

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

October 26, 2025: 20th Sunday of Pentecost

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.

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER



EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Nov. at East, coffee after)

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

LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Nov. at West, coffee 9:30 am)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Oct. – Dawn Evjen

Deacon: Oct.: Meghan (*Harvest Season for Mary and Terry*)

Reader: Oct. 26 - Adyson Pyfferoen

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 4th Sun. Sept. – Circle 4

READINGS: October 26, 2025 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22: *In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.*

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-7

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18: *The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.*

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14: *The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: A SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER FOR EAST!

All EAST members are invited for dinner **TODAY, Oct. 26, after East worship**. Circle 4 will host a meal of scalloped potatoes and ham, salad, and dessert for a free-will offering.

LIVER & ONION SUPPER:

The Sons of the American Legion in Hayfield will have their Liver and Onion Supper on **Saturday, November 1st from 4:00- 7:00 PM.** It is all you can eat liver and onions (meatball alternative), mashed potatoes, corn, bread, ice cream for a FREE WILL DONATION.

JAM FAMILIES: IMPORTANT NOVEMBER INFO

Sun., November 2: All JAM students are welcome to wear costumes for our **Reformation Day/Halloween Celebration** for JAM. Come learn about Reformation Day – it will be fun! *We are having this event one week after Reformation Day due to Confirmation service being on Oct. 26th.*

Sun., November 9: We will begin practicing every week for the Christmas program.

Sun., November 30: We will have a **two-hour practice over at EAST church from 9:30-11:30 am.**

EAST WOMEN: WREATH DECORATING PARTY



East women are invited to a wreath decorating party at Mary Madson's home at **1:00 pm on Saturday, November 22.**

DECORATING EAST ST. OLAF FOR CHRISTMAS



Come one, come all! All ages of helpers are invited to help decorate our church for Christmas right after church, on Sunday, November 23. *It's fun and many helpers make the decorating go quickly (so everyone can get home in time for the football game).*

BEAUTIFYING OUR SANCTUARIES FOR CHRISTMAS



If you'd like to donate a poinsettia, we will recognize it in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please inform one of the following people by this Fri., Dec. 12 (specify who the plant is from; and whom it's in memory-of).
EAST or WEST: Email Gina at eastwest@kmtel.com

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for newsletter info - by approx. the 19th day, each month.

TODAY	8:30 am	West worship, <u>communion</u> and Confirmation Day at West
	9:30 am	JAM classes at West (for both) <i>Also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East Worship, <u>communion</u>
	After church:	<u>EAST members are invited to a dinner hosted by Circle 4:</u> <u>Scalloped potatoes & ham & more,</u> <u>(for free-will donation)</u>
Monday:	9am-noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	Both: Confirmation at West
Thursday:	9am-noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 10:35-collate)
Friday:	_____	Pastor's day-off
Saturday:	4-7:00 pm	<i>Hayfield Sons of American Legion</i> <i>Liver & Onion all-you-can-eat supper</i>

Sunday 11/02

ALL SAINTS DAY

(and Daylight Saving Time ends)

8:30 am

East worship/communion

East coffee after church

9:30 am

**JAM – Halloween/Reformation
Party (wear a costume to JAM!)**

Also West coffee

10:30 am

West worship/communion

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Nov. 3 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Nov. 4 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

6:00 pm

East council meeting

Nov. 5 (Wed.): 7:00 pm Confirmation class at West

Nov. 6 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Nov. 7 (Fri.): -----

Pastor's day off-work

Nov. 8 (Sat.): 10:00 am

EAST WELCA Meeting *(due to
our Oct. meeting being cancelled)*

Nov. 9 (Sun.): 8:30 am

East worship

East coffee after church

9:30 am

JAM – Practice begins for our
Christmas programs

*Also West coffee with free-will offering
Going to Food Pantries*

10:30 am

West worship

Nov. 10 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

7:00 pm

West council meeting

Nov. 11 (Tue.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch

10:00 am

East quilting/sack lunch

Nov. 12 (Wed.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch

1:00 pm

West WELCA meeting

Host-Sharon G., study-pastor

7:00 pm

Confirmation class at West

Nov. 13 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Nov. 14 (Fri.): -----

Pastor's day off-work

Nov. 16 (Sun.): 8:30 am

East worship

East coffee after church

9:30 am	JAM – <u>Practice for program</u> <i>Also West coffee with free-will offering</i> <i>Going to Food Pantries</i>
10:30 am	West worship
Nov. 17 (Mon.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
>>>>>	<u>Deadline to submit info for the next newsletter</u>
Nov. 18 (Tue.) 10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Nov. 19 (Wed.) 7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Nov. 20 (Thu.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 21 (Fri.): -----	Pastor's day off-work
Nov. 22 (Sat.) 1:00 pm	<u>EAST wreath decorating party at Mary Madson's home</u>
Nov. 23 (Sun.):	<i>CHRIST THE KING DAY</i>
8:30 am	East worship / <u>communion</u> <i>East coffee after church... and</i> <u>EAST decorates for Christmas, with a BRUNCH served too.</u>
9:30 am	JAM – <u>Practice for program</u> <i>Also West coffee</i>
10:30 am	West worship / <u>communion</u>
Nov. 24 (Mon.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 25 (Tue.) >>>>>	<u>NO quilting for East</u>
>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at Office</u> <i>(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)</i>
Nov. 26 (Wed.) >>>>	<u>NO class</u> for confirmation
Nov. 27 (Thu.): >>>>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED:</u> Thanksgiving!
Nov. 28 (Fri.): -----	Pastor's day off-work
9:00 am	West decorates chapel for Advent
Nov. 30 (Sun.): 8:30 am	East worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
<u>9:30-11:30 am</u>	<u>JAM: Two-hour practice at EAST church for Christmas program</u> <i>Also West coffee, and West WELCA Board meets during coffee</i>
10:30 am	West worship
>>>>>	West decorates church for Christmas ALL ages are encouraged to help

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Sue Senjem, 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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