West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

November 29, 2026: First Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Rev. Jim Rushton Organist: Pat Nelson

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:



If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook (*on the stand in the narthex*). Note that worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2026

(*Pastor Paul retires at end of Dec.*)

EAST EARLY at 9:00 am for Dec. (*East coffee after church*)
BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)
WEST LATE at 11:00 am for Dec.

>> December 13: 9:00 am Play "*On the Road to Bethlehem*" at EAST
11:00 am JAM Christmas program at WEST during church

>> Christmas Eve Candlelight Svc: WEST 4:00 pm, EAST 6:00 pm

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Nov. – Nancy Gulbransen
Altar Guild: Nov. – Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson
Acolytes: Nov. 29 – Open date
Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers
Deacon: Nov. – Sheryl Wohlers
Reader: Nov. 22 – Sheryl Wohlers
Stewardship: 5th Sunday – Church Council

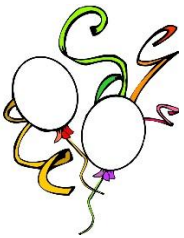
READINGS: Nov. 29, 2026: First Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTION: *Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of*

people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.
FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9: *This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account – to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.*
PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9: *As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*
GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37: *Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME & GO OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION!



Everyone is invited to join Jana Thompson in celebrating two momentous events: Her 60th BIRTHDAY and RETIREMENT!!!
It's a "come & go" OPEN HOUSE
Friday, December 4 from Noon thru 4:00 pm at 430 12th Street NW, Byron.

WEST CHRISTMAS MISSION



We are adopting a family of 4 children and a Mom and Dad for our Christmas mission. There are tags on a tree in the entry of the church with their needs. **Please have your gifts here by Dec. 6.** *If you choose not to wrap them, the Luther League youth will wrap them on Dec. 9.* Please attach the tag to the gift. There are boxes in the church and chapel to place your gifts. This is a Thrivent Action team mission. Thank you for your generosity.

WEST ST. OLAF ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT



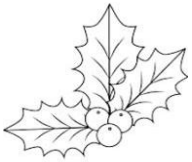
Advent by Candlelight will be Sunday, December 6 at West St. Olaf, beginning at 5:00 pm for punch and fellowship, followed by the service at 6:00 pm, then dinner will immediately follow. ***Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for hostesses, food committee, and other volunteers needed. Please sign up!***

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM at WEST (DEC. 13):



We hope you can join us **Dec. 13,** as the children present their Christmas Program at West during the worship service. *Jesus is the reason for the season!*

HOLIDAY PALOOZA CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR: EAST ST. OLAF



Saturday, December 5, 2026
9:00am – 2:00pm: All welcome!
Local Crafters & Vendors!
Baked Goods, Candles, Flower arrangements, Christmas Items, Cookbooks & more!

If you would like to sell your wares, tables are $30.
Contact Amy Schwarz if interested: amy.jorgenson23@gmail.com

Lunch Menu: Hotdishes, dinner rolls, coffee, & hot cocoa bar
Price: Free will donation

HAYFIELD TRINITY QUILTERS AND WELCA BAZAAR
Saturday, December 5 from 8:30am-11:30 am
Goodies, Crafts & Quilts. Rolls & Coffee
ALSO Saturday, December 6 (AFTER Messiah Concert)



BEAUTIFYING OUR SANCTUARY
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 Mon. Dec. 14 (*specify who the plant is from and whom it's in memory-of*).**
WEST: *Sheryl Wohlers (507-365-8816 or 507-259-5974)*
EAST or WEST: *Email Gina at eastwest@kmtel.com*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	**(11/29)** Rev. Jim Rushton preaching at both	
	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM practice program (*also West coffee)*
	11:00 am	East worship (*coffee after church*)
Monday:	--------	Pastor vacation day
Wednesday:	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
	____	**NO** Class for Conf (pastor vac)
Thursday:	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
Friday:	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
	Noon-4:00pm	**"Come & Go" OPEN HOUSE** for Jana Thompson's 60th Birthday & her Retirement!! Everyone welcome!
Saturday:	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
	9AM – 2 PM	**EAST HOLIDAY PALOOZA, a Vendor & Craft Fair and a Lunch** ***Everyone is invited to attend!***
Sun. (12/06)	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
	9:00 am	East worship, Communion
	10:00 am	JAM at West – NO coffee at West
	11:00 am	West worship, Communion… *and Deadline to donate for the West Christmas Mission family*
	5:00 pm	**ADVENT by CANDLELIGHT at West St. Olaf – meal after worship**

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> NOTE: Pastor Paul on vacation Dec. 1 thru Dec. 5 <<<

Dec. 8 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Dec. 9 (Wed.):	10:30 am	WEST WELCA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & POTLUCK (men are welcome too)
	6:00 pm	Luther League teens wrap gifts for Christmas Mission family (at chapel) with PIZZA served too
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West

Dec. 13 (Sun.):	9:00 am	East worship, Coffee follows
	10:00 am	JAM at West – also West coffee
	11:00 am	JAM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM at WEST
Dec. 14 (Mon.)	>>>>	**JOINT COUNCIL Meeting @ West**
		6:00 pm – Individual meetings
		7:00 pm – Joint meeting
Dec. 15 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Dec. 16 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	**DEADLINE to submit info** for the next newsletter
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

WEST Prayers: Wilma Kyllo, Mary Brandt, Grace Seeger (cousin of Gail Laxen), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (friend of Pat Nelson), 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), Erika Smith (granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson).

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