

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church



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## OCTOBER 2024 HAPPENINGS

**Pastor Paul Thompson** Cell: 507-273-8504 Email: pthomp821@gmail.com

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

**Gina Moser, Secretary:** Office: 365-8222 - Cell: 507-951-4964 Emails: eastwest@kmtel.com AND certainty@kmtel.com



### October Worship Schedule

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

**JAM classes** 10:00 am at West church for East & West students

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

**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 720<sup>th</sup> St., Hayfield, MN 55940

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

## Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



Confession is a big word in the church. It actually has two meanings: 1) admitting one's sins; or 2) making a statement of faith. At the end of the month young people from our congregation will be making that second kind of confession. Those confessions, however, may include the first kind of confession. Both kinds are part of the Christian life.

Colin Powell was the first African-American to be named Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was praised for his work in leading our effort to free Kuwait from Iraqi domination in the first Persian Gulf War. After retiring, he devoted himself to setting up the America's Promise Foundation to provide help for young people from disadvantaged homes.

He was appointed Secretary of State by President George W Bush in 2001. In the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, he presented the U. S. case for invading Iraq to stop an alleged weapons of mass destruction program supposedly underway there, to the United Nations. After the invasion, it was discovered that the evidence he had used to make our case was inaccurate.

The Bush administration as a whole, and Powell in particular, came under intense criticism. The typical response of government officials in such cases is to make excuses, to blame others, and to accuse their accusers of bad behavior themselves. Powell, however, publicly admitted he'd been mistaken, that he inadvertently participated in a hoax on the American people.” He later said it was a “blot” on his record. He went on to say, “It will always be a part of my record. It was painful. It's painful now.”

It was big of him to confess. It was important that the truth be known. It is just as important for us to confess our sins in front of each other, and before the Lord as painful as that may be. Let us all tell our truths, no matter how awkward or embarrassing.

In God's peace, Pastor Paul Thompson

## Membership Updates, WELCA News and More

### MEMBERSHIP INFO

#### EAST BAPTISM

Ryan Lee Wiebusch was baptized on September 8, 2024.

Ryan's parents are Lisa Yngsdal & Tim Wiebusch

Sponsors:

Dustin & Lindsay Wiebusch

Officiant: Rev. Paul Thompson

#### EVENTS AT EAST

1 10:00 Circle 4 meeting, then Quilting/Sack Lunch

6:00PM Council Meeting

5 10:00 am Sarah Circle meeting at Hollandberry Pannekoeken in Rochester

8 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch

12 10:00 WELCA Meeting

15 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch

22 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch

27 Reformation Sunday/  
Confirmation Day

29 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch

Nov. 3 SAVE THE DATE! Meatball Dinner at East (for both churches)

#### WEST WELCA NEWS

September has brought us many beautiful days. The beans and the corn are changing color getting ready to be harvested. Leaves are beginning to fall as we move into another season change. We are blessed for each new day!

We had a relaxed summer so when

September came, we began our busy WELCA schedule. *Thank you to Jane Estby our September Chairperson and Mary Brandt & Sandy Iverson our Altar Guild women.*

We sent 25 school kits to Lutheran World Relief and 10 personal care kits. Thank you to Sandy and Jane for sewing school bags. Thank you to Thrivent and all who donated to this mission.

Our October Chairperson is Sharon Gulbransen and Altar Guild Women are Cindy Senjem and Donna Larsen.

#### OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

October 6<sup>th</sup> -10AM Confirmation

Recognition celebrating 6 Confirmands.

October 8<sup>th</sup> - 9AM Quilting

October 9<sup>th</sup> - 9AM Quilting

1PM WELCA Meeting

Hostess: Donna L.

Study: Pastor Paul

October 19<sup>th</sup> -9-11:30AM Fall Bazaar

For additional information, see ad in this newsletter

October 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9AM Quilting

October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9AM Quilting

October 27<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation Day Svc.

*(After church-West chapel reserved for Dahle family confirmation meal)*

Continue to watch the bulletin for added announcements.

Enjoy our fall weather!

