

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

January 18, 2026: Second Sunday after Epiphany

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.*

## **WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATIONS**



To verify if there is a cancelation for a church service or church activity, **please check**: **KTTC TV (channel 10 news)**, or **online at www.kttc.com** and click on the tab for **WEATHER** - then click on *Closings and Delays*. Decisions are made by council presidents with the pastor.

## **SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY**



**WEST EARLY at 8:30 am** (for Jan., coffee 9:30 am)

**JAM at 9:30 am** at West for all students, also West coffee

**EAST LATE at 10:30 am** (for Jan., coffee follows)

**>> EAST Annual Meeting & Potluck is next Sun., Jan. 25**

**>> WEST Annual Meeting & Potluck is Sun., Feb. 1**

## **THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US**

**Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild**

**Altar Guild:** Jan. – Danny Zieman

**Deacon:** Jan: Meghan Ohman

**Reader:** Jan. 18 – Jen Briske

**Acolytes:** Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

**Coffee Servers:** OPEN - contact Marylin

## **READINGS: Jan. 18, 2026 – Second Sun. after Epiphany**

**INTRODUCTION:** *Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite*

*others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7: *Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9: *Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42: *John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

## **TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WINTERTIME FUN: BUNDLE UP & GET READY!!**

JAM and Luther League are excited to invite you to a **SNOW TUBING event at Camp Victory on Sunday, January 25, from 1:00–3:00 pm. All families are welcome to join us for an afternoon of laughter, adventure, and snowy excitement. The cost for each child is fully covered, and parents who would like to participate are asked to contribute \$10 each to help offset the cost. Please email allihimle@yahoo.com by Wednesday, Jan. 21 if you plan to attend, so we can plan accordingly.** We hope you can join us for this fun winter outing!

*~ Warmly, JAM and Luther League ~*

### **ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER:**

**EAST Annual meeting is NEXT Sunday, January 25,** with worship at 10:30 am, followed by a potluck dinner after our meeting.

>> EAST BACKUP date in case of inclement weather will be Feb. 8, 2026 (which would be 8:30 am worship).

## **THANK YOU, EAST ST. OLAF CHURCH**

>>Thank you, East council and congregation for the nice Christmas gift. I appreciate the gift; and all of you as well!

>> Thank you, Pat Nelson, for always thinking of me at Christmas.

~ Gina Moser ~

## **THANK YOU, EAST ST. OLAF**

Thank you to the East Congregation for the Christmas bonus. Thank You to each one of you friends at East St. Olaf who supplied us with our favorite homemade cookies, rommegrot, and candy! So yummy! It's great to be a member of and to provide music for both East and West St. Olaf. Many Thanks! In other words, 'Mange Takk!' " ~ Pat Nelson ~

## **MEETINGS FOR WOMEN OF EAST**

*For 2026 women's meetings will continue to be held the second Saturday each month at 10:00am in the dining room.*

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 14, in the East St Olaf Dining Room at 10:00 am. *Women who are members of East are members of our group - please stop in. We would LOVE to hear your ideas and spread some godly fun in our congregation and community.*

## **VALENTINE'S AT EAST**

**Sun., February 15 after East church service:** Join us after East worship, for some Love and Affection... and Fellowship!! WELCA is serving some Valentines Day fun! Stop in and visit.

## **SERVERS FOR EAST LENTEN SUPPERS:**

Feb. 25: Circle 4 serving Lenten meal.

March 11: Sarah Circle serving Lenten meal.

March 25: Council Members serving Lenten meal.

## **EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:**

(01/11/26) Current \$2,929, Reimbursement \$220, and Benevolence \$75. In-Memory of Edwin Distad Jr.: Current \$130. In-Memory of Ralph Kylo: Undesignated \$20.

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

*Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19<sup>th</sup> each month.*

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u>
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	After church: West takes down decorations – helpers are needed. Thank you!	
<b>Monday:</b>	10:30 am	East worship, ( <i>coffee after</i> )
	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	4:00 pm	<u>DEADLINE to submit info for the next newsletter (for the Feb. issue)</u>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 am	East quilting
	10:00 am	<u>PRINT EAST annual reports!</u>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	7:00 pm	Confirmation – both at West
<b>Thursday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	NOON	<i>DEADLINE to give WEST audited reports to the church secretary</i>
<b>Friday:</b>	-----	Pastor's day off-work
<b>Sun. (01/25) <u>EAST ANNUAL MEETING &amp; POTLUCK!!</u></b>		
<i>(if bad weather – EAST backup date will be Feb. 8 instead)</i>		
	8:30 am	West worship
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> , <b><u>followed by EAST annual meeting &amp; potluck!</u></b>

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

<b>Jan. 26 (Mon.):</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Jan. 27 (Tue.):</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting
	>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:30-collate)
<b>Jan. 28 (Wed.):</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	Confirmation – both at West

Jan. 29 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office  
10:00 am **PRINT WEST annual reports!**

Jan. 30 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day off-work

## **FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:**

*EAST EARLY at 8:30 am for Feb. (coffee follows)*

*JAM at 9:30 am at West for all students, also West coffee*

*WEST LATE at 10:30 am for Feb. (coffee 9:30 am)*

**Feb. 1 (Sun.): WEST ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK!!**

*(if bad weather – WEST backup date will be Feb. 15 instead)*

8:30 am East worship *(coffee after)*

9:30 am JAM classes, *also West coffee*

10:30 am West worship, Comm. THEN

11:30 am WEST annual meeting AND  
Potluck dinner after the meeting

**Feb. 2 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office

**Feb. 3 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

**Feb. 4 (Wed.):** 7:00 pm Both: Confirmation at West

**Feb. 5 (Thur.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office

**Feb. 6 (Fri.):** ----- Pastor's day off-work

**Feb. 8 (Sun.):** 8:30 am East worship *(coffee after)*  
>>> BACKUP date for East Ann. Mtg.

9:30 am JAM classes, *also West coffee*

10:30 am West worship, Comm., and  
Baptism of Walker M. Jervis

## **TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**East Prayers:** Family of Janet Anderson, Gary Braaten (*dad of Jenni Braaten Winch*), Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Keith Roeder (*friend of Audrey Carlson*), Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), Pat Raasch (*friend of Becky Brakke*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, Kaysie Peterson, Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Dalton Mansfield (*in military*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Sylvia Torstenson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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**OUR WEBSITES:** [eaststolaf.org](http://eaststolaf.org) OR [weststolaf.org](http://weststolaf.org)

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### COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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