

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

October 26, 2025: 20th Sunday of Pentecost

Holy Communion

Confirmation/Affirmation of Faith Sunday

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.

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER



EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Nov. at East, coffee after)

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

LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Nov. at West, coffee 9:30 am)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Oct. – Mary Brandt, Nancy Peterson

Altar Guild: Oct. - Mary Brandt & Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: Oct. 26 – Ushers cover if no acolytes listed

Reader: Oct. 26 - Sue Hyland

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Oct. - Sue Hyland

Stewardship: 4th Sunday –Church Council

READINGS: October 26, 2025 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.*

FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22: In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.*

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-7

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18: *The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.*

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14: *The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY: AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Congratulations and God's blessing to our youth who are affirming their faith today at West St. Olaf.



May God guide their lives and bless them with wisdom.

Isabelle Connelly (daughter of Kurt & Beth Connelly)

Ryker Hazelman (son of Clay & Ashley Hazelman)

Mathea Horejsi (daughter of Benjamin & Allison Horejsi)

LIVER & ONION SUPPER:

The Sons of the American Legion in Hayfield will have their Liver and Onion Supper on Saturday, November 1st from 4:00- 7:00 PM. It is all you can eat liver and onions (meatball alternative), mashed potatoes, corn, bread, ice cream for a FREE WILL DONATION.

JAM FAMILIES: IMPORTANT NOVEMBER INFO

Sun., November 2: All JAM students are welcome to wear costumes for our **Reformation Day/Halloween Celebration** for JAM. Come learn about Reformation Day – it will be fun!
We are having this event one week after Reformation Day due to Confirmation service being on Oct. 26th.

Sun., November 9: We will begin practicing every week for the Christmas program.

Sun., November 30: We will have a **two-hour practice** over at EAST church from 9:30-11:30 am.

NOVEMBER IS FOODSHELF MONTH



JAM and Luther League are working together on a food-drive for nonperishable foods or monetary donations.

Please consider donating to help those in need. Thank you.

>> Collection boxes will be in West church and chapel.

>> During coffee hour **on Nov. 9 and Nov. 16** free-will coffee offerings will go to food shelves (*co-sponsored by Thrivent*).

BEAUTIFYING OUR SANCTUARIES FOR 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 this Fri., Dec. 12 (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

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: 2025

West St. Olaf will host **Advent by Candlelight** on **December 7, 2025**. We will have time for fellowship and refreshments starting at 5:00 pm in the chapel, church service at 6:00 pm with Pastor Heidi Heimgartner from First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie sharing her Advent message. A light supper will follow, back at the chapel.

>> If you are interested in attending, hostessing a table, helping with the service or on the food committee, please sign up in the back of the church. We hope to have 14-16 tables again this year to share the blessings of the season with many! *Please direct any questions to Donna Larsen or Heather Bamlet.*

DECORATING WEST ST. OLAF FOR CHRISTMAS



Come one, come all! All ages of helpers are invited to help decorate our church for Christmas **right after church, on Sunday, November 30.** *It's fun and many helpers make the decorating go quickly.*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for newsletter info – by November 17

TODAY	8:30 am	West worship, <u>communion and Confirmation Day at West</u>
	9:30 am	JAM classes at West (for both) <i>Also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East Worship, <u>comm.</u> , then dinner
Monday:	9am-noon	Pastor at office
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	Both: Confirmation at West
Thursday:	9am-noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 10:35-collate)
Friday:	_____	Pastor's day-off
Saturday:	4-7:00 pm	<i>Hayfield Sons of American Legion Liver & Onion all-you-can-eat</i>
Sunday 11/02		ALL SAINTS DAY (and Daylight Saving Time ends)
	8:30 am	East worship/ <u>communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	<u>JAM - Halloween/Reformation Party (wear a costume to JAM!)</u> <i>Also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship/ <u>communion</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Nov. 3 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 5 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Nov. 6 (Thu.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 7 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Nov. 9 (Sun.):	8:30 am	East worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	<u>JAM - Practice begins for our Christmas programs</u> <i>Also West coffee <u>with free-will offering</u> going to Food Pantries</i>
	10:30 am	West worship
Nov. 10 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>West council meeting</u>

Nov. 11 (Tue.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
Nov. 12 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	<u>West WELCA meeting</u>
		<i>Host-Sharon G., study-pastor</i>
	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Nov. 13 (Thu.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 14 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Nov. 16 (Sun.):	8:30 am	East worship, <i>coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	JAM - <u>Practice for program</u>
		<i>Also West coffee <u>with free-will offering</u></i>
		<i><u>going to Food Pantries</u></i>
	10:30 am	West worship
Nov. 17 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>>	<u>Deadline to submit info for the</u>
		<u>next newsletter</u>
Nov. 19 (Wed.)	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Nov. 20 (Thu.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 21 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Nov. 23 (Sun.):		CHRIST THE KING DAY
	8:30 am	East worship / <u>communion</u>
		<i>East coffee after church... and</i>
		EAST decorates for Christmas,
		with a brunch served too.
	9:30 am	JAM - <u>Practice for program</u>
		<i>Also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship / <u>communion</u>
Nov. 24 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 25 (Tue.)	>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at Office</u>
		<i>(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)</i>
Nov. 26 (Wed.)	>>>>>	<u>NO class</u> for confirmation
Nov. 27 (Thu.):	>>>>>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED:</u> Thanksgiving!
Nov. 28 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
	9:00 am	<u>West decorates chapel for Advent</u>
Nov. 30 (Sun.):	8:30 am	East worship
		<i>East coffee after church_</i>
	<u>9:30-11:30 am</u>	<u>JAM: Two-hour practice at EAST</u>
		<u>church for Christmas program</u>
		<i>Also West coffee, <u>and West WELCA</u></i>

10:30 am Board meets during coffee
 West worship
>>>>> West decorates church for Christmas
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TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Ashley Hazelman, Sandy Morris (*wife of Dick Morris*), Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Sandy Miller (*sister of Carma. 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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 OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

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JANITORIAL SVC WEST: Steve Schuck 507-951-9718

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

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