Sister In Christ, Nancy and Sharon



### SERVING SCHEDULES

#### WEST—October

**Ushers:** Pete D. organizes volunteers

**Deacon:** Sheryl Wohlers

**Altar Guild:** Cindy Senjem & Donna Larsen

#### **Stewardship:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sun. – Luth. League

2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. – Board of Ed.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. – WELCA

4<sup>th</sup> Sun. – Council

5<sup>th</sup> Sun. – Council

#### EAST—October

**Acolytes:** Ushers covering

**Altar Guild:** Meghan Ohman

**Deacon:** Mary Madson

#### **Typical Weekly Servers for East Coffee & Fellowship:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday — *Sarah Circle*

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday — *Quilting Sisters*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday — *OPEN, contact Marilyn to volunteer*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday — *Circle 4*

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday — *SS group during school year, Church council in summer*

## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT AT WEST ST. OLAF



Advent by Candlelight will be held **Sun., December 8**. Sign-up sheets will be available starting the first Sunday in October for those who would like to attend, those who would enjoy hosting tables, food committee, and volunteering for different jobs that evening (ushers, readers, car parkers, etc.). **Please sign up as you are able!**

This event will start at 5:00 pm for punch, conversation and the chance to view all of the tablescapes. The service begins at 6:00 pm in the church. A light supper to follow in the chapel. *If you have questions, please contact Donna Larsen or Heather Bamlet.*

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church  
70640 260<sup>th</sup> Ave. Hayfield, MN

## Fall Brunch & Bazaar



**Saturday, October 19, 2024**  
9:00 am - 11:30 am Everyone is welcome!



**LEFSE, Baked goods, Crafts, Quilts**

### Brunch Menu

Bacon 'n' Egg Lasagna, Fruit, Sweet Breads

Orange Juice, Coffee

Price: \$8.00

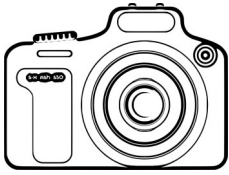
Children 6-12: \$4.00, 5 and under: Free

***Mission: Local Food Shelf***

**Directions:** 6 miles East of Hayfield on Hwy. 30, 2 miles North on 260<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**OR**

8 miles South of Kasson on County 13, 1 mile East on County 4, then left on 260<sup>th</sup> Ave.



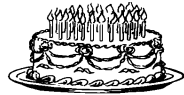
## PHOTO SESSION FOR FALL CONFIRMANDS

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### Oct. Birthdays East

4 Lilly Rand  
 6 Matthew Nelson  
 7 Brenda Exe  
 12 Lyle Carstensen  
 14 Dale Boelter  
 14 Doug Bakken  
 18 Manford Viker  
 18 Eric Herness  
 19 Tammy Baier  
 20 Brian Mueller  
 20 Thomas Myhre, Jr.  
 27 Gary Kearns

## Happy Birthday!



28 Mel Schultz  
 29 David Distad  
 29 Terry Carstensen  
 29 Paul Meier  
 30 Liam Finseth

### Oct. Birthdays West

2 Martha Beaver  
 4 Jenny Twaddle  
 5 James Kylo  
 5 Bobbi Gunsallus  
 7 Larry Himle  
 8 Caden Ziegenhagen  
 9 Leah Beyer  
 10 Todd Beaver  
 13 Diane Himle  
 13 Nikolas Aasen  
 18 Bryan Schroeder  
 21 Julia Smith  
 21 Drew Johnson  
 23 Jacob Dahle  
 23 Antonia Fjerstad  
 23 Grasy Hiam  
 28 Jean Thoe  
 28 Nicole Johnson  
 28 Greer Tiegen  
 31 Philip Senjem

## BOTH: LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Oct. 3 (Thurs..) 4:00-7:00 pm: Immanuel Lutheran Church's Annual COUNTRY STORE

Dine-in or carry-out. Pulled Pork and Turkey Sandwiches, Salads, choice of homemade pies. Adults \$12, Kids 10 & Under \$4. Also features a bake sale, craft sale, cookbooks, and rugs. Address 73297 310 Street, Racine, MN (507) 259-3253

### Oct. 24 (Thurs.) St. John's Lutheran Church of Kasson, MN: Norwegian Lutefisk Dinner & Bake Sale.

RESERVATIONS ONLY—NO WALK-INS. Purchase tickets online at [stjohnskasson.org](http://stjohnskasson.org) or by calling the dinner hotline at 507-634-6021 to buy tickets and select seating time. Adults \$25 (Children under 10 yrs, cost is \$10).

