

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

October 4, 2026: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:



If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook (in the narthex). Worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER



EAST EARLY at 9:00 am for Oct. (*East coffee after church*)

BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)

WEST LATE at 11:00 am for Oct.

NOTE: CONFIRMATION DAY at BOTH will be OCT. 25

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Oct. – Margaret Senjem, Sandy Iverson

Altar Guild: Oct. – Jane Estby, Sheryl Wohlers

Acolytes: Oct. 4 – Open date

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Oct. - Debbie Schuck

Reader: Oct. 4 – Debbie Schuck

Stewardship: 1st Sunday – Luther League

READINGS: Oct. 4, 2026 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7: *The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this*

song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14: Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46: Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS ABOUT ST. OLAF PARSONAGE:

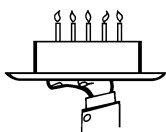
>>> **East and West will each hold a "parsonage informational meeting" on Sunday, October 18** (these meetings will be right after each worship service - with both council presidents being present at both churches). >>> **Then there will be a "voting-meeting", regarding the parsonage on Sunday, November 1, at each church right after each worship service.**

NEXT SUNDAY LL & JAM CRAFT SUNDAY: During the Sunday School hour, JAM and Luther League will have a special craft session. *Each group will participate in a different, age-appropriate Christian craft.*

- **JAM:** A craft tile celebrating our church
- **Luther League:** A sea glass mosaic craft

You can view an example of the sea glass craft – linked in the email sent to families. *RSVP deadline was Thurs., Oct. 1*

80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (Sun., Nov. 1)



Come help us celebrate Larry Himle's 80th birthday, during West's 10am coffee hour on Sunday, November 1. Larry is requesting that there be no cards/no gifts. Birthday cake and accompaniments will be provided. *Hosted by Larry's family.*

95th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (Sun., Nov. 15)



Join Us in celebrating

Joy's 95th Birthday!

Sunday, November 15, 2026

1:00-4:00 p.m. West St. Olaf Chapel

ACOLYTE SIGN UP:

Just a reminder to students of Confirmation Classes: Please go online to sign up – so the church secretary can look up the schedule to list in the bulletins:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5AD22A1FAC34-66334905-septdec#/>

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE: GOOD GIFTS GALA

Thursday, October 15, 2026 at Rochester Golf & Country Club
3100 Country Club Rd. SW Rochester. Join us for an inspiring evening of dinner, auction, community, and generosity in support of the life-changing ministry of Good Earth Village. What to expect: A delicious dinner and fellowship, silent and live auctions, live entertainment, special guests, and an inspiring program. Learn more and buy tickets at <https://goodearthvillage.org/good-gifts-gala/>

WEST WELCA WILL MAKE LEFSE & DONUTS!



West women, we hope you can join us for two lefse and donut making days (*to sell at our Fall Bazaar*)).

Tue., Oct. 20 at 9:00 am: Lefse & Donut making at chapel.

Thur., Oct. 22 at 9:00 am: Lefse & Donut making at chapel.

FALL BAZAAR AT WEST ST. OLAF!!!



Everyone is invited to **West St. Olaf FALL BAZAAR on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9:00am thru 11:30am.** There will be Lefse, Rosettes, Krumkake, Donuts,

Baked Goods, Crafts, and Quilts to buy. **And as always, a delicious brunch:** Bacon & egg lasagna, fruit, sweet breads, orange juice/coffee. **Adults: \$10, Children ages 5-12: \$4, children 5 & under are free.**

SAVE THE DATE: WEST APPRECIATION DINNER!!!



PRAYER UPDATES:

Please email our church secretary if you have prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	9:00 am	East worship, <u>Communion</u> (East coffee after church)
	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>JAM & LUTHER LEAGUE meet</u> <u>at parsonage for tours & history</u> <u>of parsonage & Tverberg cabin...</u> <u>and parents are welcome too!</u>
	10:00 am	(West coffee)
Tuesday:	11:00 am	West worship, <u>Communion</u>
	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West
Sun. (10/11)	9:00 am	East worship, then after church Confirmation Recognition Coffee with Cake, for Addy Pyfferoen
	After church	Meeting for Women of East
	10:00 am	<u>L.L. & JAM CRAFT DAY!!</u> (West coffee hour)

9:30 am **WEST RECOGNITION for the**
WEST CONFIRMANDS:
Reese Hazelman, Benjamin
Laxen, Lauralee Olson, Kaleb
Palmersheim, and Cole Twaddle

11:00 am West worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> Oct. 11 - Oct. 13: Pastor Paul at Theological Conference

Oct. 13 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Oct. 14 (Wed.): 9:00 am West WELCA meeting,
Host-Jane Estby, Study-Pastor Paul

>>> NO class for Conf. (due to MEA)

Oct. 18 (Sun.): >> Informational Meeting(s) about Parsonage:
Right after each church service!

9:00 am East worship (NO communion)

After church: **PARSONAGE INFO MEETING**

10:00 am JAM at West (*also West coffee*)

11:00 am West worship (NO communion)

After church: **PARSONAGE INFO MEETING**

Oct. 20 (Tue.): 9:00 am **West Lefse & Donut Making Day**

10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

>>>> **DEADLINE to submit info for**
next newsletter

Oct. 21 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West

Oct. 22 (Thur.): 9:00 am **West Lefse & Donut Making Day**

Oct. 24 (Sat.): 9:00-11:30am **WEST FALL BAZAAR/BRUNCH!**

Oct. 25 (Sun.): **BOTH: CONFIRMATION DAY!**

9:00 am East worship, Communion &
CONFIRMATION DAY
(East coffee after church)

10:00 am JAM at West (*also West coffee*)

11:00 am West worship, Communion &
CONFIRMATION DAY

Oct. 27 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Oct. 28 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West

Oct. 29 (Thur.): >>>> NEWSLETTER DAY at Office

(9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:40-collate)

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WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Nov.

BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)

EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Nov. (*East coffee after church*)

Nov. 1 (Sun.): >> VOTING Meetings about Parsonage: right after each church service!

9:00 am West worship, Communion

After church: PARSONAGE VOTE MEETING

10:00 am JAM at West (*also West coffee with*
80th Birthday Party for Larry Himle)

11:00 am East worship, Communion

After church: PARSONAGE VOTE MEETING
(*East coffee after church*)

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN ROCHESTER FAIR-TRADE

MARKET: Our Savior's Lutheran Church Rochester would like to once again invite you to our 18th Annual Fair-Trade Market
Last day is today, Oct. 4th, 2026. HOURS: 10am-1pm.

FIRST LUTHERAN BLOOMING PRAIRIE

LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

MEAL IS Saturday, October 10 with 11am, Noon, or 1pm
seatings: RESERVATIONS & PREPAYMENT REQUIRED.

\$28 per meal (children 5 years and under are free).

TICKET SALES began on Monday, September 21 at 10am -

Reserve & Pay Online at flcbp.flocknote.com OR by Phoning
During Office Hours: 507-583-6621.

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

WEST Prayers: Judy Jones, Wilma Kylo, Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (granddaughter of Joy), Grace Seeger (cousin of Gail Laxen), Julie (sister of Carma. B.), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (friend of Pat Nelson), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugelback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria & Boyd

Pew, Cindy & Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (nephew of Carma B.). Serving in our military: Jack Kenyon (nephew of Will & Gail Laxen), Erika Smith (granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson).

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COUNCIL CONTACT INFO: ALL area codes are (507)

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