

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

Sept. 20, 2026: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, New Member Day, Rally Day

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 and West St. Olaf.

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

WELCA Chair(s): Sept. – Nancy Peterson, Mary Brandt

Altar Guild: Sept. – Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: Ushers covering

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Sept. - Sheryl Wohlers

Readers: Sept. 20 – Sandy Iverson *(also comm. helper)*

Stewardship: 3rd Sunday – WELCA

READINGS: Sept. 20, 2026 – 17th 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?*

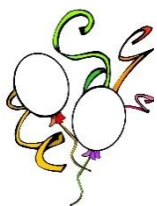
PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

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

TODAY: RALLY DAY & WEST NEW MEMBER DAY



Today holds Rally Day fun and is West New Member Day!!! During worship pastor will bless school backpacks and welcome Nancy Thoreson as a West new member. **After church & coffee hour,** all are invited to a delicious lunch of pulled-pork sandwiches, salads, and bars. Yum!!!

This is co-sponsored by Thrivent. Free will offering will go to JAM for operating expenses.

JAM FIELDTRIP NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 27:

JAM will have a field trip NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 27, at a little after 10:00am – meet at the parsonage and the Tverberg log cabin. Norman Senjem will lead this outing. *Note that this is in place of our regular JAM classes.*

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 JAM Rally Day! & New Member Day at WEST

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

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

Tuesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
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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	<u>JAM takes a field trip (just a bit after 10am) meet at Tverberg Log Cabin and parsonage!!!</u> <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> <i>(9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)</i>
Sept. 30 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at WEST
OCTOBER		
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	East women setup for Raffle
Oct. 11 (Sun.):	9:00 am	East worship
	10:00 am	EAST POTLUCK BRUNCH & RAFFLE/SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER
	After church	Meeting for Women of East
	10:00 am	JAM at West (<i>also West coffee</i>)
	10:00 am	<u>WEST RECOGNITION COFFEE</u> <u>for WEST CONFIRMANDS:</u> <i>Scott Cocuzzi, Reese Hazelman,</i> <i>Benjamin Laxen, Lauralee Olson,</i> <i>Kaleb Palmersheim, and Cole</i> <i>Twaddle</i>
	11:00 am	West worship

Oct. 11-Oct. 13: Pastor Paul at Theological Conference

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

WEST Prayers: Judy Jones, Wilma Kylo, Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (granddaughter of Joy), Grace Seeger (cousin of Gail Laxen), Julie (sister of Carma. B.), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (friend of Pat Nelson), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugelback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria & Boyd Pew, Cindy & Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (nephew of Carma B.). Serving in our military: Jack Kenyon (nephew of Will & Gail Laxen), Erika Smith (granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SVC WEST: Steve Schuck 507-951-9718

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

WEST: Pres.: Greg Brandt: gregHbrandt@gmail.com 272-0217

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