

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

November 17, 2024: 26th Sunday after Pentecost

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: You may place your offering in the offering plate, in the narthex, as you enter the church (*the plates are not passed during the service*).

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



WEST 9:00 am worship (coffee hour at 10:00 am)

BOTH 10:00 am JAM at West church

EAST 11:00 am worship (with coffee after church)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Nov. – Nancy Gulb., Marilyn Skov

Altar Guild: Nov. – Mary Brandt & Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: Nov. 17 – Ryker and Reese Hazelman

Reader: Nov. 17 – Mary Brandt

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Nov. – Mary Brandt

Stewardship: 3rd Sunday – WELCA

BOTH READINGS FOR THIS WEEK: Nov. 17

INTRODUCTION: November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water,

trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3: *The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

PSALM: Psalm 16

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25: *Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8: *In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The evening before you gather around the table with family and friends... please join us Wed., Nov. 27 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church of Hayfield, for an Ecumenical service of Thanksgiving involving numerous area churches. *Free will offering benefits Share Christmas.*

THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS ARE COMING UP!



PRACTICES WILL BE on Sundays at 10am:

Today, Nov. 17 and 24: One hour long, at West.
Dec. 1 will be two hours long, at East.

PROGRAM DATES:

First program is at EAST, Dec. 8, at 9am.

Second program is at WEST, Dec.. 15, at 11am.

Come help us remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

OUR CHRISTMAS MISSION

West is adopting two families from Stewartville for our Christmas mission this year. There will be a tree in the entrance of the church with tags of items needed. Please have your gifts brought to church or chapel by December 8. *Luther League is willing to wrap your gifts if you choose not to wrap them. This is a Thrivent Action Team mission. Thank you.*

NEW INFO:ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT AT WEST



Advent by Candlelight will be held on Sunday, December 8.

We have had a **wonderful response to hosting tables** – so if you have not already communicated a desire to hostess a table...we unfortunately have run out of space. **We do still have spaces for attendees and/or if someone wishes to help in other ways; we would love more hands! Please sign up as you are able.**

Advent by Candlelight will start at 5:00 pm for punch, conversation, and the chance to view all of the tablescapes. The church service begins at 6:00 pm in the church. A light supper to follow in the chapel. *Offering on this night will go to Hayfield Fire & Ambulance.* If you have questions, please contact Donna Larsen or Heather Bamlet.

DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!



Sunday, Dec. 1st – We will decorate our church for Christmas after the church service. Helpers needed, and many hands make light work.

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY IS COMING NEXT MONTH

December 18th will be Mervis Keckhafer's 100th birthday! This is a special birthday for a special lady! *Everyone please shower her with birthday cards at:*
115 2nd Street NE Apt. 209 Hayfield, MN 55940.

WEST WELCA INFORMATION

NOVEMBER Chairpersons: Nancy Gulbransen, Marilyn Skov

Altar Guild: Mary and Sandy

24 WELCA board meeting during coffee hour

28 THANKSGIVING DAY

29 9:00AM Decorate Chapel – Helpers needed

DECEMBER

1 after service DECORATE church – Helpers needed

BEAUTIFYING OUR SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS!



*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. 16 (please specify who the plant is from and whom it's in memory-of).***

WEST: Sheryl Wohlers (365-8816 or 259-5974)

EAST or WEST: Email Gina at eastwest@kmtel.com and certainty@kmtel.com. You may also call the church office (365-8222).

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM at West (practice prog. 1 hr.) West coffee
	11:00 am	East worship, <u>after church we have a special meal to honor the East</u> <u>Oct. 27th confirmands:</u> <i>EllaMae Ohman, and Rachel & Riley Pyfferoen</i>
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	4:00 pm	<u>Deadline to submit newsletter info</u>
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West church
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	_____	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. 09/24	9:00 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u>
	10:00 am	JAM at West (practice prog. 1 hr.) West coffee <u>West WELCA board meeting</u>
	11:00 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> East coffee after church

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

- Nov. 25 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
Nov. 26 (Tue.) >>> NO quilting at East - holiday week
>>>> NEWSLETTER DAY at office
(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
Nov. 27 (Wed.) ----- NO class for conf - school break
7:00 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at
Hayfield Sacred Heart Church
Everyone is invited.
Nov. 28 (Thur.) ----- OFFICE CLOSED - Thanksgiving!
Nov. 29 (Fri.) 9:00 am West decorates the chapel (for
Advent and Christmas)
Pastor's day off-work

DECEMBER:

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 10:00 am)

- Dec. 1 (Sun.): 9:00 am East worship, Comm.
East coffee after church
10-11:30 am EAST DECORATES CHURCH
FOR CHRISTMAS
10:00 am JAM at EAST (practice prog. 2 hrs.)
West coffee
11:00 am West worship, Comm.
After church WEST DECORATES CHURCH
FOR CHRISTMAS

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: 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*).

East Prayers: Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, Mary Madson, Jerry Nelson, Kaysie Peterson, Scott Kittleson (*son-in-law of Paul Jordan*), Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Keith Roeder (*son-in-law of Paul Jordan*), Dalton Mansfield (*in military*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Sylvia Torstenson, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

PASTOR Paul Thompson: (*Please call before driving to office*)

Cell Phone: 507-273-8504 **Email:** pthomp821@gmail.com

Office hours: Monday and Thursday

9:00 am–Noon... OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

SECRETARY: Gina Moser: (*Please call before driving to office*)

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

Emails: eastwest@kmtel.com AND certainty@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 OR weststolaf.org

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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