

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

January 18, 2026: Second Sunday after Epiphany
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 CANCELLATIONS

 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 JANUARY



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

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

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

>> WEST Annual Meeting & Potluck is Sun., Feb. 1

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Jan. – Sue Hyland

Altar Guild: Jan. – Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: Open

Reader: Jan 18 – Debbie Schuck

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Jan.: Debbie Schuck

Stewardship: 3rd Sunday – WELCA

READINGS: Jan. 18, 2026 – Second Sun. after Epiphany

INTRODUCTION: Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and

see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7: *Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9: *Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42: *John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: WEST TAKES DOWN CHURCH DECORATIONS



Today, Jan. 18, after church, we will take down our CHURCH Christmas decorations. **Helpers needed – many hands make it go quickly!** Thank you.

WINTERTIME FUN: BUNDLE UP & GET READY!!

JAM and Luther League are excited to invite you to a **SNOW TUBING** event at Camp Victory on Sunday, January 25, from 1:00-3:00 pm. All families are welcome to join us for an afternoon of laughter, adventure, and snowy excitement. *The cost for each child is fully covered, and parents who would like to participate are asked to contribute \$10 each to help offset the cost. Please email allihimle@yahoo.com by Wednesday, Jan. 21 if you plan to attend, so we can plan accordingly.* We hope you can join us for this fun winter outing!

~ Warmly, JAM and Luther League ~

WEST WELCA JANUARY SCHEDULE

Our WELCA calendar booklets will be completed later.

Chairperson: Sue Hyland

Altar Guild: Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson

Jan. 18 – TODAY after worship, take down church decorations

Jan. 27 - 9:00am Quilting/ Sack lunch

Jan. 28 - 9:00am Quilting/ Sack lunch

WEST YEAR-END REPORTS

The church secretary always wants audited reports turned in to her by Jan. 22 for WEST (send earlier if they are done & audited).
Thank you!

ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER:

WEST Annual meeting is February 1, 2026 with 10:30 am worship, followed by a potluck dinner.

>> WEST BACKUP date is February 15, 2026 - 10:30 am worship

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

TODAY	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u>
	9:30 am	JAM classes, also West coffee
		<u>After church: West takes down decorations - helpers are needed. Thank you!</u>
	10:30 am	East worship, (coffee after)
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	4:00 pm	<u>DEADLINE to submit info for the next newsletter (for the Feb. issue)</u>
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting
	10:00 am	PRINT EAST annual reports!
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	Confirmation – both at West
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	NOON	<u>DEADLINE to give WEST audited reports to the church secretary</u>
Friday:	-----	Pastor's day off-work

Sun. (01/25) EAST ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK!!

(if bad weather - EAST backup date will be Feb. 8 instead)

8:30 am	West worship
9:30 am	JAM classes, also West coffee
10:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> , followed by EAST annual meeting & potluck!

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Jan. 26 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Jan. 27 (Tue.): 9:00 am West quilting/ sack lunch

10:00 am East quilting

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NEWSLETTER DAY at office

(9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:30-collate)

Jan. 28 (Wed.): 9:00 am West quilting/ sack lunch

7:00 pm Confirmation - both at West

Jan. 29 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

10:00 am **PRINT WEST annual reports!**

Jan. 30 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day off-work

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:

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

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

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

Feb. 1 (Sun.): WEST ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK!!

(if bad weather - WEST backup date will be Feb. 15 instead)

8:30 am	East worship (coffee after)
9:30 am	JAM classes, also West coffee
10:30 am	West worship, <u>Comm. THEN</u>
11:30 am	<u>WEST annual meeting AND</u> <u>Potluck dinner after the meeting</u>

Feb. 2 (Mon.): 9am-Noon

Pastor at office

Feb. 3 (Tue.): 10:00 am

East quilting/ sack lunch

Feb. 4 (Wed.): 7:00 pm

Both: Confirmation at West

Feb. 5 (Thur.): 9am-Noon

Pastor at office

Feb. 6 (Fri.): -----

Pastor's day off-work

Feb. 8 (Sun.): 8:30 am	East worship (<i>coffee after</i>)
>>>	<i>BACKUP date for East Ann. Mtg.</i>
9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
10:30 am	West worship, <u>Comm and</u> <u>Baptism of Walker M. Jervis</u>

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Sterling Larson, Jeff Thoe, Julie (*sister of Carma B.*), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*), 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*), Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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