

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

November 10, 2024: 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Paul Thompson – Organist: Pat Nelson

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.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



[*Pastor Paul is on vacation thru Tues., Nov. 12*]

WEST 9:00 am worship (coffee hour at 10:00 am)

BOTH 10:00 am JAM at West church

EAST 11:00 am worship (with coffee after church)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Nov. – Gena Cahill

Deacon: Nov. – Jane Williams

Reader/Helper: Nov. 10 – Jane Williams

Acolytes: If none listed, then ushers are covering

EAST COFFEE SERVERS: 2nd Sunday – *Quilting Sisters*

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK: **Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024**

INTRODUCTION: *Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16: *This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

PSALM: Psalm 146

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28: *The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44: *After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: Pastor Paul is on vacation thru Nov. 12, FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES please contact Pastor Kristen Anderson of Trinity. She may be contacted at: kanderson@trinityhayfield.com or call (507) 477-2248.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The evening before you gather around the table with family and friends... please join us Wed., Nov. 27 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church of Hayfield, for an Ecumenical service of Thanksgiving involving numerous area churches. *Free will offering benefits Share Christmas.*

THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS ARE COMING UP!



PRACTICES WILL BE on Sundays at 10am:

Nov. 10, 17, and 24: One hour long, at West.

Dec. 1 will be two hours long, at East.

PROGRAM DATES:

First program is at EAST, Dec. 8, at 9am.

Second program is at WEST, Dec.. 15, at 11am.

DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!



Sunday, **Dec. 1st** - We will decorate our church for Christmas after the church service. Helpers needed, and many hands make light work.

Beautifying Our Sanctuary for Advent & 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 Mon., Dec. 16 (please specify who the plant is from and whom it's in memory-of).**

EAST or WEST: Email Gina at eastwest@kmtel.com and certainity@kmtel.com. You may also call the office (365-8222).

EAST WELCA & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER: Worship 11:00

12 10:00am Quilting/Sack Lunch

19 10:00am Quilting/Sack Lunch

26 NO East quilting (due to Thanksgiving week)

DECEMBER

1 after service DECORATE church - Helpers needed

EAST MEMBERS: If you know of anyone who would like a get a card from East St. Olaf, please contact Jane Williams (507) 271-2272 (Talk or Text). *Help us share a blessing!*

PRAYER UPDATES:

Please inform Gina if you have any prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(11/03/24) Current \$2,677 and Benevolence \$250.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

>>> Pastor Paul is on vacation thru Tuesday, Nov. 12.

TODAY

Rev. Wayne Vogt preaching

9:00 am West worship

10:00 am JAM at West (for both) West coffee

11:00 am East worship, coffee after church

Monday

7:00 pm West council meeting

Veteran's Day

Tuesday	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
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Wednesday	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	West WELCA meeting, <i>Host-Jana Thompson,</i> <i>Study by Pastor Paul</i>
	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West church
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office - <i>but a 10am, he goes to Kasson Ministerial Mtg.</i>
Friday	_____	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. 11/17	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM at West (for both) West coffee
	11:00 am	East worship, <u>after church we have aspecial meal to honor our Oct. 27th confirmands: EllaMae Ohman, and Rachel & Riley Pyfferoen</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Nov. 18 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 19 (Tue.)	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	4:00 pm	<u>Deadline to submit newsletter info</u>
Nov. 20 (Wed.)	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West church
Nov. 21 (Thur.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 22 (Fri.)	_____	Pastor's day off-work
Nov. 24 (Sun.):	9:00 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u>
	10:00 am	JAM at West (for both) West coffee
		West WELCA board meeting
	11:00 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u>
		East coffee after church
Nov. 25 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 26 (Tue.)	>>>	<u>NO quilting at East - holiday week</u>
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
Nov. 27 (Wed.)	-----	<u>NO class for conf - school break</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at Hayfield Sacred Heart Church - Everyone is invited.</u>

Nov. 28 (Thur.) -----

Nov. 29 (Fri.) 9:00 am

OFFICE CLOSED - Thanksgiving!

West decorates the chapel (*for Advent and Christmas*)
Pastor's day off-work

DECEMBER:

Dec. 1 (Sun.): 9:00 am

East worship, Comm.

East coffee after church

10-11:30 am

**EAST DECORATES CHURCH
FOR CHRISTMAS**

10:00 am

JAM at West (for both) West coffee

11:00 am

West worship, Comm.

After church

**WEST DECORATES CHURCH
FOR CHRISTMAS**

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, Mary Madson, Jerry Nelson, Kaysie Peterson, Scott Kittleson (*son-in-law of Paul Jordan*), Alan Hovey, Jean (*Sandy Dahle's daughter*), Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Keith Roeder (*son-in-law of Paul Jordan*), Dalton Mansfield (*in military*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Sylvia Torstenson, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

West Prayers: Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*) Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Jerry Nelson, Sandy Miller (*sister of Carma B.*), Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma B.*), Loretta Himle, Gloria Brown, Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria Pew, Boyd Pew, Cindy Senjem, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*). **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

**PASTOR Paul Thompson is on vacation thru Nov. 12,
See info in announcements for emergency pastoral needs.**

SECRETARY: Gina Moser: *(Please call before driving to office)*

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

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Send all emails for Gina to both of her email addresses.

Office Hours: Tues. & Thursdays 10:00 am-Noon

OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SERVICE: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

President, Bruce Peterson: 507-254-1822

Gary Kearns: 507-206-3158 or 507- 254-5285

Bryan DeCook: 507-208-1590