**Oct. 24 (Thurs.) 6:00 pm: Good Gifts Gala** to benefit Good Earth Village Ministry at Rochester International Event Center. Seated dinner begins at 6:30, then at 7:00 pm Celebration with live auction and music.



### TO OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST AT ST. OLAF CHURCH

Thank you for your incredibly kind donation of new hoodies, seats, jeans, socks, t-shirts, and toiletries. We are so grateful for your thoughtful, kind gifts—what an impact they will have on our guests.

*In Partnership,*

*Jamie Bingnor on behalf of the staff, volunteers,  
 and especially the guests of THE LANDING MN.*

**Meatball Dinner**  
**(for both churches)**  
**at East St. Olaf Lutheran Church**  
Hosted by Sarah Circle



**Sunday, NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

**12:00pm in Church Basement**

6200 County Rd 3 SW Byron, MN 55920

**Menu:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy,  
fall-favorite sides, and pie

**Price:** Free will donation

*All proceeds benefitting East St. Olaf Church*

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

**SAVE THE DATE! BE A VENDOR or A SHOPPER!**

**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 forms are available online at [eaststolaf.org](http://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](mailto:amy.jorgenson23@gmail.com)

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



## East: Sarah Circle meeting on Sat., October 5 at 10:00am.

We will be meeting at Hollandberry Pannekoeken in Rochester (214 N. Broadway Ave). Please join us for a meal, a meeting, and fellowship! ***If anyone would like a ride, please contact Amy Schwarz at 507-273-6575.***

## East: Last Call on “Operation School Supplies” Collection

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 thru 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

## Women of East St Olaf:



The September meeting was held the second Saturday of the month, Sept. 14. Discussion included having a Lutefisk Dinner next year, Nov. 7, 2025. This advance notice will allow people time to sign up for jobs, ask for a day off if needed, and get supplies ordered. The dinner will be modified and more information will follow. Planning will start in February.

The vendors are starting to come in for the Palooza. Space is limited, and we moved a couple vendors around to consider space needs. There will be a soup luncheon, as well as a possible bake sale. Both of these activities are fundraisers for the congregation.

**Sarah Circle will be having a Fall Meatball Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 12:00. *All are invited, (East and West).***

We are looking for a group to take on the THIRD SUNDAYS for serving fellowship. Please contact any officer if you are interested in taking on this week, or even one month this upcoming year. Nothing fancy is needed, a dozen cookies, or a pan of bars, some muffins or cheese and crackers, (if really gung-ho) an egg bake or soup on the late-church hours. Please consider helping. All members are needed! The next meetings will focus on the Palooza, and starting next year's calendar of events. All East women are invited to attend. This group is trying new things, we invite your ideas and your suggestions. Have a very blessed day!

Summer passed so quickly by,  
 Days of swimming, biking,  
 Collecting rocks,  
 Traveling, and hiking  
 drew to a close.  
 Fairs were here  
 and then were gone.  
 Kids returned to school,  
 to learn important facts.  
*Where DID the summer go?*  
*That's all I have to ask.*



# St. Olaf Kid's Corner: October

## Is it OK for a Christian to Celebrate Halloween?

Halloween is full of excitement, funny things, frightening things... and candy! On Halloween we dress up to look like something else, like an astronaut or an animal. Some people dress up like a princess or a dragon. Some dress up like witches and evil scary things. Does God want us to be scary? *Is Halloween OK?*

A long, long time ago, "All Hallow's Eve" started. It is a Christian celebration. People would remember family members who died. They would light candles for them. Some people would dress up in long black robes and walk through the streets yelling, and reminding people to pray for those who died. Little cakes were shared in memory of a loved one.

