

# West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Hayfield, MN

February 2, 2025: Presentation of Our Lord

Holy Communion (Annual Meeting Day)

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:** You may place your offering in the offering plate, in the narthex, as you enter the church (*the plates are not passed during the service*).



## FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEST 9:00 am worship (*coffee after church at 10:00 am*)

BOTH 10:00 am JAM-Both at West / West coffee

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

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**WELCA Chair(s):** Feb. – Sue Hyland

**Altar Guild:** Feb. – Jane Estby & Sheryl Wohlers

**Acolytes:** No acolytes at Chapel services

**Reader:** Feb. 2 – Carma Bjornson

**Ushers:** Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

**Deacon:** Feb. - Carma Bjornson

**Stewardship:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Luther League

## READINGS FOR TODAY:

**Sun., Feb. 2, 2025: Presentation of Our Lord**

**INTRODUCTION:** *The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this Obaby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of*

*the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.*

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4: *This reading concludes a larger section (2:17 – 3:5) in which the prophet speaks of the coming of the God of justice. Malachi looks for that day when the wondrous power of God will purify the priestly descendents of Levi who minister in the temple at Jerusalem.*

PSALM: Psalm 84

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18: *Jesus shared human nature fully so that his death might be for all humans a liberation from slavery to death's power. Here the writer uses the image of priestly service in the temple as a way of describing the life and saving death of the Lord Jesus. He is the high priest who offers his life on behalf of his brothers and sisters.*

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40: *This story is a study in contrasts: the infant Jesus with the aged prophets; the joy of birth with the ominous words of Simeon to Mary; the faithful fulfilling of the law with the presentation of the one who will release its hold over us. Through it all, we see the light of God's salvation revealed to the world.*

## **TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEWSLETTER DAY** is this Tues., February 4 at the office.

### **ANNUAL MEETING TODAY**



We hope you can join us for our annual meeting after the service today. *After our meeting, we'll enjoy a potluck dinner.*

## **WEST WELCA & OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **FEBRUARY**

*Chair: Sue Hyland Altar Guild: Jane Estby, Sheryl Wohlers*

**2** 10:00AM Annual meeting- Potluck lunch after

**11** 9:00 AM Quilting/Sack lunch

**12** 9:00 AM Quilting/ Sack Lunch

1:00 PM WELCA meeting *Host: Sue. H, Study by pastor*

**25** 9:00 AM Quilting/Sack lunch

**26** 9:00 AM Quilting/Sack lunch

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

<b>TODAY</b>	9:00 am	West worship/ <u>comm</u> at chapel, then after worship, <b><u>WEST HAS ANNUAL MEETING, POTLUCK DINNER</u></b>
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both, ( <i>West coffee</i> )
	11:00 am	East <u>worship</u> , <u>Comm</u> with Rev. Jim Rushton, Jeneane organist ( <i>East coffee after church</i> )
<b>Monday</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Tuesday</b>	>>>>	<b><u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u></b> for printing February issue (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
	10:00am	East quilting/ sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>East council meeting</u>
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	Both: Confirmation at West
<b>Thursday</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Friday</b>	-----	Pastor's day off-work
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00am	<u>East WELCA meeting - basement</u>
<b>Sun. 02/09</b>	9:00 am	West worship at chapel
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both ( <i>West coffee</i> )
	11:00 am	East <u>worship</u> ( <i>East coffee after church</i> )
	2:00 pm	<b><u>BOTH at West Chapel... Class for</u></b> <b><u>First Holy Communion</u></b>
<b>COMING UP AT EAST &amp; WEST</b>		
<b>Feb. 10 (Mon.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>West council meeting</u>
<b>Feb. 11 (Tue.)</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/ sack lunch
<b>Feb. 12 (Wed.)</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/ sack lunch
	1:00 pm	<u>West WELCA meeting</u> <i>Host: Sue Hyland, Study: Pastor Paul</i>
	7:00 pm	Both: Confirmation at West
<b>Feb. 13 (Thu.)</b>	-----	Pastor at Kasson ministerial

<b>Feb. 14 (Fri.)</b>	-----	Pastor's day off-work
<b>Feb. 16 (Sun.)</b>	9:00 am	West worship at chapel
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both ( <i>West coffee</i> )
	11:00 am	East <u>worship</u> ( <i>East coffee after church</i> )
	<u>2:00 pm</u>	<b><u>BOTH at West Chapel... Class for First Holy Communion</u></b>

### TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**West Prayers:** Lauren Otto (*granddaughter of Ralph & Wilma Kyllö, daughter of Randy & Kathy Demmer*), 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*).

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