

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

April 19, 2026: Third Sunday of Easter

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 APRIL



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

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

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

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Apr. – Sharon Gulbransen

Altar Guild: Apr. – Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem

Acolytes: Apr. 19 - Open

Reader: Apr. 19 – Donna Larsen

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Apr.: Debbie Schuck

Stewardship: 3rd Sunday – WELCA

READINGS: Apr. 19, 2026 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION: *Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.*

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41: *Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his*

preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23: *The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35: *The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

>> Pastor Paul has vacation and days-off through April 25. FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES please contact Pastor Kristen Anderson of Trinity.

She may be contacted at: Cell phone: (320) 290-1625

Office phone: (507) 477-2248 or emailed at

kanderson@trinityhayfield.com

WOMEN'S ZUMBRO RIVER CONFERENCE "SPRING EVENT": Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Zumbro Lutheran Church

Located at 624 Third Ave. SW Rochester, MN 55902

9:00-9:30 am: Registration, Coffee & Displays

9:30 am: Program & Worship (Speaker: Pastor Shelley Cunningham)

12:00 pm: Lunch

If you registered to attend, they are asking for the following:

Please bring a love offering for Zumbro's Food Pantries. Items

needed: Tuna or chicken pouches, ramen noodle cups, creamy peanut butter, Hormel "Compleats" shelf-stable microwave meals, and boxes of instant oatmeal packets.

RING FOUND AT EAST CHURCH AFTER EASTER

A ring was found at the East church after the Easter service.

If it is yours, please email the church office to identify it, at

eastwest@kmtel.com or call and leave a message 507-365-8222.

YEAR-END BOWLING PARTY: JAM & LUTHER LEAGUE!



The last day of JAM will be May 10. We will have a bowling party at Uncle Mony's from 10:30am-12:30pm. Both JAM kids and Luther League teens are invited to attend!

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

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

TODAY	<i>Reverend Jim Rushton preaching at both</i>
	8:30 am EAST worship, <u>communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am JAM at West, <i>also West coffee for</i> <u>West Graduate Recognition!</u>
	10:30 am WEST worship (<u>NO</u> comm today)
Monday:	7:00 pm <u>Deadline to submit info for the</u> <u>May issue of newsletter</u>
Tuesday:	10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	>>>> <u>NO class</u> for Conf. (pastor vac.)
Saturday	>>> <u>BOTH: Zumbro River Conference</u> <u>"Spring Event" at Zumbro Luth of</u> <u>Roch.: 9am-9:30 Check-in time</u>
Sun. (04/26)	8:30 am EAST worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am JAM at West, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am WEST worship, <u>Communion for</u> <u>"First Holy Communion" of</u> <u>Grasyn Hiam, Grant Palmersheim</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Apr. 27 (Mon.):	9am-Noon Pastor at office
Apr. 28 (Tue.):	10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
Apr. 29 (Wed.):	7:00 pm <u>BOTH: Confirmation at WEST</u>
Apr. 30 (Thur.):	9am-Noon Pastor at office
	>>>> <u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u>

(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)

MAY

May 1 (Fri.): _____

Pastor's day off-work

May 2 (Sat.): >>>

**SE MN SYNOD ASSEMBLY at
MANKATO, MN**

May 3: (Sun.) 8:30 am

WEST worship, Communion and
Baptism of Zoey Lucille Kruse

9:30 am

JAM at West, *also West coffee*

10:30 am

EAST worship, Communion
East coffee after church

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (*granddaughter of Joy*), Grace Seeger (*cousin of Gail Laxen*), Sterling Larson, 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 Hugelback, 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

NOTE: Pastor Paul is on vacation thru April 25

**FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES please contact
Reverend Kristen Anderson of Trinity in Hayfield.**

**Phone: (320) 290-1625 or kanderson@trinityhayfield.com
or Trinity office phone: (507) 477-2248.**

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

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

Emails: eastwest@kmtel.com **Office Days:** Tues. & Thursdays

OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SVC WEST: Steve Schuck 507-951-9718

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

President: Greg Brandt: gregHbrandt@gmail.com or 507-272-0217

Vice President: Dave Peterson: 507-421-7579

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