

# West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Hayfield, MN

March 30, 2025: Fourth Sunday in Lent

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.*

**OFFERING:** The plate is passed during worship.

## APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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

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

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

**EASTER DAY: 8:30 am at WEST, and 10:00 am at EAST**

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**WELCA Chair(s):** Mar. – Sheryl Wohlers

**Altar Guild:** Mar. – Mary Brandt & Sandy Iverson

**Acolytes:** No acolytes at Chapel services

**Reader:** Mar. 30 – Craig Hanson

**Ushers:** Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

**Deacon:** Mar. - Sue Hyland

**Stewardship:**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Church Council

## READINGS TODAY: Mar. 30, 2025 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

**INTRODUCTION:** *The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!*

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12: *By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

PSALM: Psalm 32

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21: *One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32: *Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.*

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 your Choice Dollars. A representative will work with you to direct your Choice Dollars. *You may also designate online at [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com)*

### LILIES TO BEAUTIFY OUR ALTAR FOR EASTER



If anyone wishes to donate/share their Easter lilies at church "*in-memory of*" and/or "*in-honor of*" someone, we will list them in the Easter Day bulletins. >>**Please inform us by Sat. 04/11 if you plan to bring lilies to church. [PLEASE NOTE that you go and buy the lilies, then drop them off at the church between Palm Sunday and before Easter Day.]**

**WEST:** Sheryl Wohlers 507-259-5974 [kswohlers@kmtel.com](mailto:kswohlers@kmtel.com)

**EAST or WEST:** Gina Moser [eastwest@kmtel.com](mailto:eastwest@kmtel.com)

**OUR BIRTHDAY LISTS:** If you are **not** on our birthday lists in the monthly newsletter but you wish to be listed, please email our secretary, Gina, at [eastwest@kmtel.com](mailto:eastwest@kmtel.com) with the details.

**BOTH CHURCHES INVITED TO APRIL EVENTS AT EAST ST. OLAF CHURCH - SAVE THE DATES!**

**Sun., April 13: Palm Sunday SPRING DINNER - East & West:**

Come enjoy fellowship and a great meal of scalloped potatoes with ham, fresh vegetables, and dessert at East church. Cost is \$10 each. Meal is served at noon (*after the East worship service*).

**Fri., April 25 5:30-7:30 pm: PIZZA & BINGO NIGHT at EAST**

**for all friends and family of East & West** – so please invite others to come eat pizza, play BINGO, and decorate a cookie for dessert! *Drop-in or spend the whole time having fun and enjoy pizza.* No charge for admission – though donations for pizza will be accepted.

**WEST: DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR CEMETERY FLOWERS THIS SUMMER?**



My name is **Kendyl Beyer** and I am a West St. Olaf member. I would like to help keep your flowers blooming all summer. I will water twice a week (*or as needed*) for the months of June, July, and

August for \$30 per gravesite. **Please contact me at:**  
**507-884-8627 or [kendylbeyer28@gmail.com](mailto:kendylbeyer28@gmail.com)**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY**

Congratulations to, and God's blessing upon, the following students are participating in the Rite of First Holy Communion during our worship next Sunday, April 6, at West St. Olaf: Lane Austin, Anya Bjornson, Felix Laxen, and Bradley Schuck. (*East has no First Communion students this year*)

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

<b>TODAY</b>	9:00 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> , <i>(coffee after)</i>
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both <i>(West coffee)</i>
	11:00 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u> (at chapel)
<b>Monday</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>>	<u>DEADLINE to designate your THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS</u>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	East quilting / sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>EAST council meeting</u>
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 pm	<u>Soup Supper at EAST (Sarah Circle)</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>LENTEN SERVICE at EAST</u> <i>All confirmation students attend</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Friday</b>	-----	Pastor's day off
<b>Saturday</b>	>>>	<u>DAY OF ZUMBRO RIVER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE,</u> at Zion Lutheran – Stewartville <i>(registration at 9:30 am – and the conference begins at 10:30 am)</i>
	<b>Sun. 04/06</b>	>>> <u>WEST WORSHIP RETURNS TO CHURCH</u>
	9:00 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u> <i>(First Holy Communion for West Students)</i>
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both <i>(West coffee)</i>
	11:00 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> , <i>(coffee after)</i>

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

<b>Apr. 7 (Mon.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Apr. 8 (Tue.)</b>	10:00am	East quilting / sack lunch
<b>Apr. 9 (Wed.)</b>	1:00 pm	<u>West WELCA meeting</u> <i>Host: Alli H., Study: Pastor Paul</i>
	6:00 pm	Lenten supper at WEST (with West WELCA serving... <u><i>(offering goes to Hayfield Food Pantry – this is a Thrivent sponsored project)</i></u> )

