

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

March 16, 2025: Second Sunday in Lent

Rev. Paul Thompson -- Organist: Pat Nelson



WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:

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

OFFERING: The plate is passed during worship.

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE



EAST 9:00 am worship, *coffee after church*

10:00 am JAM at West (for both), *West coffee*

WEST 11:00 am worship at chapel (*coffee at 10:00 am*)

FOR WEST:

> Next Sunday: 10am Grad Recognition Coffee for Nora Bamlet

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Mar. – Sheryl Wohlers

Altar Guild: Mar. – Mary Brandt & Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: No acolytes at Chapel services

Reader: Mar. 16 – Sandy Iverson

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Mar. - Sue Hyland

Stewardship: 3rd Sunday – WELCA

READINGS TODAY: March 16, 2025 – 2nd Sun. in Lent,

INTRODUCTION: *Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."*

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18: *God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

PSALM: Psalm 27

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1: *Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35: *Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE RECOGNITION COFFEE (Next Sunday)

Everyone is invited to Graduate Recognition Coffee Hour **before church** at 10:00 am, next Sunday, March 23, to honor our 2025 graduate, Nora Bamlet. We hope you can join us.

OUR BIRTHDAY LISTS: If you are **not** on our birthday lists in the monthly newsletter **but you wish to be listed**, please email our secretary, Gina, at eastwest@kmtel.com with the details.

LILIES TO BEAUTIFY OUR ALTAR FOR EASTER



If anyone wishes to donate/share their Easter lilies at church "*in-memory of*" and/or "*in-honor of*" someone, we will list them in the Easter Day bulletins. >>**Please inform us by Sat. 04/11 if you plan to bring lilies to church. [PLEASE NOTE that you go and buy the lilies, then drop them off at the church between Palm Sunday and before Easter Day.]**

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EAST or WEST: Gina Moser eastwest@kmtel.com

THRIVENT “CHOICE DOLLARS” from 2024 can still be directed **until March 31**, by calling **800-847-4836**. When prompted, say “Thrivent Choice”. Press 1 to direct your Choice Dollars. A representative will work with you to direct your Choice Dollars. *You may also designate online at Thrivent.com*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

Deadline for bulletin information – Wednesdays by 7:30 pm.

TODAY	9:00 am	East worship (coffee after church)
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both (West coffee)
	11:00 am	West worship (at chapel)
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	7:00 pm	<u>Deadline to submit newsletter info</u>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<u>Soup Supper at EAST (Circle 4 host)</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>LENTEN SERVICE at EAST</u> <u>All confirmations students attend</u>
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor’s day off
Sunday (03/23)	9:00 am	East worship (coffee after church)
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both
	10:00 am	<u>(West coffee for 2025 graduate, Lenora Bamlet)</u>
	11:00 am	West worship (at chapel)

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Mar. 24 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Mar. 25 (Tue.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00am	East quilting
Mar. 26 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>Soup Supper at WEST (LL hosting)</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>LENTEN SERVICE at WEST</u> <u>All confirmations students attend</u>
Mar. 27 (Thur.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
Mar. 28 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor’s day off

Mar. 30 (Sun.) 9:00 am East worship, Comm.,
 (East coffee after church)
 10:00 am JAM at West for both (*West coffee*)
 11:00 am West worship, Comm. (at chapel)
Mar. 31 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 >>>>> DEADLINE to designate your
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Susie Thoe, Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*) Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Jerry Nelson, Sandy Miller (*sister of Carma B.*), Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma B.*), Loretta Himle, Gloria Brown, Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria Pew, Boyd Pew, Cindy Senjem, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*). Those serving in our military: Jack Kenyon (*nephew of Will & Gail Laxen*), Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

PASTOR Paul Thompson: (*Call before driving to office*)
Cell Phone: 507-273-8504 **Email:** pthomp821@gmail.com
Office hours: Monday and Thursday 9am-Noon
 OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

SECRETARY: Gina Moser: (*Call before driving to office*)
Office Phone: 507-365-8222 **Cell Phone:** 507-951-4964
Emails: eastwest@kmtel.com and certainity@kmtel.com
 Send all emails for Gina to both of her email addresses.

Office Hours: Tues. & Thursdays 10:00 am-Noon

OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SVC: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

President, Will Laxen: 507-208-5399

Vice President, Hans Estby: 507-365-8600 or 507-259-8843

Head Deacon, Sheryl Wohlers: 507-365-8816 or 507-259-5974