

# West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

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

March 8, 2026: Third Sunday in Lent

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.*

## WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATIONS



To verify if there is a cancellation for a church service or church activity, **please check: KTTC TV (channel 10 news); or online at [www.kttc.com](http://www.kttc.com)** and click on the tab for WEATHER - then click on Closings and Delays. Decisions are made by council presidents with the pastor.

## SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

>> **BOTH now have Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**



**WEST EARLY at 8:30 am** for Mar. (coffee 9:30 am)

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

**EAST LATE at 10:30 am** for Mar. (coffee follows)

>> **Lenten schedule shown in "This Week" or "Upcoming Events"**

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

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

**Altar Guild:** Mar. – Jane Estby, Sheryl Wohlers

**Acolytes:** Mar. 8 – Kaleb & Austin Palmersheim

**Reader:** Mar. 8 – Breanna Estby

**Ushers:** Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

**Deacon:** Mar.: Sue Hyland

**Stewardship:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – JAM (or B.O.E.)

**READINGS: Sunday, March 8, 2026: Third Sunday in Lent**

**INTRODUCTION:** *In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living*

*water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal – offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.*

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 17:1-7: *Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question – “Is the Lord among us or not?” – received a very positive answer.*

**PSALM:** Psalm 95

**SECOND READING:** Romans 5:1-11: *Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

**GOSPEL:** John 4:5-42: *Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

## **TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WEST WELCA BOOKLETS**

>> West WELCA booklets are done – please pickup your copy!

### **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES & CHURCH LEADER LIST**

Copies of the “draft” annual meeting minutes and the 2026 ballots (*for list of church leaders*), are available to pick up on the table in the back, at church. *The minutes will be approved at the next annual meeting.*

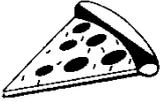
### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPER OFFERING ON MARCH 18**



The **free-will offering on March 18** (*at the soup supper at West church*), **will go to the Hayfield Community Food Pantry** to help those less fortunate - the need is great.

*This meal is co-sponsored by Thrivent.*

## LUTHER LEAGUE: PIZZA & SLEEPOVER AT CHAPEL!!!



Luther Leaguers: Join us Friday, March 27 at 6:00 pm. Pizza supper provided.

>Please bring: 1.) your own bedding (sleeping bag, blankets, pillow 2.) a snack to share.

Breakfast provided in the morning as well.

Pick up time between 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

*RSVP to Alli at 507-398-7769 if you would like to attend.*

## EASTER EGG HUNT ON PALM SUNDAY (March 29)



Palm Sunday at 9:30 am JAM kid's will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt – so bring your basket or a bag!! *NOTE: Luther League teens are needed to hide eggs & help hold palm fronds that day.*

## SPRING DINNER: EAST & WEST BOTH WELCOME!!! ON PALM SUNDAY (March 29)



10:30 Worship at East,  
then at 11:30 Dinner Starts

*East & West are both welcome!!*

MENU: Ham and Scalloped Potatoes ,  
Veggies, Fruit, & Dessert

Cost: \$10.00 per person, \$6 for 12 and under

*Hosted by Circle 4 at East St Olaf*

## LILIES TO BEAUTIFY OUR ALTAR FOR EASTER



If anyone wishes to donate/share their Easter lily/lilies at church “*in-memory of*” and/or “*in-honor of*” someone... please email Gina Moser, (or at West: Sheryl Wohlers: 507-259-5974) by March 20, if you would like them listed in the Easter bulletin. *Please drop-off lilies at your church the day before Easter.*

## THRIVENT DESIGNATIONS:

Thrivent “Choice Dollars” from 2025 can still be directed until March 31, by calling 800-847-4836. When prompted, say “Thrivent Choice”. Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

*Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19<sup>th</sup> each month.*

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 am	West worship
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship
<b>Monday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
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<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	<b><u>West WELCA meeting</u></b> <i>Host: Jana Thompson,</i> <i>Study: Pastor Paul</i>
	6:00 pm	<b><u>BOTH: Lenten supper @ EAST</u></b> <b><u>(supper by Sarah Circle)</u></b>
	7:00 pm	<b><u>BOTH: Lenten Worship @ EAST</u></b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Friday:</b>	_____	Pastor's day off-work
<b>Saturday:</b>	10am	East Women's meeting at church
<b>Sun. (03/15)</b>	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Communion</u>
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship, <u>Communion</u>

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

<b>Mar. 16 (Mon.):</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Mar. 17 (Tue.):</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
<b>Mar. 18 (Wed.):</b>	6:00 pm	<b><u>BOTH: Lenten supper @ WEST</u></b> <b><u>(supper by West WELCA) Free will offering for the supper will go to Hayfield Comm. Food Pantry</u></b>
	7:00 pm	<b><u>BOTH: Lenten Worship @ WEST</u></b>
<b>Mar. 19 (Thur.):</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<b><u>DEADLINE to submit info/reports for next newsletter (April edition)</u></b>

**Mar. 20 (Fri.):** \_\_\_\_\_ *First Day of Spring!!!*  
 Pastor's day off-work

**Mar. 22 (Sun.):** 8:30 am West worship  
 9:30 am JAM classes, *also West coffee*  
 10:30 am East worship

**Mar. 23 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office

**Mar. 24 (Tue.):** 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch  
 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

**Mar. 25 (Wed.):** 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch  
 6:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten supper @ EAST**  
*(supper by East Council members)*  
 7:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten Worship @ EAST**

**Mar. 26 (Thur.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office  
 >>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE**  
*(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)*

**Mar. 27 (Fri.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's day off-work  
 6:00 pm **LUTHER LEAGUE SLEEPOVER**  
**& PIZZA @ CHAPEL** - bring a  
 snack to share & bedding items

**Mar. 29 (Sun.):** **PALM SUNDAY**  
 8:30 am WEST worship (NOT comm.)  
 9:30 am **JAM Easter Egg Hunt at WEST...**  
*(LL teens deeded to help with egg  
 hunt & hold palm fronds)*  
 10:00 am EAST worship, (NOT comm.)

**Mar. 30 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office

**Mar. 31 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch  
 >>>> **Deadline to designate Thrivent**  
**"Choice Dollars"**

## 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)*

**April 2:** BOTH at EAST: 7pm **MAUNDY THURSDAY** service  
with Holy Communion

**April 3:** BOTH at WEST: 7 pm **GOOD FRIDAY** service

**April 5: EASTER DAY - HE IS RISEN!!!**

>> No JAM/SS classes, No coffee hour at either church

8:30 am EAST worship, communion

10:00 am WEST worship, communion

### TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**West Prayers:** Cassie Beaver (*granddaughter of Joy*),

Family of Ginny Hyland, Grace Seeger (*cousin of Gail Laxen*),

Sterling Larson, Jeff Thoe, 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 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

**PASTOR Paul Thompson:** (*Call before driving to office*)

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OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

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

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