

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

December 14, 2025: Third Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Pastor: Rev. Paul Thompson



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 (except for January... the schedule stays the same as December, each year)

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** and click on the tab for WEATHER - then click on Closings and Delays. Decisions are made by council presidents with the pastor.

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER



EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Dec. at West, coffee 9:30 am)

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

LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Dec. at East, coffee follows)

Christmas Programs: TODAY at WEST with coffee and

Jesus' birthday cake following (for all).

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: 4:00 pm East, 6:00 pm West

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Dec. - Carma Bjornson, Deb Schuck

Altar Guild: Dec. - Mary Brandt & Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: Dec. 14 - Cole Twaddle

Reader: Dec. 14 - Mary Brandt

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Dec. - Mary Brandt

Stewardship: 2nd Sun.- JAM/BOE: Jesus' Birthday Cake!

READINGS: Dec. 14 - Third Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTION: *A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10: *The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.*

PSALM : Luke 1:46b-55

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10: *In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11: *John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEST ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

>> **Today**, with Jesus' birthday cake & coffee in the chapel after the program, for everyone!

WEST ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS MISSION! (Due today)



West is sponsoring a family from Families First/Crisis Nursery for our Thrivent Action Team "Christmas mission" this year.

This family consists of a 4 year old boy, 7 and 9 year old girls, and Mom. *Their needs and wishes are written on tags on the tree in the church entrance. If you are unable to shop, monetary donations are welcome to help purchase winter coats, snow pants, hats and mittens.*

If giving a monetary donation – please make checks out to West WELCA. You may wrap your gifts and tape the tag on the outside, or the Luther League is willing to wrap gifts.

Please bring your gifts by today. *We hope you will be able to help this family have a bright Christmas. Thank you.*

LUTHER LEAGUE DECEMBER EVENT



Luther League will be having their December event on **this Wed., Dec. 17 from 6-8pm at the chapel.** This will be part of confirmation this evening so all confirmation students should plan to attend. This is for ALL Luther League members though. *We will have a pizza party, wrap gifts for our adopted families, and play an assortment of holiday games with prizes.*

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES



Come celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve! Everyone is welcome to attend worship at either church. There will be communion at both churches.

EAST Christmas Eve Candlelight service is at 4:00 pm.

WEST Christmas Eve Candlelight service is 6:00 pm.

>> NO worship services on Christmas Day at either church.



HERITAGE DAY COFFEE AT WEST ST. OLAF
will be **Sunday, January 11 at 9:30am.** Join JAM students as they learn to make some of our Norwegian favorites: Lefse, krumkake, rosettes, and rummegrut! *Free will offering will go to the St. Olaf Heritage Association.*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

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

TODAY	8:30 am >>>>>	<u>West CHRISTMAS PROGRAM</u> <i>Due date to drop off gifts for West Christmas Mission family</i>
	10:30 am	EAST Worship (<i>coffee follows</i>)
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East Quilter Christmas Gathering
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	<u>Confirmation AND Luther League PIZZA PARTY, wrap gifts at the chapel.</u>
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. 12/21:	8:30 am	West worship
	9:30 am	<u>NO</u> JAM class, <i>but West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship (<i>coffee follows</i>)

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Dec. 22 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Dec. 23 (Tue.):	>>>>>	NO quilting at East
Dec. 24 (Wed.):	<u>**CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Services**</u> <i>All are welcome to attend at either church</i>	
	4:00 pm	EAST Candlelight Service, <u>Comm.</u>
	6:00 pm	WEST Candlelight Service, <u>Comm.</u>
Dec. 25 (Thu.):	-----	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> <u>No worship – Merry Christmas!</u>

Dec. 26 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day off-work
 Dec. 28 (Sun.): 9:30 am **Joint worship at WEST, with
 Coffee & fellowship following**
*(Note: NO communion this day and
 NO JAM classes this day)*
 Dec. 29 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 Dec. 30 (Tue.): >>>>> NO quilting at East
 Dec. 31 (Wed.): >>>> **NO class** for Confirmation

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY (*stays same as Dec each year*)
EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Jan. at West, coffee 9:30 am)
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TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: 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*).

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