

# West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

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

October 27, 2024: Reformation Day

Holy Communion

Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism

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*).

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**[Pastor will be on vacation Nov. 7 thru Nov. 12]**

WEST 9:00 am worship (coffee hour at 10:00 am)

BOTH 10:00 am JAM at West church

EAST 11:00 am worship (with coffee after church)

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**WELCA Chair(s):** Oct. – Sharon Gulbransen

**Altar Guild:** Oct. – Cindy Senjem & Donna Larsen

**Acolytes:** Oct. 27: Ben Laxen and Cole Twaddle

**Reader:** Oct. 27 – Will Laxen

**Ushers:** Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

**Deacon:** Oct. 27 – Deb Schuck

**Stewardship:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Church Council

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

**Sunday, October 27, 2024 – Reformation Day & Confirmation**

**INTRODUCTION:** *Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of*

*Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34 *The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

PSALM: Psalm 46

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28 *Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 *Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Congratulations and God's blessing to the young men and women who are affirming their faith today,

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at East & West St. Olaf. May God guide them and bless them with wisdom.



### WEST ST. OLAF

Rachel Arett (*daughter of Steve & Laura Arett*)

Drew Baudoin (*son of Tina Bigaoutte, Dominic Baudoin*)

Cooper Beyer (*son of Brian & Leah Beyer*)

Adrien Dahle (*daughter of Jacob & Rebecca Dahle*)

Wyatt Naylor (*son of Katie & Brandon Schuck, Will Naylor*)

Clara Watson Smetana (*daughter of Billie Jean & Chad Smetana*)

## EAST ST. OLAF

EllaMae Ohman (*daughter of Corey & Meghan Ohman*)

Rachel Pyfferoen (*daughter of Amanda Pyfferoen, Brian Pyfferoen*)

Ryley Pyfferoen (*daughter of Amanda Pyfferoen, Brian Pyfferoen*)



**HERITAGE DAY COFFEE AT WEST ST. OLAF**  
will be **NEXT Sunday, November 3 at 10:00am.**

Join JAM students as they learn to make some of our Norwegian favorites; lefse, krumkake, rosettes, and rummegrut. *Free will offering will be donated to St. Olaf Heritage Association.*

**EAST AND WEST INVITED TO A MEATBALL DINNER AT**



**EAST ST. OLAF CHURCH** (*Hosted by Sarah Circle*) **NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024**  
**12:00pm Church Basement at East Church**  
**Menu:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, fall-favorite sides, & pie.

**Price:** Free will donation. *Proceeds benefitting East St. Olaf Church*

**PARENTS: THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS COMING UP!**

**PRACTICES WILL BE** on Sundays at 10am:

Nov. 10, 17, and 24 will be one hour long, at West.

Dec. 1 will be two hours long, at East.

**PROGRAM DATES:**

The first program is at East, Dec. 8, at 9am.

The second program is at West, Dec. 15, at 11am.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT AT WEST ST. OLAF** will be held **Sunday, December 8.** Sign-up sheets are available at church for those who would like to attend, those who would enjoy hosting tables, food committee and volunteers 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. 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.*

**A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY IS COMING IN DECEMBER!!**

December 18<sup>th</sup> will be Mervis Keckhafer’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! This is a special birthday for a special lady! *Everyone please shower her with birthday cards at:*  
115 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE Apt. 209 Hayfield, MN 55940.

**WEST WELCA INFORMATION**

**NOVEMBER**

*Chairpersons: Nancy Gulbransen, Marilyn Skov*

*Altar Guild: Mary and Sandy*

- 3** Heritage Coffee at West St. Olaf - Norwegian goodies!
- 12** 9:00 AM Quilting/Sack lunch
- 13** 9:00 AM Quilting/Sack lunch
- 1:00 PM WELCA meeting  
Hostess: Jana Thompson  
Bible Study: To be determined
- 24** WELCA board meeting during coffee hour
- 28** THANKSGIVING DAY
- 29** 9:00AM Decorate Chapel - Helpers needed

**HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK**

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

**TODAY 10/27**

**BOTH: CONFIRMATION DAY**

- 9:00 am East worship/Confirmation Day,  
with Communion  
East coffee always after church
- 10:00 am JAM at West (for both), West coffee
- 11:00 am West worship,Confirmation Day,  
with Communion
- After church WEST CHAPEL RESERVED (for

		Dahle family's confirmation meal)
<b>Monday</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Tuesday</b>	>>>>	<b><u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office...</u></b> (9:00-print, 9:20-fold, 9:40-collate)
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West church
<b>Thursday</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Friday</b>	-----	Pastor's day off-work
<b>Sun. 11/03</b>		>>> <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>
	9:00 am	West worship, Comm
	10:00 am	JAM at West (for both)
		<b><u>WEST HERITAGE COFFEE HOUR</u></b>
	11:00 am	East worship, Comm... and
	NOON	<b><u>BOTH churches invited to EAST</u></b> <b><u>For a MEATBALL DINNER -</u></b> <i>Free will offering benefits East church</i>

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

<b>Nov. 4 (Mon.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Nov. 5 (Tue.)</b>	10:00 am	<u>East Circle 4 meeting</u> , then quilting and sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>East council meeting</u>
<b>Nov. 6 (Wed.)</b>	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West church
<b><u>&gt;&gt;&gt; Nov. 7 - Nov. 12 Pastor Paul will be on vacation.</u></b>		
<b>Nov. 9 (Sat.)</b>	10:00 am	<u>East WELCA meeting at church</u>
<b>Nov. 10 (Sun.):</b>		<i>Rev. Wayne Vogt preaching</i>
	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM at West (for both) West coffee
	11:00 am	East worship, coffee after church
<b>Nov. 11 (Mon.)</b>	7:00 pm	<u>West council meeting</u>
<b>Nov. 12 (Tue.)</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
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<b>Nov. 13 (Wed.)</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	West WELCA meeting, Host-Jana Thompson

## BOTH LOCAL EVENTS

**Sat. Nov. 2 (4-7:00 pm)** Hayfield American Legion & Village Pub “*All You Can Eat Liver and Onions (Meatball Alternative)*” Meal includes: Potatoes, gravy, Ida’s special corn, homemade bread, and ice cream. FREE WILL DONATION, (Cash, check and Venmo payments accepted)

## TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**West Prayers:** 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*).

**East Prayers:** Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, Mary Madson, Jerry Nelson, Kaysie Peterson, Scott Kittleson (*son-in-law of Paul Jordan*), Alan Hovey, Jean (*Sandy Dahle’s daughter*), Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Keith Roeder (*son-in-law of Paul Jordan*), Dalton Mansfield (*in military*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Sylvia Torstenson, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PASTOR Paul Thompson:** (*Please call before driving to office*)

**Cell Phone:** 507-273-8504 **Email:** pthomp821@gmail.com

**Office hours:** Monday and Thursday

9:00 am–Noon... OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

**SECRETARY: Gina Moser:** (*Please call before driving to office*)

**Office Phone:** 507-365-8222 **Cell Phone:** 507-951-4964

**Emails:** eastwest@kmtel.com AND certainty@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 SERVICE:** 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

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