

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

Aug. 9, 2026: 11th Sun. after Pentecost

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE AT EAST

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.

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST



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

WEST LATE at 10:00 am for Aug. (coffee at 9:00 am)

TASTE OF NORWAY 2:00-4:00pm Aug. 23 at EAST

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Aug. – Gena Cahill

Deacon: Aug. - Jane Williams

Reader: Aug. 9 – Pastor Paul for Joint Worship

Acolytes: Ushers are covering

Coffee Servers: 2nd Sun. – Sarah Circle

READINGS: Aug. 9 2026: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18: *On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence – earthquake, wind, and fire – Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer.*

Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15: *A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33: *Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for coming to coffee hour last Sunday to help celebrate Audrey Carlson's 90th birthday! It was fun and you are all appreciated. ~ *Chrisie Thomason* ~

TASTE OF NORWAY ANNUAL CELEBRATION!!!



If you have ever wondered who exactly St. Olaf was, a skit called "Saint Olaf Himself" may interest you - it will be performed at the annual **Taste of Norway celebration on August 23 from 2:00-4:00 pm at EAST St. Olaf.** *This event is sponsored by the St. Olaf Heritage Association.*

The skit begins at 2:15 in the sanctuary. A traditional hymn-sing led by the Hayfield vocal quartet, Hosannah, follows the skit. *Homemade Norwegian pastries including lefse, fattigmann and rosettes will be served downstairs. Tours of the historic Tverberg Log House, with golf cart transportation, will also be provided.*

EAST MEMBERS: WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

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

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!*

WEST ST. OLAF SCHOOL KIT MISSION



West WELCA is collecting school supplies again for Lutheran World Relief. There are boxes in the chapel and church to place your donations (**due by Sept. 13**) – the list is on top of the collection boxes at West St. Olaf. Thank you. *This is a Thrivent Action Team project.*

PRAYER UPDATES:

Please inform our secretary if you have prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(Month of July 2026) Current \$4,482.

(08/02/26) Current \$1,585 and Benevolence \$150

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY: >>> **Fellowship follows worship!**

Monday 9-Noon Pastor at office

7:00 pm WEST Council meeting

Tuesday 10:00am East quilting/sack lunch

Wednesday >>>> NO meeting for West WELCA

>>> Pastor vacation August 13 – August 15 <<<

Sun. (08/16) 8:30 am East worship & Communion

9:00 am *West coffee*

10:00 am West worship & Communion

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Aug. 17 (Mon.) 9-Noon Pastor at office

Aug. 18 (Tue.) 10:00am East quilting/sack lunch

Aug. 19 (Wed.) 7:00 pm **DEADLINE to submit reports & info for Sept newsletter issue**

>>> Pastor vacation August 20 – August 22 <<<

Aug. 23 (Sun.) 8:30 am East worship
9:00 am West coffee
10:00 am West worship
2-4:00 pm **TASTE OF NORWAY at EAST**
St. Olaf: Goodies and cabin tours
following the skit & hymn-sing!
(this event held rain or shine)

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EAST Prayers: Jim Olson, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Keith Roeder (*friend of Audrey Carlson*), Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., 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*); **and in Army Basic Training:** Dawson Meier.

WEST Prayers: Wilma Kyllö, Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (*granddaughter of Joy*), Grace Seeger (*cousin of Gail Laxen*), Julie (*sister of Carma. B.*), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria & Boyd Pew, Cindy & Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma B.*). **Serving in our military:** Jack Kenyon (*nephew of Will & Gail Laxen*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION: (ALL area codes: 507)

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