

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

March 30, 2025: Fourth 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.

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

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

EASTER DAY: 8:30 am at WEST, and 10:00 am at EAST



THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Mar. - Darlene M., Sonya M.

Deacon: March: Terry Zieman

Reader/Helper: Mar. 30 – Mary Madson

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

East Coffee Servers: 5th Sun. – Sun. School or Council

READINGS TODAY: Mar. 30, 2025 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION: *The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!*

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12: *By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites*

symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

PSALM: Psalm 32

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21: *One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32: *Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*

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.]**

WEST: Sheryl Wohlers 507-259-5974 kswohlers@kmtel.com

EAST or WEST: Gina Moser eastwest@kmtel.com

BOTH CHURCHES INVITED TO APRIL EVENTS AT EAST ST. OLAF CHURCH - SAVE THE DATES!

Sun., April 13: Palm Sunday SPRING DINNER - East & West: Come enjoy fellowship and a great meal of scalloped potatoes with ham, fresh vegetables, and dessert at East church. Cost is \$10 each. Meal is served at noon (*after the East worship service*).

Fri., April 25 5:30-7:30 pm: PIZZA & BINGO NIGHT at EAST for all friends and family of East & West - so please invite others to come eat pizza, play BINGO, and decorate a cookie for dessert! *Drop-in or spend the whole time having fun and enjoy pizza.* No charge for admission - though donations for pizza will be accepted.

EAST MEMBERS: If you know of anyone who would like a get a card from East St. Olaf, please contact Jane Williams (507) 271-2272 (Talk or Text). *Help us share a blessing!*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

TODAY	9:00 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> , (<i>coffee after</i>)
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both (<i>West coffee</i>)
	11:00 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u> (at chapel)
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>	<u>DEADLINE to designate your THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS</u>
Tuesday	10:00am	East quilting / sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>EAST council meeting</u>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<u>Soup Supper at EAST</u> (<i>Sarah Circle</i>)
	7:00 pm	<u>LENTEN SERVICE at EAST</u> <i>All confirmation students attend</i>
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off
Saturday	>>>	<u>DAY OF ZUMBRO RIVER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE</u> , at Zion Lutheran - Stewartville (<i>registration at 9:30 am - and the</i>

conference begins at 10:30 am)

Sun. 04/06 >>> WEST WORSHIP RETURNS TO CHURCH
9:00 am West worship, Comm. (*First Holy Communion for West Students*)
10:00 am JAM at West for both (*West coffee*)
11:00 am East worship, Comm., (*coffee after*)

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Apr. 7 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
Apr. 8 (Tue.) 10:00am East quilting / sack lunch
Apr. 9 (Wed.) 1:00 pm West WELCA meeting
Host: Alli H., Study: Pastor Paul
6:00 pm Lenten supper at WEST (with West WELCA serving... (*offering goes to Hayfield Food Pantry - this is a Thrivent sponsored project*)
7:00 pm Lenten service at WEST
All confirmation students attend
Apr. 10 (Thur.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
Apr. 11 (Fri.) ----- Pastor's day off
Apr. 12 (Sat.) 10:00 am Women of East meeting at church
Apr. 13 (Sun.) >>>> PALM SUNDAY (No comm.)
All confirmation students attend
9:00 am WEST worship - JAM sings during worship... and after church, an Easter Egg Hunt @ West for JAM
11:00 am EAST worship (*coffee after*)
NOON **BOTH East & West are invited to Spring Dinner at EAST (\$10 each)**
Apr. 14 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
7:00 pm West council meeting
Apr. 15 (Tue.) 10:00am East quilting / sack lunch
Apr. 16 (Wed.) ----- No class - instead, confirmation students attend Thur./Fri. services
Apr. 17 (Thur.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
7:00 pm Maundy Thurs. svc. at WEST with Comm. All confirmation students

- attend*
- Apr. 18 (Fri.) ----- Pastor's day off-work
7:00 pm Good Friday svc. at EAST
All confirmation students attend
- Apr. 20 (Sun.) >>> **EASTER DAY! Christ is risen!!**
*All welcome to attend at either church,
note the earlier worship times at both:*
- 8:30 am West worship, with Communion
10:00 am East worship, with Communion
- Apr. 21 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Apr. 22 (Tue.) 10:00am East quilting / sack lunch
7:00 pm Deadline to submit newsletter info
- Apr. 23 (Wed.) 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West
- Apr. 24 (Thur.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Apr. 25 (Fri.) ----- Pastor's day off
5:30-7:30 pm **BOTH: All family & friends of**
East & West invited to a PIZZA &
BINGO night at East church!!
- Apr. 27 (Sun.) 9:00 am West worship - No comm
10:00 am JAM at West for both (*West coffee*)
11:00 am East worship - No comm
(*East coffee after church*)
- Apr. 28 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Apr. 29 (Tue.) 10:00am East quilting / sack lunch
7:00 pm **NEWSLETTER DAY at office**
(*9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate*)
- Apr. 30 (Wed.) 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West

BOTH LOCAL EVENTS

April 4 (Fri.) 4-7:00pm: Lenten Fish Fry Dodge Center Legion (hosted by St. John Baptist de la Salle Catholic Church). See poster on bulletin board, for menu and prices.

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), Sheila Hegseth (*friend of Glenda & Brian Mueller*), Pat Raasch (*friend of Becky Brakke*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, Mary Madson, Jerry Nelson, 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

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: Randy Robinson: 507-923-0479

Gary Kearns: 507-206-3158 or 507-254-5285

Bryan DeCook: 507-208-1590