

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

August 24, 2025: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Reverend Jim Rushton

Organist: Jeneane Rushton

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.



AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEST 8:30 am worship with coffee after church

EAST 10:00 am worship with coffee after church

>> TODAY "Taste of Norway" from 2-4pm in EAST church

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s):

Aug. – Jan Nordland, Roxanne Weinmann

Altar Guild: Aug. – Jane Estby & Sheryl Wohlers

Reader: Aug 24 – Mary Brandt (*and set up communion*)

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Aug. 24 comm setup – Mary B.

Stewardship: Aug. 24 JAM serves-VBS

READINGS August 24, 2025: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14: *God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.*

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29: *Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.*

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17: *Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY "A TASTE OF NORWAY EVENT": The annual *Taste of Norway* celebration will be held **THIS AFTERNOON from 2:00 pm t to 4:00 pm in East St. Olaf Church.** It kicks off with a skit, "*Once Upon a Parsonage*" at 2:15 pm, and continues with a hymn-sing, led by Hosanna, a local quartet. Tours of the Tverberg Log House follow, with home-made Norwegian pastries and other treats in the lower level. *This event is free and open to the public sponsored by the St. Olaf Heritage Association.*

NEW YEAR-ROUND WORSHIP TIMES!

This summer, the joint council voted to try a new year-round schedule beginning in September (NOTE, *the starting times will still rotate monthly, between the two churches*).

NEW TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER:

> EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Sept. at EAST- coffee after church)

>>> JAM will be at 9:30 am... But NOT until September 14,
which will be Rally Day at the West church

>LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Sept. at WEST- coffee being 9:30 am)

LUTHER LEAGUE PIZZA PARTY...

And afterward CONFIRMATION CLASS RESTARTS

Join us on **Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm,** in the West chapel, for our first Luther League event of the year – **a PIZZA PARTY!** *Confirmation students will head to class afterward, but all are welcome to join for supper.* If you're no longer in confirmation and plan to attend, please text Alli at 507-398-

7769 so we can plan for food. Come hear about all the fun we have planned for Luther League this year. *We hope to see you there!*

CORRECTION & APOLOGY: Last week, the Aug. 17 bulletin I listed many mixed-up details for September worship times - please disregard that bulletin. I am so sorry! (*Gina Moser*)

RALLY DAY & NEW MEMBER DAY at WEST ST. OLAF
Sunday, SEPTEMBER. 14, 2025 will be Rally Day and New Member Day at West St. Olaf: Please join us in welcoming JAM students back for another year; and welcoming our new members: Bonnie & T.J. Austin and sons Lane and Owen Austin, Barb and Dudley Davis, Lon & Judy Jones, and Norm Senjem into our church family.

MENU: Pulled pork sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, bars and beverages. *This lunch is co-sponsored by Thrivent with free will offering being donated to JAM technology fund.*

>> 9:30 am: First day of JAM classes (also West coffee hour)

>> 10:30 am: Worship service / Welcome new members

>> After West church: Lunch served at the chapel in honor of our new West members and Rally Day!!!

FALL CRAFT & VENDOR SALE - ALL WELCOME!!!

Taking place Saturday, September 27 at East St. Olaf.

Coffee bar 9-11am ... Soup & Sandwich from 11am-2pm.

Come and visit us; or come sell your wares at East St. Olaf!

>>> For info on renting a space, contact Amy Schwarz at amyjorgenson23@gmail.com

WEST SCHOOL KIT MISSION: There are containers in the church and chapel for collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. There are lists of items needed by the containers. This is a Thrivent Action Team mission and we appreciate your generous support. Please have items in by Sept. 21. If you can remove extra packaging, it is appreciated.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please take note that the memorial service for Gloria Brown will be held on Saturday, October 4 at West St. Olaf with visitation at 1 pm, and service at 2 pm. *Blessed be her memory.*

BOTH: MEATBALL DINNER (at the East church)

Join us Sunday, October 5 from 11:30am-12:30 pm at the East church for a great meal. Everyone from BOTH churches are invited – ask friends & relatives to come along too!!!