As time went on, other groups that did NOT believe in God used All Hallow's Eve to get closer to the dead or do tricky things. But our God loves life, not death, and he promises everlasting life, so Christians don't worry about that stuff. We know our loved ones are in heaven, they are not scary mummies walking around. That stuff is great for scary movies, but it's not real.

*The key to celebrating Halloween is to do it God's way.* Dress up to have fun! Make good choices and help those around you. Stay safe when trick-or-treating. Be kind and thoughtful when you are given a treat. Happy Halloween!

### Bible Verse

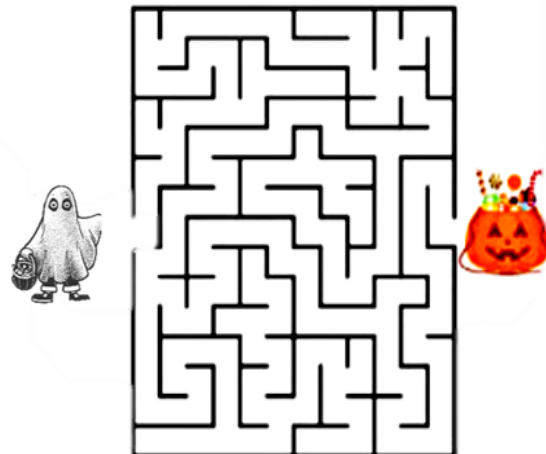
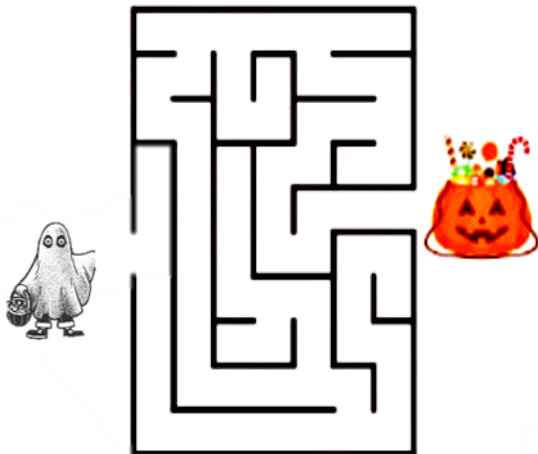
*"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*

James 4: 7



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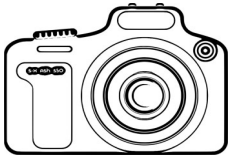


*The world is full of all kinds of days. As a child of God, we need to keep our body, mind, and soul ready for God. Then every day is a celebration and God's day!*

# OCTOBER

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		<b>1</b> 10:00 am East Circle 4 meeting, Quilting/sack lunch  6:00 pm East Council meeting	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm BOTH at West: Confirmation  7:30 pm Deadline for bulletin info	<b>3</b> 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	<b>4</b> Pastor: day-off	<b>5</b> 10:00 am East SARAH CIRCLE is meeting at Hollandberry Pannekoeken in Rochester
<b>6</b> 9:00 am EAST Worship/Comm Coffee after church 10:00 am JAM at West Coffee at West for Recognition of the West Confirmands 11:00 am WEST Worship/Comm	<b>7</b> 9:00am-Noon Pastor office  <u>East deadline to donate school supplies</u>	<b>8</b> 9:00 am West Quilt/sack lunch  10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch	<b>9</b> 9:00 am West Quilt/sack lunch 1:00 pm West WELCA meeting Host-Donna L. Study-Pastor Paul 7:00 pm BOTH at West: Confirmation 7:30 pm Deadline for bulletin info	<b>10</b> 9:00am-Noon Pastor office, then at 10am Kasson Ministerial Mtg.	<b>11</b> Pastor: day-off	<b>12</b> 10:00 am East WELCA meeting in the church basement.
<b>13</b> 9:00 am EAST Worship Coffee after church 10:00 am JAM at West Coffee at West 11:00 am WEST Worship	<b>14</b> 9:00am-Noon Pastor office  7:00 pm West Council meeting	<b>15</b> 10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch	<b>16</b> <u>NO CLASS</u> for Confirmation due to MEA  7:30 pm Deadline for bulletin info	<b>17</b> 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	<b>18</b> Pastor day-off  NOON: DEADLINE to submit info for next newsletter	 9:00--11:30 am West St. Olaf FALL BAZAAR All are welcome!
<b>20</b> 9:00 am EAST Worship Coffee after church 10:00 am JAM at West Coffee at West 11:00 am WEST Worship <u>After West service, Photo session and rehearsal for the fall Confirmands</u>	<b>21</b> 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	<b>22</b> 9:00 am West Quilt/sack lunch  10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch	<b>23</b> 9:00 am West Quilt/sack lunch  <u>NO CLASS</u> for Confirmation  7:30 pm Deadline for bulletin info	<b>24</b> 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	<b>25</b> Pastor day-off	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00 am EAST Worship/Comm Coffee after church 10:00 am JAM at West <b>CONFIRMATION DAY</b> 11:00 am WEST Worship/Comm West RESERVED for Dahle family Confirmation meal	<b>28</b> 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	<b>29</b> 10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch  <u>NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY</u> 9:10 print 9:30 fold 9:45 collate/tape	<b>30</b> 7:00 pm BOTH at West: Confirmation  7:30 pm Deadline for bulletin info	<b>31</b> 9:00am-Noon Pastor office		





