

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church



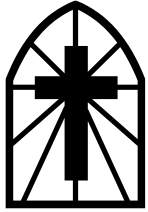
East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER 2024 HAPPENINGS

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Office Hours: 9:00 am–Noon (Monday & Thursday ... or by appointment) **Websites:** eaststolaf.org ...OR.... weststolaf.org

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September Worship Schedule

WEST has 9:00 am worship (*coffee after church this month*)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES begin 7:00 pm Sept. 4 (at West church all year)

JAM RALLY DAY will be 10:00 am Sept. 15, at WEST, with a lunch at 10:45 am

EAST has 11:00 am worship (*coffee always after church*)

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,



We are addicted to hurry. We rush around and do all the things we think we are expected to do and we fall into our beds exhausted at the end of the day, falling asleep as we begin to pray. We are addicted to being busy. It is a status symbol. It's almost as if we compare our calendars to see whose is the fullest of activities and appointments, as if our value were measured by how busy we are.

Even pastors like to complain to one another about how busy we are. Perhaps that helps us feel like our work is important—few other people seem to think so.

Kirk Byron Jones, professor of social ethics and pastoral ministry at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, wrote a book titled *Addicted to Hurry*. “When hurry becomes a chronic condition, when we run even when there is no reason to, when we rush while performing even the most mundane tasks, it may be said that we have become addicted to hurry. Thousands of us are addicted to hurry whether we admit it or not,” writes Jones. As we hurry, we lose sight of those around us, of important experiences, of people, of our time with God.

Sunday mornings may be one more source of “hurry” in our lives. We hurry to get up, to clean up, to dress up, or to dress the kids, just to get to church. Then we hurry off to whatever other business we have before us.

But Sunday is the Christian Sabbath, the day of rest. We sit in the pews, we hear the Good News of Jesus, and we allow ourselves to be served. This is important to our health: Physical, mental, and spiritual. This is important to our lives. This is important to the end. Come and rest!

In God's peace, Pastor Paul Thompson

Membership Updates, WELCA News, and More

MEMBERSHIP INFO

No updates at this time.

EVENTS AT EAST

SEPTEMBER: Worship at 11:00 AM

3 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch & (Circle 4 meeting too)

6:00PM JOINT Council Meeting at East

8 After church—a birthday Luncheon for Audrey C.

10 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch

14 10:00 WELCA Meeting

15 Rally Sunday at West 10am

17 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch

24 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch

29 Sarah Circle Fall Dinner at Noon

WEST WELCA NEWS

Fall is a new beginning. We will be back to our regular routines with school, harvest in our gardens and fields and enjoying the fall colors and weather. Hope your summer was full of family time, travel and some relaxation.

We begin quilting on September 10 & 11 at 9 AM. Bring a sack lunch and join us for a fun time together. We quilt again on the 24th & 25th.

Our WELCA meeting is at 1:00 pm on September 11. Pastor Paul will lead us in Bible study and Carma Bjornson is our hostess. Our chairperson is Jane Estby and altar guild women are Mary and Sandy. Rally day is September 15.

The Lutheran World Relief School Kit Mission continues until September 29th. The list of supplies needed is on top of the collection boxes in the church and chapel. This is a Thrivent Action Team project. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to our August chairpersons, Roxanne and Jan N. for helping organize Pete Danielson's auction lunch. Also thank you to all who worked and furnished pies and to Al and Sandy for furnishing the BBQ.

WEST WELCA CONTINUED...

Thank you to the altar guild ladies Donna and Cindy S. who served in August.

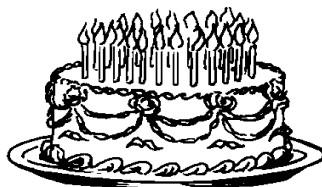
Mark your calendars for OCTOBER 19 for our Fall Bazaar. There will be details in the October newsletter.

Sisters in Christ,
Sharon and Nancy



CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN

Weekly confirmation classes begin Wed., Sept. 4 – meets at 7:00 pm at WEST all year.



