

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

Sept. 20, 2026: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

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. *Fall hours begin in Sept. (see below).*

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER



WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Sept.

BOTH: JAM at 10:00 am at WEST, *(also West coffee)*

TODAY: Rally Day, Blessing of Backpacks at West, &

New Member/Rally Day Lunch at West at 11:00 am

EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Sept. *(coffee follows)*

BOTH THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Sept. – Meghan Ohman

Deacon: Sept. – Terry Zieman

Readers: Sept. 20 – Pete Exe

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 3rd Sun. – Circle 4

READINGS: Sept. 20, 2026 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.*

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11: *After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?*

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30: *Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16: *Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAST FUNDRAISER: SILENT AUCTION/RAFFLE & POTLUCK BRUNCH - PROCEEDS TO GENERAL FUND

East Members: Please consider donating a "Silent Auction" type item OR a themed group of things. ***Drop donated items off at the church anytime from October 1 – 10.***

Saturday Oct. 10: 10-Noon: Women of East set up the displays.

Sunday Oct. 11: 9:00am Worship service

10:00am Join a Congregational Potluck Brunch
and take part in the raffle for the items.

TICKETS: \$1.⁰⁰ per ticket, and 20 tickets for \$18.⁰⁰

Questions or Donations: Women of East 507-271-2272

SAVE THE DATE!! RETIREMENT RECOGNITION LUNCHEON for Pastor Paul & Jana on Sun., Nov.15!

11:00 worship at East, followed by a noon lunch!

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

If you are willing to do scripture readings, please sign up at the lectern by the communion book. Thank you.

PRAYER UPDATES:

Please email our church secretary if you have prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:00 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u>
10:00 am	JAM classes begin! West coffee
11:00 am	West has lunch for Rally Day & for New Member Day
11:00 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u>

>>> Pastor vacation Mon., Sept. 21 <<<

Tuesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at WEST
Sun. (09/27)	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM takes a field trip (<i>just a bit after 10am</i>) to the Tverberg Log Cabin and parsonage!!! <i>Also West coffee hour</i>
	11:00 am	East worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 29 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)

Sept. 30 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at WEST
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OCTOBER

EAST EARLY at 9:00 am for Oct. (*East coffee after church*)

BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)

WEST LATE at 11:00 am for Oct.

NOTE DATE for CONFIRMATION DAY on October 25

Oct. 4 (Sun.):	9:00 am	East worship, <u>Communion</u> (<i>East coffee after church</i>)
	10:00 am	JAM at West (<i>also West coffee</i>)
	11:00 am	West worship, <u>Communion</u>
Oct. 6 (Tue.):	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Oct. 7 (Wed.):	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West
Oct. 10 (Sat.):	10am-Noon	<u>East women setup for Raffle</u>
Oct. 11 (Sun.):	9:00 am	East worship
	10:00 am	<u>EAST POTLUCK BRUNCH & RAFFLE/SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER</u>
	After church	<u>Meeting for Women of East</u>
	10:00 am	JAM at West (<i>also West coffee</i>)
	10:00 am	WEST RECOGNITION COFFEE for WEST CONFIRMANDS
	11:00 am	West worship
<u>Oct. 11-Oct. 13: Pastor Paul at Theological Conference</u>		

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

HEGRE'S SWEDISH MEATBALL SUPPER - ONLY TAKEOUT & CURBSIDE PICKUP ORDERS

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 from 4:00-7:00pm – CASH OR
CHECK ONLY... at 51939 Hwy 56 Blvd. Kenyon, MN 55946

[Meals at \$18 each – they are adult sized portions.]

Call ahead or text orders are recommended by Friday, September 18
and will guarantee meals – Call or text to Beth at 507-330-4996.

Drive Up meals available the day of the supper until food is
gone. Picnic tables will be outside for anyone to use. Please stay
in line until reaching the cashier on the side of the church.

MENU: Swedish Meatballs, Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Coleslaw, Corn, Cranberries, Dinner Roll and
Apple Dessert.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL COUNTRY STORE at 73297 310th St. Racine, MN

Thursday, October 1, 4-7:00 pm. Dine in or carry out: Pulled Pork and Turkey Sandwiches, Salads, Homemade Pies. PRICE: Adults: \$12. Kids 10 & Under: \$4. *Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Cookbooks, Rugs.*

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN ROCHESTER FAIR-TRADE

MARKET: Our Savior's Lutheran Church Rochester would like to once again invite you to our 18th Annual Fair-Trade Market on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2026. *Hours: Friday, Oct. 2nd, 3-7pm, Saturday, Oct 3rd, 9am-4pm and Sunday, Oct 4th, 10am-1pm.*

FIRST LUTHERAN BLOOMING PRAIRIE

LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

MEAL IS Saturday, October 10 with 11am, Noon, or 1pm seatings: RESERVATIONS & PREPAYMENT REQUIRED.

\$28 per meal (children 5 years and under are free).

TICKET SALES BEGIN on Monday, September 21 at 10am - Reserve & Pay Online at flcbp.flocknote.com OR by Phoning During Office Hours: 507-583-6621.

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EAST Prayers: Ray, (uncle of Becky Brakke), Jim Olson, Linda K., (friend of Pat Nelson), Keith Roeder (friend of Audrey Carlson), Salem (cousin of Keaton DeCook), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Kaysie Peterson, Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (daughter of Audrey Carlson), Dalton Mansfield (in military), John (cousin of Pat Nelson), Sylvia Torstenson, and John Heydt (brother of Pat Nelson); and in Army Basic Training: Dawson Meier.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SVC EAST: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

COUNCIL CONTACT INFO: **ALL area codes are (507)**

EAST: President: Randy Robinson: 923-0479

Gary Kearns: 206-3158 or 254-5285

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