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### EAST Offerings/Contributions:

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

(09/08/2024) Current \$1,631, and In-Memory of Marlene Paulson \$230 Undesignated.

### EAST St. Olaf Council Minutes: Sept. 3, 2024

**Call to Order:** Bruce Peterson at 6:00 pm

**Members Present:** Pastor Paul Thompson, Bruce Peterson, Lori Peterson, Gary Kearns, Bryan DeCook, Jane Williams, Dan Williams, Danny Ziemann, Tara Stewart.

**Devotions:** Waived in lieu of joint council meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** Waived in lieu of joint council meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Reviewed and approved.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** 4 months reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** 3 months reviewed and approved.

**Deacon's Report:** WELCA is doing a "Holiday Palooza" with vendor December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Old business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:** Monthly budget deficit discussed. Jane and Gary will draft a letter for members to notify them of the budget deficit each month. This will also be published in the newsletter.

The decision was made not to renew the church's Costco membership.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

**Next council meeting:** Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Stewart

# West St. Olaf Council Minutes: Sept. 3, 2024

Attendance (P = Present, A = Absent)

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

Meeting called to order by Hans Estby.

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

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

**Pastor's Report:** October vacation being changed to sometime in November.

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

**Board of Education Report:** VBS theme was Jonah, 16 kids attended. September 15 is Rally day. There is no one in cradle roll this year and only one in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Questions brought forward a) can the Luther league and Board or Ed be taken off the coffee hour summer schedule, b) thoughts on replacing the carpet in the basement, c) can the Luther league checking account be handed over to Alli? Discussion also occurred about merging Luther League and JAM committees into the Board of Ed committee. Sunday School Christmas program is scheduled for 12/15 at West and 12/8 at East. Can we switch the coffee hour for 12/15?

**Deacon's Report:** Cards sent: Get Well to Greg Brandt and Diane Himle; Wedding congratulations to Julia and Lance Mortland; Birthday card to Pastor Paul; 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary to Ralph & Wilma Kylo; and Best wishes to Billie Jean and Chad as they prepare for their September wedding. September 15<sup>th</sup> is Rally Day, we need workers to help at 8:00am before church, helpers during coffee hour, with serving and clean up. Please let Sheryl know if you are willing to help. Menu: pulled pork sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, bars and beverages. Free will offering to JAM for curriculum and technological needs. This event is co-sponsored by Thrivent. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship as we WELCOME families back to the church and Sunday school routine. Thank you to those that made food, served and attended Pete and Nancy's retirement auction. It was a special church family and neighbor event. WELCA Fall Bazaar is planned for October 19<sup>th</sup>. Come, shop, and enjoy brunch. More information to follow. The chapel is reserved by Becky and Jacob Dahle for October 27<sup>th</sup> for a family confirmation dinner and on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> Donald Bungum's family is having a memorial service for his burial with lunch following.