EAST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

Please join us for a birthday luncheon, honoring Audrey Carlson, **after EAST church Sunday, Sept. 8th**. We hope to see you there!



SERVING SCHEDULES

WEST—September

Ushers: Pete D. organizes volunteers

Deacon: Sandy Iverson

Altar Guild: Donna Larsen, and Cindy Senjem

Stewardship:

1st Sun. – Luth. League

2nd Sun. – Board of Ed.

3rd Sun. – WELCA

4th Sun. – Council

5th Sun. – Council

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EAST—September

Acolytes: Ushers fill-in

Altar Guild: Dawn Evjen

Deacon: Lori Peterson

Typical Weekly Servers for East Coffee & Fellowship:

1st Sunday — Sarah Circle

2nd Sunday — Quilting Sisters

3rd Sunday — OPEN, contact Marilyn to volunteer

4th Sunday — Circle 4

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

Hegre's Annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper

(ONLY take-out and curbside pickup orders)

Wed., Sept. 18, 2024

4:00-7:00 pm

See poster on bulletin board at church for full details.



Rally Day!!! Sept. 15, 2024

at West (for East & West students)



There will be blessing of backpacks and presentation of third grade Bibles during church service on Rally Day. JAM will begin at 10:00 am – and we will have our regular coffee hour—then afterward, 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.

SCHEDULE for RALLY DAY, Sunday, September 10:

- 9:00 am:** West worship service: Bible presentations, and Blessing of the Backpacks—so bring backpacks
10:00 am: JAM classes for both East & West kids (AT WEST) — Also West coffee hour
10:45 am: Rally Day Lunch (at West): Pulled-pork sandwiches, chips, fruit, fresh veggies, bars, beverages.
Lunch is co-sponsored by Thrivent, free-will offering for JAM curriculum & technology.

WEST WELCA Collecting School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief.

We hope you will keep our mission in mind when school supplies go on sale. There are boxes in the chapel and church to place your donations. Thank you.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN EACH SCHOOL KIT:

Any donation of school supplies will be appreciated. All items should be new. Please remove any extra packaging. Donated items due by September 29.

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; **no loose-leaf paper**
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener ALSO, One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayonsALSO, One 2½" eraser
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps **WELCA will make these cloth bags.**

SEPT. Birthdays East

- 3 Donna Molde
- 5 Sonja Mansfield
- 6 Juliana Lee
- 6 Kelsey Severson
- 6 Sophia Senjem
- 8 Mabel Bale
- 11 Katelyn Severson
- 13 Rusty Baier
- 14 Bryan DeCook
- 16 Dalton Mansfield
- 19 Orillie Iverson
- 21 Brenda Carstensen
- 21 Alexander Moore

Happy Birthday!



- 24 Thomas Myhre
- 24 Pete Exe
- 26 Darlene Myhre

SEPT. Birthdays West

- 3 Gregory Tiegen
- 10 Raymond Sutton
- 10 Jennifer Martin
- 11 Mathea Horejsi
- 14 Mark Hanson
- 15 Jason Twaddle
- 16 Erik Johnson
- 17 Wayne Iverson
- 17 Audrin Place
- 17 Trystin Kaehler
- 17 Gunnar Tiegen
- 19 Michelle Lechnir
- 22 Quinn Johnson
- 26 Margaret Senjem
- 26 Adam Glynn
- 28 Shauna Eastlee
- 29 Jeff Lechnir
- 29 Tina Bigaouette

EAST Offerings/Contributions:

(07/21 and 07/28/2024) Current \$\$2,445 and Benevolence \$100.

(08/04/2024) Current \$1,563 and Benevolence \$25.

(Aug. 11, 18, & 25) Current \$2,020 and Benevolence \$75, In Memory Marlene Paulson, \$180 Undesignated.

EAST St. Olaf Council Minutes:

No East council meeting in August, due to not meeting quorum.