	7:00 pm	Lenten service at WEST <u>All confirmation students attend</u>
<b>Apr. 10 (Thur.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Apr. 11 (Fri.)</b>	-----	Pastor's day off
<b>Apr. 12 (Sat.)</b>	10:00 am	Women of East meeting at church
<b>Apr. 13 (Sun.)</b>	>>>>	PALM SUNDAY ( <u>No comm.</u> ) <u>All confirmation students attend</u>
	9:00 am	WEST worship - <u>JAM sings during worship... and after church, an Easter Egg Hunt @ West for JAM</u>
	11:00 am	EAST worship ( <i>coffee after</i> )
	NOON	<b><u>BOTH East &amp; West are invited to Spring Dinner at EAST (\$10 each)</u></b>
<b>Apr. 14 (Mon.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>West council meeting</u>
<b>Apr. 15 (Tue.)</b>	10:00am	East quilting / sack lunch
<b>Apr. 16 (Wed.)</b>	-----	<u>No class - instead, confirmation students attend Thur./Fri. services</u>
<b>Apr. 17 (Thur.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>Maundy Thurs. svc. at WEST with Comm. All confirmation students attend</u>
<b>Apr. 18 (Fri.)</b>	-----	Pastor's day off-work
	7:00 pm	<u>Good Friday svc. at EAST</u> <u>All confirmation students attend</u>
<b>Apr. 20 (Sun.)</b>	>>>	<b><u>EASTER DAY! Christ is risen!!</u></b> <u>All welcome to attend at either church, note the earlier worship times at both:</u>
	<u>8:30 am</u>	West worship, <u>with Communion</u>
	<u>10:00 am</u>	East worship, <u>with Communion</u>
<b>Apr. 21 (Mon.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Apr. 22 (Tue.)</b>	10:00am	East quilting / sack lunch
	7:00 pm	<u>Deadline to submit newsletter info</u>
<b>Apr. 23 (Wed.)</b>	7:00 pm	<b><u>BOTH: Confirmation at West</u></b>
<b>Apr. 24 (Thur.)</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office

- Apr. 25 (Fri.)** ----- Pastor's day off  
 5:30-7:30 pm **BOTH: All family & friends of East & West invited to a PIZZA & BINGO night at East church!!**
- Apr. 27 (Sun.)** 9:00 am West worship – No comm  
 10:00 am JAM at West for both (*West coffee*)  
 11:00 am East worship – No comm  
 (*East coffee after church*)
- Apr. 28 (Mon.)** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Apr. 29 (Tue.)** 10:00am East quilting / sack lunch  
 7:00 pm **NEWSLETTER DAY at office**  
 (*9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate*)
- Apr. 30 (Wed.)** 7:00 pm **BOTH: Confirmation at West**

### BOTH LOCAL EVENTS

**April 4 (Fri.) 4-7:00pm:** Lenten Fish Fry Dodge Center Legion (hosted by St. John Baptist de la Salle Catholic Church). *See poster on bulletin board, for menu and prices.*

### TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**West Prayers:** Susie Thoe, Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*) Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Jerry Nelson, Sandy Miller (*sister of Carma. B.*), Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma B.*), Loretta Himle, Gloria Brown, Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria Pew, Boyd Pew, Cindy Senjem, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*). Those 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

**PASTOR Paul Thompson:** (*Call before driving to office*)  
**Cell Phone:** 507-273-8504 **Email:** [pthomp821@gmail.com](mailto:pthomp821@gmail.com)  
**Office hours:** Monday and Thursday 9am-Noon  
 OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

**SECRETARY: Gina Moser:** *(Call before driving to office)*

**Office Phone:** 507-365-8222 **Cell Phone:** 507-951-4964

**Emails:** [eastwest@kmtel.com](mailto:eastwest@kmtel.com) and [certainity@kmtel.com](mailto:certainity@kmtel.com)

Send all emails for Gina to both of her email addresses.

**Office Hours:** Tues. & Thursdays 10:00 am-Noon

**OUR WEBSITES:** [eaststolaf.org](http://eaststolaf.org) OR [weststolaf.org](http://weststolaf.org)

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

**COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:**

President, Will Laxen: 507-208-5399

Vice President, Hans Estby: 507-365-8600 or 507-259-8843

Head Deacon, Sheryl Wohlers: 507-365-8816 or 507-259-5974