

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

February 2, 2025: Presentation of Our Lord

Holy Communion

Rev. Jim Rushton -- 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.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



WEST 9:00 am worship (*coffee after church at 10:00 am*)

BOTH 10:00 am JAM-Both at West / West coffee

EAST 11:00 am worship (*coffee always after church*)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Feb. - Danny Zieman

Deacon: Feb. – to be determined

Reader/Helper: Feb. 2 – Jane Williams

Comm. Help: Jane & Glenda Mueller

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

East Coffee Servers: 1st Sun. – Sewing Sisters

READINGS FOR TODAY:

Sun., Feb. 2, 2025: Presentation of Our Lord

INTRODUCTION: *The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this Obaby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.*

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4: *This reading concludes a larger section (2:17 – 3:5) in which the prophet speaks of the coming of the God of justice. Malachi looks for that day when the wondrous power of God will purify the priestly descendents of Levi who minister in the temple at Jerusalem.*

PSALM: Psalm 84

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18: *Jesus shared human nature fully so that his death might be for all humans a liberation from slavery to death's power. Here the writer uses the image of priestly service in the temple as a way of describing the life and saving death of the Lord Jesus. He is the high priest who offers his life on behalf of his brothers and sisters.*

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40: *This story is a study in contrasts: the infant Jesus with the aged prophets; the joy of birth with the ominous words of Simeon to Mary; the faithful fulfilling of the law with the presentation of the one who will release its hold over us. Through it all, we see the light of God's salvation revealed to the world.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWSLETTER DAY is this Tues., February 4 at the office.

NEXT EAST WELCA MEEEEING will be Sat., Feb. 8 at 10:00am, in the church basement. *Election of officers and calendar-planning for 2025 will take place at that meeting.*

If you are a member of East St Olaf, and you are a woman, you are already a member of Women of East. If you are interested in our church, and would like to try us out, we invite you to come and join us!

CLASSES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

At East and West St. Olaf Lutheran Churches, we offer a class about Holy Communion for all young people who are in or entering 5th grade. *Those who are already past 5th grade and would like to begin communing with our congregation are also invited to attend.* **CLASSES this year will be at 2:00 p.m. on February 9th,**

16th, and 23rd at the West St. Olaf Chapel. *If you would like your child to take this class, please inform Pastor Paul via call or email.*
 If students complete these classes, they will receive First Holy Communion at worship on **March 2nd.**

EAST WELCA - FEBRUARY

- 4** **10 am** Quilting/sack lunch
- 8** **10 am** WELCA meeting - All East women invited
- 11** **10 am** Quilting/sack lunch
- 18** **10 am** Quilting/sack lunch
- 25** **10 am** Quilting/sack lunch

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS: (01/26/2025) Current \$2,028, Benevolence \$50, and Reimbursement \$431.75.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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| TODAY | 9:00 am | West worship/ <u>comm at chapel</u> , then after worship, WEST has Annual meeting & potluck dinner |
| | 10:00 am | JAM at West for both, (<i>West coffee</i>) |
| | 11:00 am | East <u>worship, Comm</u> with Rev. Jim Rushton, Jeneane organist (<i>East coffee after church</i>) |
| Monday | 9am-Noon | Pastor at office |
| Tuesday | >>>> | <u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u> for printing <u>February issue</u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate) |
| | 10:00am | East quilting/sack lunch |
| | 6:00 pm | <u>East council meeting</u> |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Both: Confirmation at West |
| Thursday | 9am-Noon | Pastor at office |
| Friday | ----- | Pastor's day off-work |
| Saturday | 10:00am | <u>East WELCA meeting - basement</u> |
| Sun. 02/09 | 9:00 am | West worship at chapel |
| | 10:00 am | JAM at West for both (<i>West coffee</i>) |
| | 11:00 am | East <u>worship</u> (<i>coffee after church</i>) |

2:00 pm BOTH at West Chapel... Class for
First Holy Communion

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

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| Feb. 10 (Mon.) | 9am-Noon | Pastor at office |
| | 7:00 pm | West council meeting |
| Feb. 11 (Tue.) | 9:00 am | West quilting/sack lunch |
| | 10:00am | East quilting/sack lunch |
| Feb. 12 (Wed.) | 9:00 am | West quilting/sack lunch |
| | 7:00 pm | Both: Confirmation at West |
| Feb. 13 (Thu.) | ----- | Pastor at Kasson ministerial |
| Feb. 14 (Fri.) | ----- | Pastor's day off-work |
| Feb. 16 (Sun.) | 9:00 am | West worship at chapel |
| | | West <u>backup date</u> , if needed |
| | | for annual meeting |
| | 10:00 am | JAM at West for both |
| | | (<i>West coffee</i>) |
| | 11:00 am | East <u>worship</u> |
| | | (<i>East coffee after church</i>) |
| | <u>2:00 pm</u> | <u>BOTH at West Chapel... Class for</u> <u>First Holy Communion</u> |

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Pat Raasch (*friend of Becky Brakke*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, Mary Madson, Jerry Nelson, Kaysie Peterson, Scott Kittleson (*son-in-law of Paul Jordan*), 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, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

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