**Trustees Report:** Microphones were moved to help with interference. Weed clean-up work done. Met with Nickelson painting for bid of painting projects. They indicated they would be able to clean the steeple. Waiting for a bid on painting & steeple projects. The fencing that is sitting in the vault needs to be removed, what do we want to do with the old fence. Thank you to Gene Gulbransen for painting the vault.

## Old Business:

The color of the new roof is Tex Med bronze (missed in August minutes).

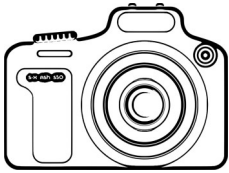
## New Business:

Winter 2024-2025 snow removal – Hans has agreed to take on this task again.

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Dave, seconded by Hans, motion carried. Closed with the Lord's prayer.

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

**Next Meeting:** Monday October 14, 2024, at 7pm



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## **JOINT COUNCIL Minutes: Sept. 3, 2024**

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**Devotions:** Pastor Paul gave the opening prayer. Psalm 22 read.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Paul reported that the Fall Theological conference dates have changed and as a result his vacation dates have also changed. Pastor performed 4 non-member funerals. Motion to approve made by Cindy Stoppel, seconded by Danny Zieman.

**Secretary's Report:** Read by Cindy Stoppel. Motion to approve by Lori Peterson, seconded by Jane Williams.

**Parsonage Report:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** Farm land contract is up. Keaton DeCook is renting land for 3 years at \$205/acre. Bruce motioned to approve, Lori seconded.

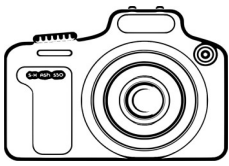
**New Business:** Heritage committee is looking to purchase parcel of land that the Tverberg cabin sits on. Bryan DeCook talked to TCPA and they think it could be done. This would need to be taken to the township board for final decision. Bruce and Bryan from East will be on the task force with Gary Kearns assistance requested, West members are Cindy and Hans.

JAM is planning Christmas Program at East St. Olaf for 12/8/2024 and 12/15 at West St. Olaf.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn by Jane, Hans seconded motion. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

**Joint council meeting will be Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at WEST, with individual councils meeting at 6 p.m. & joint meeting at 7 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tara Stewart



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## WEST ST. OLAF FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Aug. 16-Sept. 15, 2024

Date		Current	Date	Benevolence
18-Aug	Offering	\$ 780.00	15-Sep	Offering \$200.00
25-Aug	Offering	1,030.00		Offering
1-Sep	Offering	1,305.00		Offering
8-Sep	Offering	1,175.00		Offering
15-Sep	Offering	<u>2,178.00</u>		Offering
Subtotal		\$6,468.00	Subtotal	<u>\$200.00</u>
Other Current Income:			Other Benevolence Income:	
1-Sep Non-Member Donation		50.00	25-Aug Scholarship	\$ 1,500.00
1-Sep Coffee Hour		35.00		
8-Sep Non-Member Donation		50.00		
15-Sep Non-Member Donation		50.00		
15-Sep NM Use of Chapel		150.00		
15-Sep Janitor's Fee		75.00		
15-Sep Coffee Hour		<u>32.00</u>		
Subtotal		\$ 442.00	Subtotal	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Current Income		<u>\$ 6,910.00</u>	Total Benevolence Income:	<u>\$1,700.00</u>

## West St. Olaf Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

Aug. 16-Sept.15,2024

Current Account	08/16/2024-09/15-2024
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$ 6,403.77
Income	<u>\$6,910.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 13,313.77
Expenses	\$6,761.29
Supplies	\$0.00
Utilities	\$226.61
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$6,987.90</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$ 6,325.87
<b>Benevolence Account</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$ 1,808.31
Income	<u>\$1,700.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 3,508.31
Expenses	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$ 2,008.31

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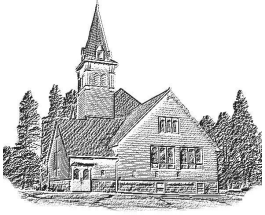
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