 confirmation classes; 318 miles for mileage; 8 meetings; 2 events. Upcoming events: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Upcoming vacation: June 9, July 21, October 6, December 29.

**Deacon's Report:** \$207 was given to Good Earth Village from Lenten Supper and coffee hour.

**Trustee's Report:** Discussed LP usage while not using the church for two months.

**Old Business:** New insurance will show a \$3300 savings per year along with an additional \$1M umbrella policy.

**New Business:** Heritage Day will be in August and will have 11:00 church service and 1:00 ice cream social. Will confirm with East.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Dave Peterson; **Second:** Nancy Gulbransen

**Next council meeting will be May 13 at 7:00 PM**

Submitted by Mary Brandt, West St. Olaf Secretary



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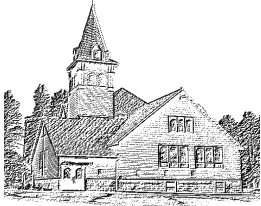
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