

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

August 24, 2025: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Reverend Jim Rushton

Organist: Jeneane Rushton

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.



AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEST 8:30 am worship with coffee after church

EAST 10:00 am worship with coffee after church

>> TODAY "Taste of Norway" from 2-4pm in EAST church

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Aug. – Gena Cahill

Deacon: Aug. - Terry Zieman

Reader: Aug. 24 – Pete Exe

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: Aug. 24 – Circle 4

READINGS August 24, 2025: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14: *God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.*

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29: *Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.*

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17: *Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY "A TASTE OF NORWAY EVENT": The annual *Taste of Norway* celebration will be held **THIS AFTERNOON from 2:00 pm t to 4:00 pm in East St. Olaf Church.** It kicks off with a skit, "*Once Upon a Parsonage*" at 2:15 pm, and continues with a hymn-sing, led by Hosanna, a local quartet. Tours of the Tverberg Log House follow, with home-made Norwegian pastries and other treats in the lower level. *This event is free and open to the public sponsored by the St. Olaf Heritage Association.*

CORRECTION & APOLOGY: Last week, the Aug. 17 bulletin I listed many mixed-up details for September worship times - please disregard that bulletin. I am so sorry! (Gina Moser)

NEW YEAR-ROUND WORSHIP TIMES!

This summer, the joint council voted to try a new year-round schedule beginning in September (NOTE, *the starting times will still rotate monthly, between the two churches*).

NEW TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER:

- > EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Sept. at EAST- coffee after church)
- >>> JAM will be at 9:30 am... But NOT until September 14,
which will be Rally Day at the West church
- > LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Sept. at WEST- coffee being 9:30 am)

LUTHER LEAGUE PIZZA PARTY...

And afterward CONFIRMATION CLASS RESTARTS

Join us on **Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm**, in the West chapel, for our first Luther League event of the year – a **PIZZA PARTY!** *Confirmation students will head to class afterward, but all are welcome to join for supper.*

If you're no longer in confirmation and plan to attend, please text Alli at 507-398-7769 so we can plan for food. Come hear about all the fun we have planned for Luther League this year. *We hope to see you there!*

JAM FAMILIES & STUDENTS OF EAST CHURCH:

JAM RALLY DAY will be at WEST on **Sunday, SEPT. 14, 2025** for all parish JAM students (and family). **LUNCH MENU:**

Pulled pork sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, bars and beverages (*this lunch is co-sponsored by Thrivent with the free will offering being donated to JAM technology fund*).

>> **9:30 am:** First day of JAM classes at the West church

>> **10:30 am:** Worship service at West

>> **After West worship:** Rally Day lunch will be served

FALL CRAFT & VENDOR SALE - ALL WELCOME!!!

Taking place Saturday, September 27 at East St. Olaf.

Coffee bar 9-11am ... Soup & Sandwich from 11am-2pm.

Come and visit us; or come sell your wares at East St. Olaf!

>>> For info on renting a space, contact Amy Schwarz at amyjorgenson23@gmail.com

BOTH: MEATBALL DINNER (at the East church)

Join us Sunday, October 5 from 11:30am-12:30 pm at the East church for a great meal. Everyone from BOTH churches are invited – ask friends & relatives to come along too!!!

MENU: Scandinavian Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Lefsa and all the fixings! *Proceeds going to the East St. Olaf general fund.*

PRICE: \$15 ages 13-adult, \$8 ages 6-12, and under age 5 are free.

SAVE THE DATE: CIRCLE 4 DINNER AT EAST ST. OLAF:

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

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for newsletter info - by approx. the 20th day, each month.

NOTE: Pastor Paul is on vacation now thru September 2.

**FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES please contact
Reverend Kristen Anderson of Trinity in Hayfield.**

**Phone: (320) 290-1625 or kanderson@trinityhayfield.com
or the church office phone: (507) 477-2248.**

TODAY

8:30 am *Rev. Jim Rushton preaching*
West worship/communion
After church Breakfast is served at West
10:00 am East worship/communion
2-4:00 pm **TASTE OF NORWAY event in
East Church – coffee/goodies after
(the public is welcome too)**

Tuesday 10:00 am

East quilting/sack lunch

Thursday >>>>

NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE
(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:35-collate)

Sun. (08/31)

Rev. Jim Rushton preaching

8:30 am

West worship – *coffee after church,
and West officers plan Fall Bazaar
during the coffee hour*

10:00 am

East worship – *coffee after church*

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Sept. 1 (Mon.) >>>

OFFICE CLOSED – Labor Day

Sept. 2 (Tue.) 10:00am

East quilting/sack lunch

Sept. 3 (Wed.) -----

Pastor Paul is back

Sept. 4 (Thu.) 9am-Noon

Pastor at office

Sept. 5 (Fri.) -----

Pastor's day off-work

Sept. 7 (Sun.)	>>>>>>>	<u>NEW WORSHIP TIMES BEGIN!</u>
	8:30 am	EAST worship/ <u>communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship/ <u>communion</u>
Sept. 8 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 9 (Tue.)	9:00 am	West quilting begins/ sack lunch
	10:00am	East quilting/ sack lunch
	>>>>>	<u>JOINT Council meeting at EAST</u>
		<i>6:00 pm – Individual meetings</i>
		<i>7:00 pm – Joint council meeting</i>
Sept. 10 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting/ sack lunch
	1:00 pm	WEST WELCA meeting
	6:30 pm	<u>Luther League PIZZA PARTY at</u>
		<u>at West chapel</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Confirmation class begins</u>
		<u>at West chapel</u>
Sept. 11 (Thu.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 12 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sept. 13 (Sat.)	10:00 am	<u>EAST WELCA meeting at church</u>
Sept. 14 (Sun.)	>>>>	<u>RALLY DAY at the WEST church</u>
	8:30 am	EAST worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	<u>IAM BEGINS</u> (<i>a lunch after church</i>) <i>also West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship, <u>New members are</u> <u>recognized during announcements</u>
	<u>After West worship</u>	<u>LUNCH served for Rally Day and</u> <u>& to welcome new West members</u>
Sept. 15 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 16 (Tue.)	10:00am	East quilting/ sack lunch
Sept. 17 (Wed.)	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Confirmation at West</u>
Sept. 18 (Thu.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>DEADLINE to submit info for</u> <u>next newsletter</u>
Sept. 19 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work

Sept. 21 (Sun.)	8:30 am	EAST worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	JAM classes at West church <i>also West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship
Sept. 22 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 23 (Tue.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 24 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>EAST sets up tables for Palooza</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Confirmation at West</u>
Sept. 25 (Thu.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 26 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
	4 to 8:00 pm	<u>EAST RESERVED for Vendors to set up for Fall Craft & Vendor Sale</u>
Sept. 27 (Sat.)	<u>9am-2:00 pm</u>	<u>EAST Fall Craft & Vendor Sale!! (the public is welcome - come shop and buy a tasty lunch too!)</u>
Sept. 28 (Sun.)	8:30 am	EAST worship/ <u>Communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	JAM classes at West church <i>also West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship/ <u>Communion</u>
Sept. 29 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 30 (Tue.)	>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:35-collate)
	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch

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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