

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, 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.

OFFERING: You may place your offering in the offering plate, in the narthex, as you enter the church (*the plates are not passed during the service*).

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

WELCA Chair(s): Nov. – Nancy Gulbransen and Marilyn Skov

Altar Guild: Nov. - Mary Brandt & Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: Nov. 10: Ryker and Reese Hazelman

Reader: Nov. 10 – Mary Brandt

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Nov. - Mary Brandt

Stewardship: 2nd Sunday – Board of Education

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.*

OUR CHRISTMAS MISSION

West is adopting two families from Stewartville for our Christmas mission this year. There will be a tree in the entrance of the church with tags of items needed. Please have your gifts brought to church or chapel by December 8. *Luther League is willing to wrap your gifts if you choose not to wrap them. This is a Thrivent Action Team mission. Thank you.*

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.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT AT WEST ST. OLAF



Advent by Candlelight will be held Sunday, December 8. Sign-up sheets are available at church for those who would like to attend, those who would enjoy hosting tables, food committee and volunteers for different jobs that evening (ushers, readers, car parkers, etc.). *Please sign up as you are able.*

The event will start at 5:00 pm for punch, conversation, and the chance to view all of the tablescapes. Service begins at 6:00 pm in the church. A light supper to follow in the chapel. Offering on this night will go to Hayfield Fire & Ambulance. *If you have questions, please contact Donna Larsen or Heather Bamlet.*

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY IS COMING NEXT MONTH

December 18th will be Mervis Keckhafer's 100th birthday!

This is a special birthday for a special lady! *Everyone please shower her with birthday cards at:*

115 2nd Street NE Apt. 209 Hayfield, MN 55940.

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.

WEST WELCA INFORMATION

NOVEMBER Chairpersons: Nancy Gulbransen, Marilyn Skov
Altar Guild: Mary and Sandy

12 9:00 AM Quilting/Sack lunch

- 13 9:00 AM Quilting/Sack lunch
1:00 PM WELCA meeting. Hostess: Jana Thompson
Bible Study: Pastor Paul
- 24 WELCA board meeting during coffee hour
- 28 THANKSGIVING DAY
- 29 9:00AM DECORATE CHAPEL - Helpers needed
- DECEMBER**
- 1 after service DECORATE CHURCH - Helpers needed

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).***

WEST: *Sheryl Wohlers (365-8816 or 259-5974)*
EAST or WEST: *Email Gina at eastwest@kmtel.com and certainity@kmtel.com. You may also call the church office (365-8222).*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

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

TODAY		<i>Rev. Wayne Vogt preaching</i>
	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	<u>West council meeting</u> <i>Veteran's Day</i>
Tuesday	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
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Wednesday	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	<u>West WELCA meeting,</u> <i>Host-Jana Thompson, 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, after church we have a special meal to honor East Oct. 27 confirmands: <i>EllaMae Ohman, and Rachel & Riley Pyfferoen</i>

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
		<u>West WELCA board meeting</u>
	11:00 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u>
		East coffee after church
Nov. 25 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 26 (Tue.)	>>>	NO quilting at East - <i>holiday week</i>
	>>>>	<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</u>
Nov. 28 (Thur.)	-----	<u>OFFICE CLOSED - Thanksgiving!</u>
Nov. 29 (Fri.)	9:00 am	West decorates the chapel (<i>for Advent and Christmas</i>)
	_____	Pastor's day off-work

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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*).

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*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

PASTOR Paul Thompson: (*Please call before driving to office*)

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Office hours: Monday and Thursday

9:00 am–Noon... OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

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

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

Emails: eastwest@kmtel.com AND certainty@kmtel.com

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, Will Laxen: 507-208-5399

Vice President, Hans Estby: 507-365-8600 or 507-259-8843

Head Deacon, Sheryl Wohlers: 507-365-8816 or 507-259-5974