Women of East St Olaf: Come and join us as we build relationships and excitement in our church



The August meeting was held at East St. Olaf on the second Saturday of the month. Amy and Dawn discussed items that are on the calendar. Our next meeting will be September 14 at 10:00AM at East St Olaf. We will be planning for the December Palooza and other celebrations along the way. Please come and join us and share ideas for our congregation.

Blessings to all!

East St. Olaf "Operation School Supplies" for Local Schools

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!

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



- 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 in and cm)
- Solid colored folders
- Glue Sticks or Elmers Glue

East St. Olaf "Holiday Palooza"!! Saturday, December 7, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!!

FOOD VENDORS, CRAFTS, BAKING QUILTS! LEFSA SALE! 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. This event will be advertised. *Vendor contract and form to complete and mail-in are available on pages 5 & 6 of this newsletter.*

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

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

Picture yourself and/or
your friends selling at
East Holiday Palooza!



Vendor Agreement for Palooza!

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

(see next page for form to fill-out and mail in)

This Vendor Agreement is for the Holiday Palooza Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024. This event will be held at East St Olaf Lutheran Church (ESO), located at 6200 County Road 3 SW, Byron MN 55920.

ESO is the organizer and the renter of tables for the purpose of a Craft and Holiday Sale.

An 8 foot table can be rented for \$30 for the day. Renters can set up the night before or come the morning before doors open to set up. Each vendor is responsible for their own set up and take down. There is an elevator to move items up or down if needed.

Set Up:

Friday, Dec. 6th 2024, 4:00PM-8:00PM

Saturday, Dec 7th 2024, 7:30AM – 9:00AM

Sale

Saturday, Dec. 7th 2024 9:00AM -2:00PM

*A Soup and Sandwich Luncheon
will be served at the church by the
Women of East during the sale.*

Free Will Donation.

Clean up/Leave

Vendors can start packing up at 2:00pm, unless arrangements have been made with the organizer ahead of time. We are asking that vendors have everything cleaned up and exit the building by 4:30PM.

Payment:

A check for \$30 per table can be made out to “East St Olaf WELCA” and mailed to Amy Schwarz at: 10829 County 26 Rd SW Kasson, MN 55944.

Payments can also be made via Venmo to @AJorgenson11.

Refunds will be granted up to one month before the event. The table payment will be kept by East St. Olaf WELCA after Nov. 7, 2024.

Decorations and Signage:

You can decorate your space by hanging banners on the wall behind you, or on your table. All adhesives used must not harm the wood-paneled walls. Table assignments will be emailed to all vendors one week prior to the event.

Advertising:

East St Olaf will advertise the Holiday Palooza in the Dodge County Independent and Stewartville Star. We will also advertise online at the Byron, Stewartville, Hayfield, and Kasson Chamber of Commerce Websites, KTTC and Rochester Events websites, along with Facebook. Physical Posters will be hung up at Kwik Trips and local businesses in the surrounding towns. The church newsletter will advertise the event. Advertising letters/emails will also be sent to local churches in surrounding towns.

East St Olaf is not responsible for lost or stolen articles. East St Olaf is not responsible for vendor's products or sales. All sales are determined by the vendor, and all collection of money for sales is the responsibility of the vendor. No commissions or percentages from sales go to East St Olaf. We are only providing a community space.

Vendor Table Purchasing Sheet

East St Olaf Lutheran Church

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Company (or operating name for the day) _____

Description of Items _____

**As table assignments are placed, vendors with similar products/sales will be spread out.*

Number of tables you would like to rent for the event on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024

_____ One table cost \$30

Space is approximately 8x10 feet.

Tables will be set up in the basement, education overflow area, and back sanctuary area if needed.

*Church will be decorated for Christmas.

Special Requests for your area: _____

I understand that as a vendor, I am completely in charge of my sale items and my sales. I will do no harm to the church facility and be a respectful vendor.

_____ I agree

Signature _____

Date _____

Please mail this form with a check made out to "East St. Olaf WELCA" to:

Amy Schwarz

10829 County 26 Rd SW

Kasson, MN 55944

St. Olaf Kid's Corner: September

What does it mean... To Be a Child of God?

