

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

May 5, 2024: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Rev. Jim Rushton

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.



MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEST 9:00 am worship / West coffee at 10am

BOTH: 10:00 am at West – JAM Sunday school

(Note that May 19 will be the last day of JAM)

EAST 11:00 am worship / East coffee after church

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: May – Dawn Evjen

Deacon: May - Lori

East Acolytes: If none listed, then ushers are covering

EAST - SUNDAY COFFEE HOURS SERVED BY:

1st Sunday of the month – Sarah Circle

INTRO & READINGS for May 5:

INTRODUCTION: *This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48: *While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives*

of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

PSALM: Psalm 98

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6: *God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17: *On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



EAST: FOOD DRIVE: During the month of May, we will be collecting food donations and monetary donations for the local food shelf. *Summer is coming – so no free school lunches.* East St. Olaf is concentrating on collecting food that is easy for children to fix.

Financial donations are also accepted, as the food shelf has extra buying power (more than our individual buying power). Please stop by the church narthex and drop off donations. Lock Box available... or mail donations to: East St. Olaf Food Donations 6200 CR#3 Byron, MN 55920 (please write "Kid's Food" on the memo line of your check).



MOTHER'S DAY DINNER: Join us next Sunday, May 12, for a Mother's Day dinner after church.

Menu: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham, along with lettuce salad, veggies, fruit, and dessert. All women who have ever supported a child along life's journey are welcome. *Men's Club will be serving this day, as they should (GRIN).*

RECEPTION TO HONOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:



Join us after church on Sun., May 19 for a reception to honor our 2024 high school graduates. All of East church family is welcome.

**EAST ST. OLAF CONGREGATION-WIDE
RUMMAGE/"TREASURE" SALE: JULY 19-20:**



When you are doing spring cleaning, think of this sale! *Currently we are looking to use the Salem Town Hall during the Byron Good Neighbor Days weekend.* **See FULL DETAILS in the MAY newsletter that was just mailed out this past week.**

EAST: IMPORTANT DATES - MAY

- 7 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch
6:00PM Council Meeting at East
- 11 10:00 WELCA Meeting
- 12 **Mother's Day Sunday Dinner after church**
- 14 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 19 **East Graduation Recognition - everyone is invited to a reception after church for those graduating this year**
(also *Pentecost Sunday*)
- 21 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 26 *Holy Trinity Sunday*
- 28 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(04/21/2024 and 04/28/2024) Current \$1,528.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

- TODAY 05/05** 9:00 am West worship/communion
10:00 am Both-JAM at West church
11:00 am East worship, communion/coffee
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
6:00 pm EAST church council meeting
- Wednesday:** 1:00 pm West WELCA meeting
7:00 pm BOTH - Conf class at WEST
(for memory work)
- Saturday:** 10:00 am East WELCA meeting at church
>>>> **SEMN Synod Assembly-at the MANKATO Mayo Clinic Event Center (9:00 am-5:30pm)**

Sun. 05/12

Happy Mother's Day!

9:00 am West worship
10:00 am Both-JAM at West church
West coffee
11:00 am East worship - **then after church,**
EAST has Mother's Day Dinner

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

May 14 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
May 19 (Sun.): 9:00 am West worship
10:00 am Both-JAM at West (*last day*)
West coffee
11:00 am East worship - **then after church,**
EAST Graduate Recognition coffee

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Pastor Paul Thompson, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, Mary Madson, Jerry Nelson, Kaysie Peterson, Scott Kittleson (*son-in-law of Paul Jordan*), Cody Hegna, Alan Hovey, Jean (*Sandy Dahle's daughter*), Dawn Hugelback, 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*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

ATTENTION: Pastor Paul is currently out of the office- so if you have emergency pastoral needs, please call your church council members (*those phone numbers are listed below*).

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