

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

February 16, 2025: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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.*

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



WEST 9:00 am worship (*coffee after church at 10:00 am*)

BOTH 10:00 am JAM-Both at West / West coffee

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

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild**

**Altar Guild:** Feb. - Danny Zieman

**Deacon:** Feb. - Meghan Ohman

**Acolytes:** Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

**East Coffee Servers:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. – OPEN - *contact Marylin*

## READINGS TODAY:

**Sun., Feb. 16, 2025: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**INTRODUCTION:** *Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ones" and the "woe to" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

**FIRST READING:** *Jeremiah 17:5-10: These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.*

**PSALM:** Psalm 1

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20: *For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26: *After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CLASSES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Classes are held at 2:00 p.m. TODAY, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, and Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the West St. Olaf Chapel. *If students complete these classes, they will receive First Holy Communion at worship on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

### NEXT SUNDAY: INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Both churches will have Installation of Church Officers during the service, next Sunday.

**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 Choice Dollars. *A representative will work with you to direct your Choice Dollars.* Or you may designate online at Thrivent.com website.

### EAST WELCA - FEBRUARY

18      10 am Quilting/sack lunch

25      10 am Quilting/sack lunch

### BOTH WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATIONS



To verify if there is a cancelation for a church service or church activity, **please check: KTTC TV (channel 10), or online at [www.kttc.com](http://www.kttc.com)** and click on the tab for WEATHER - then click on Closings and Delays or check parsonage answering machine 365-8222. Decisions made by council presidents/pastor.

**EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:**

(02/09/2025) Current \$1,574 (with 500 being from the Quilting Sisters of East St. Olaf), and In-memory of Vicky Boelter \$20 Undesignated.

**HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK**

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

<b>TODAY</b>	9:00 am	West worship at chapel
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both (West coffee)
	11:00 am	East <u>worship</u> (coffee after church)
	<b><u>2:00 pm</u></b>	<b><u>BOTH at West Chapel... Class for First Holy Communion</u></b>
<b>Feb. 17 (Mon.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Feb. 18 (Tue.)</b>	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
<b>Feb. 19 (Wed.)</b>	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Both: Confirmation at West <b><u>Deadline to submit info for the next newsletter</u></b>
<b>Feb. 20 (Thu.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Feb. 21 (Fri.)</b>	-----	Pastor’s day off-work
<b>Feb. 23 (Sun.)</b>	9:00 am	West worship/ <u>comm.</u> at chapel <b><u>Installation of Church Officers</u></b>
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both (West coffee)
	11:00 am	East worship/ <u>comm.</u> <b><u>Installation of Church Officers</u></b> (East coffee after church)
	<b><u>2:00 pm</u></b>	<b><u>BOTH at West Chapel... Class for First Holy Communion</u></b>

**COMING UP AT EAST & WEST**

<b>Feb. 24 (Mon.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Feb. 25 (Tue.)</b>	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
<b>Feb. 26 (Wed.)</b>	7:00 pm	Both: Confirmation at West
<b>Feb. 27 (Thu.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>	<b><u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u></b>

for printing March issue

(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)

**Feb. 28 (Fri.) -----**

Pastor's day off-work

**MARCH**

EAST 9:00 am worship with coffee after church

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

WEST 11:00 am worship (coffee before church at 10:00 am)

**Mar. 2 (Sun.) 9:00 am**

East worship, Comm.,

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Day**

(East coffee after church)

10:00 am

JAM at West for both

(West coffee)

11:00 am

West worship, Comm. at chapel

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Day**

**Mar. 3 (Mon.) 9am-Noon**

Pastor at office

**Mar. 4 (Tue.) >>>>>**

**JOINT Council Meeting at EAST**

6:00 pm – Individual meetings

7:00 pm – Joint meeting begins

**TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**East Prayers:** 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 Hugelback, 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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**Office hours:** Monday and Thursday 9am-Noon (*or by appt.*)

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**OUR WEBSITES:** eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

**JANITORIAL SVC:** Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

**COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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