Welcome to a new school year! New classrooms, new teachers, new classmates, and you! It's sometimes scary heading to school, but when you are a Child of God, you're never alone. God watches over you and is only a prayer away.

Did you know that you are blessed to know your Heavenly Father? Not all people do. The Bible says every human being is made by God and loved by Him, but not every person becomes a Child of God. Some people decide they don't want to be part of God's family.

When you choose to become part of God's family, you live a little differently than those who do not. Christians believe in God, and know that Jesus Christ came to earth. He taught us how to live a life that makes God smile. We know that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. That means that when we make mistakes, we can be forgiven, and we try again... only better this time!

Children of God are extra busy every day. They listen and learn at school. They help each other and love their classmates. They play fair and remind others to be kind too. They pray for teachers and friends, and even for the class bully. Children of God watch out for bad things, and stay away from them. Sometimes, they warn friends to stay away too.

Remember, you are a Child of God. You are blessed, loved, and never alone, for your entire life!



Bible Verse

"This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister."

1 John 3:10

Unlock to Code to Find the Words below

1=E 3=S 5=T 7=I 9=R 11=G 13=H 15=P
2=C 4=N 6=O 8=D 10=A 12=U 14=F 16=L

When we are baptized, we become children of God. As we grow, we learn more and more about what it means to be a child of God. We learn to think like a child of God, to speak like a child of God, and to act like a child of God.


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**As a
Child
of God
I am...**

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 9:00 am WEST Worship/Comm. 10:00 am Coffee at West 11:00 am EAST Worship/Comm. Coffee after church	2 OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day	3 10:00 am East Circle 4 meeting, Quilting/sack lunch  JOINT COUNCIL Meeting at EAST 6pm-individual 7pm-joint meeting	4 7:00 pm BOTH at West: Confirmation 7:30 pm Deadline for bulletin info	5 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	6 Pastor: day-off	7
8 9:00 am WEST Worship 10:00 am Coffee at West 11:00 am EAST Worship / Baptism of Ryan Wiebusch Coffee after church After church—the Birthday luncheon For Audrey Carlson	9 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	10 9:00 am West Quilt/sack lunch 10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch	11 9:00 am West Quilt/sack lunch 1:00 pm WEST WELCA meeting Host– Carma B. Study-Pastor Paul 7:00 pm BOTH at West: Confirmation 7:30 pm Deadline for bulletin info	12 9:00am-Noon Pastor office, then at 10am Kasson Ministerial Mtg.	13 Pastor: day-off	14 10:00 am East WELCA meeting in the church basement. West WELCA serves private family lunch after burial. Cocuzzi, Smetana marriage at GEV
15 9:00 am WEST Worship 10:00 am JAM RALLY DAY Coffee at West 10:45 am Rally Lunch West 11:00 am EAST Worship Coffee after church	16 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	17 10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch	18 7:00 pm BOTH at West: Confirmation 7:30 pm Deadline for bulletin info	19 Pastor VAC NOON: DEADLINE to submit info for next newsletter	20 Pastor VAC	21 Pastor VAC
22 Pastor VAC 9:00 am WEST Worship/Comm. Rev. Jim Rushton 10:00 am JAM at West Coffee at West 11:00 am EAST Worship/Comm. Rev. Jim Rushton Coffee after church	23 Pastor VAC	24 Pastor VAC 9:00 am West Quilt/sack lunch 10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch	25 9:00 am West Quilt/sack lunch 7:00 pm BOTH at West: Confirmation 7:30 pm Deadline for bulletin info	26 9:00am-Noon Pastor office NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY 9:10 print 9:30 fold 9:45 collate/tape	27 Pastor day-off	28
29 9:00 am WEST Worship 10:00 am JAM at West Coffee at West 11:00 am EAST Worship— then at Noon: Sarah Circle FALL DINNER	30 9:00am-Noon Pastor office					

West St. Olaf Council Minutes: August 12, 2024

Attendance

(P = Present, A = Absent)

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

Meeting called to order by Will Laxen. Devotion lead by Pastor Paul.

