

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

March 15, 2026: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

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 cancellation 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 MARCH

>> BOTH have Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays



WEST EARLY at 8:30 am for Mar. (coffee 9:30 am)

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

EAST LATE at 10:30 am for Mar. (coffee follows)

>> *Lenten schedule shown in "This Week" or "Upcoming Events"*

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Mar. - Darlene Myhre & Sonya Mansfield

Deacon: Mar. - Terry Zieman

Reader: Mar. 15 - Brian Mueller

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 3rd Sun. - Open week

READINGS: Sunday, March 15, 2026: 4th Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION: *Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God*

opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13: *Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.*

PSALM: Psalm 23

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14: *Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41: *Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER OFFERING (this Wednesday)



The **free-will offering on March 18** (at the soup supper at West church), **will go to the Hayfield Community Food Pantry** to help those less fortunate - the need is great.

This meal is co-sponsored by Thriivent.

EAST SERVERS FOR FINAL LENTEN SUPPER:

March 25: Council Members serving Lenten meal.

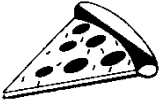
LILIES TO BEAUTIFY OUR ALTAR FOR EASTER



If anyone wishes to donate/share their Easter lily/lilies at church "*in-memory of*" and/or "*in-honor of*" someone... please email Gina Moser, (or at West: Sheryl Wohlers: 507-259-5974) by March 20, if you would like them listed in the Easter bulletin. *Please*

drop-off lilies at your church the day before Easter.

LUTHER LEAGUE: PIZZA & SLEEPOVER AT CHAPEL!!!



Luther Leaguers: Join us Friday, March 27 at 6:00 pm. Pizza supper provided.

>Please bring: 1.) your own bedding (sleeping bag, blankets, pillow 2.) a snack to share.

Breakfast provided in the morning as well.

Pick up time between 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

RSVP to Alli at 507-398-7769 if you would like to attend.

JAM EASTER EGG HUNT ON PALM SUNDAY (March 29)



Palm Sunday at 9:30 am JAM kid's will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt – so bring your basket or a bag!! NOTE: *Luther League teens are needed to hide eggs & help hold palm fronds that day.*

**SPRING DINNER: EAST & WEST BOTH WELCOME!!!
ON PALM SUNDAY (March 29)**



10:30 Worship at East,

then at 11:30 Dinner Starts

East & West are both welcome!!

MENU: Ham and Scalloped Potatoes ,
Veggies, Fruit, & Dessert

Cost: \$10.00 per person, \$6 for 12 and under

Hosted by Circle 4 at East St Olaf

SUPPORT FOR FOOD SHELVES: March 1 – April 6, 2026

Stretch your donation: Financial donations go further due to access to food banks and discount purchasing programs, allowing food shelves to purchase items that are most needed in Hayfield. *Currently feeding 400-500 families per month!*

CHECKS TO:

Cedar Creek Church (write Food Pantry in memo)

PO Box 224 - Hayfield, MN 55940

THRIVENT DESIGNATIONS:

Thrivent “Choice Dollars” from 2025 can still be directed until March 31, by calling 800-847-4836. When prompted, say

“Thrivent Choice”. Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

WOMEN’S ZUMBRO RIVER CONFERENCE “SPRING EVENT”: Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Zumbro Lutheran Church
624 Third Ave. SW Rochester, MN 55902

Event Schedule:

9-9:30 am: Registration, Coffee & Displays

9:30 am: Program & Worship (Speaker: Pastor Shelley Cunningham)

12:00 pm: Lunch

>>Registration Deadline: Friday, April 10: Talk to your church’s WELCA leaders regarding cost, registration, and/or if any women have plans to ride together.

REACHING OUT WITH COMPASSION: Please bring a love offering for Zumbro’s Food Pantries. Items needed: Tuna or chicken pouches, ramen noodle cups, creamy peanut butter, Hormel Compleats-shelf stable microwave meals, and boxes of instant oatmeal packets.

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

If you are willing to do scripture readings, please sign up at the lectern where we sign the communion book. *Thank you.*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19th each month.

TODAY	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Communion</u>
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship, <u>Communion</u>
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	6:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Lenten supper @ WEST</u> <u>(supper by West WELCA) Free will offering for the supper will go to Hayfield Comm. Food Pantry</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Lenten Worship @ WEST</u>

Thursday: 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 7:00 pm *DEADLINE to submit info/reports for next newsletter (April edition)*
Friday: _____ *First Day of Spring!!!*
 Pastor's day off-work
Sun. (03/22) 8:30 am West worship
 9:30 am JAM classes, *also West coffee*
 10:30 am East worship

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Mar. 23 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
Mar. 24 (Tue.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
Mar. 25 (Wed.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
 6:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten supper @ EAST**
(supper by East Council members)
 7:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten Worship @ EAST**
Mar. 26 (Thur.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 >>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE**
(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
Mar. 27 (Fri.): _____ Pastor's day off-work
 6:00 pm **LUTHER LEAGUE SLEEPOVER**
& PIZZA @ CHAPEL - bring a snack to share & bedding items
Mar. 29 (Sun.): **PALM SUNDAY**
 8:30 am WEST worship (NOT comm.)
 9:30 am **JAM Easter Egg Hunt at WEST...**
(LL teens deeded to help with egg hunt & hold palm fronds)
 10:00 am EAST worship, (NOT comm.)
Mar. 30 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
Mar. 31 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
 >>>> **Deadline to designate Thrivent**
"Choice Dollars"

SCHEDULE FOR EARLY APRIL

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

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

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

April 2: BOTH at EAST: 7pm **MAUNDY THURSDAY** service
with Holy Communion

April 3: BOTH at WEST: 7 pm **GOOD FRIDAY** service

April 5: EASTER DAY - HE IS RISEN!!!

>> No JAM/SS classes, No coffee hour at either church

8:30 am EAST worship, communion

10:00 am WEST worship, communion

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: 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

PASTOR Paul Thompson: (*Call before driving to office*)

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Office hours: Monday and Thursday 9am-Noon

OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SVC EAST: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

Bryan DeCook: 507-208-1590