MENU: Scandinavian Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Lefsa and all the fixings! *Proceeds going to the East St. Olaf general fund.*

PRICE: \$15 ages 13-adult, \$8 ages 6-12, and under age 5 are free.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for newsletter info - by approx. the 20th day, each month.

NOTE: Pastor Paul is on vacation now thru September 2. FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES please contact Reverend Kristen Anderson of Trinity in Hayfield.

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

TODAY

8:30 am *Rev. Jim Rushton preaching*
West worship/communion
After church breakfast is being served, the
Congregatio0n is welcome too!
10:00 am East worship/communion
2-4:00 pm **TASTE OF NORWAY event in**
East Church – coffee/goodies after
(the public is welcome too)

Tuesday 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Thursday >>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE**
(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:35-collate)

Sun. (08/31)		<i>Rev. Jim Rushton preaching</i>
	8:30 am	<i>West worship – coffee after church, <u>and West officers plan Fall Bazaar during the coffee hour</u></i>
	10:00 am	<i>East worship – coffee after church</i>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Sept. 1 (Mon.)	>>>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> – Labor Day
Sept. 2 (Tue.)	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 3 (Wed.)	-----	Pastor Paul is back
Sept. 4 (Thu.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 5 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sept. 7 (Sun.)	>>>>>>	<u>NEW WORSHIP TIMES BEGIN!</u>
	8:30 am	<i>EAST worship/<u>communion</u> East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	<i>WEST worship/<u>communion</u></i>
Sept. 8 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 9 (Tue.)	9:00 am	West quilting begins/sack lunch
	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
	>>>>>	<u>JOINT Council meeting at EAST</u>
		<i>6:00 pm – Individual meetings</i>
		<i>7:00 pm – Joint council meeting</i>
Sept. 10 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	<u>WEST WELCA meeting</u> <i>(host-Margaret S., study-pastor)</i>
	<u>6:30 pm</u>	<u>Luther League PIZZA PARTY at at West chapel</u>
	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>BOTH: Confirmation class begins at West chapel</u>
Sept. 11 (Thu.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 12 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sept. 13 (Sat.)	10:00 am	EAST WELCA meeting at church

Sept. 14 (Sun.) >>>>	<u>RALLY DAY at the WEST church</u>
8:30 am	EAST worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
9:30 am	<u>JAM BEGINS</u> (a lunch after church) <i>also West coffee hour</i>
10:30 am	WEST worship, <u>New members are recognized during announcements</u>
<u>After West worship</u>	<u>LUNCH served for Rally Day and & to welcome new West members</u>
Sept. 15 (Mon.) 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 16 (Tue.) 10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 17 (Wed.) 7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Confirmation at West</u>
Sept. 18 (Thu.) 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
7:00 pm	<u>DEADLINE to submit info for next newsletter</u>
Sept. 19 (Fri.) -----	Pastor's day off-work
Sept. 21 (Sun.) 8:30 am	EAST worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
9:30 am	JAM classes at West church <i>also West coffee hour</i>
10:30 am	WEST worship
Sept. 22 (Mon.) 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 23 (Tue.) 9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 24 (Wed.) 9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
6:00 pm	EAST sets up tables for Palooza
7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Confirmation at West</u>
Sept. 25 (Thu.) 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 26 (Fri.) -----	Pastor's day off-work
4 to 8:00 pm	EAST RESERVED for Vendors to set up for Fall Craft & Vendor Sale
Sept. 27 (Sat.) 9am-2:00 pm	<u>EAST Fall Craft & Vendor Sale!!</u> <u>(the public is welcome - come shop and buy a tasty lunch too!)</u>
Sept. 28 (Sun.) 8:30 am	EAST worship/ <u>Communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
9:30 am	JAM classes at West church

		<i>also West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship/ <u>Communion</u>
Sept. 29 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 30 (Tue.)	>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:35-collate)
	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Family of Richard “Dick” Hyland (*father of Roxanne Weinmann*), Lexi Glynn, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Amber Haley (*Todd and Denise Beaver's daughter*), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Sandy Miller (*sister of Carma. B.*), Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma B.*), Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria & Boyd Pew, Cindy & Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma B.*). 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*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

West St. Olaf 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