Agenda approval: Motion made to approve agenda by Deb and seconded by Greg, motion carried

Secretary's Report: Report read, motion made to approve by Sandy and seconded by Sheryl, motion carried

Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Reports reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve both reports by Deb and seconded by Hans, motion carried

Pastors Report: Report for June & July providing number of visits to shut-ins and pastoral acts reviewed. Pastor Paul has upcoming vacation September 19-24 and October 10-16.

Boad of Education Report: Preparation for VBS is going well. About 15 kids have signed up so far. Rally day, September 15, details are being planned and the Sunday school lessons and schedules are ready.

Deacon's Report: Wedding card sent to Miranda and Chad Kruger (July). Birthday cards were sent to Virginia Iverson (July) and Loretta Himle (August). Sandy Iverson will be the deacon for July, August & September. WELCA to serve at Pete Danielson's auction preview on 8/17 and 8/19. Quilting to begin on September 10 & 11. School supplies collection is ongoing, place donations in the bins located in the church and chapel. The church service on Rally Day will include blessing of backpacks, presentation of 3rd grade Bibles, and graduation of cradle roll. Lunch following the service, co-sponsored by Thrivent, will be a free will offering given to JAM for curriculum and technology expenses. Volunteers are needed to help serve and furnish bars. Thank you to Sandy for serving council coffee hour 8/11. Taste of Norway was 8/11. Confirmation Sunday is 10/27 with recognition Sunday on 10/6. Heritage Sunday will be November 3rd.

Trustees Report: Working on getting bids for painting jobs. Everything is on schedule for the roof project in October. The color decision was made and downpayment is needed. Discussion about cleaning the steeple prior to the roof project.

Old Business:

Volunteer for St. Olaf Cabin committee – Hans and Cindy volunteered.

New Business:

New MN Paid leave to take effect in 2026. Will handed an information sheet out to the council. One thing the state requires is to report paid salaries, this is to begin in October 2024. Will plans to talk to both council treasurers about this process.

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

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 3, 2024, at 6pm at EAST, with joint meeting to follow at 7pm.

WEST ST. OLAF FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

July 16-Aug. 15, 2024

Date		Current	Date		Benevolence
21-Jul	Offering	\$ 1,686.60	21-Jul	Offering	\$50.00
28-Jul	Offering	750.00		Offering	
4-Aug	Offering	2,035.00		Offering	
11-Aug	Offering	775.00		Offering	
Subtotal		\$5,246.60	Subtotal		\$50.00
Other Current Income:			Other Benevolence Income:		
21-Jul 2nd Q Reconciliation		214.08	28-Jul ELCA		\$ 25.00
28-Jul Coffee Hour		22.00			
11-Aug Coffee Hour		32.00			
11-Aug Memorial for roof		25.00			
Subtotal		\$ 293.08	Subtotal		25.00
Total Current Income		\$ 5,539.68	Total Benevolence Income:		\$75.00

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

July 16, 2024-Aug 15, 2024

Current Account 07/16/2024-08-15/2024

Beginning Balance	\$	8,423.81
<i>Income</i>		\$5,539.68
Total Income	\$	13,963.49
<i>Expenses</i>		\$7,248.40
<i>Supplies</i>		\$0.00
<i>Utilities</i>		\$311.32
Total Expenses		\$7,559.72
Ending Balance	\$	6,403.77

Benevolence Account

Beginning Balance	\$	1,733.34
<i>Income</i>		\$75.00
Total Income	\$	1,808.34
<i>Expenses</i>		\$0.00
Total Expenses		\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$	1,808.34

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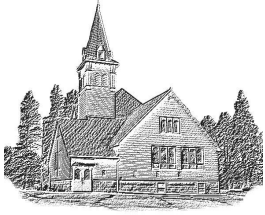
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