

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

December 22, 2024: Fourth Sunday in Advent

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*).

DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Dec. 24: CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT

SERVICES: *All are welcome to attend at either church*

4:00 pm at West St. Olaf -- 6:00 pm at East St. Olaf

Dec. 29: 10:00 am JOINT HYMN-SING SERVICE at EAST

Jan. 5: 11:00 am WEST CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & cake after

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Dec. – Carma Bjornson, Deb Schuck

Altar Guild: Dec. - Jane Estby & Sheryl Wohlers

Acolytes: Dec. 22 - Scott Cocuzzi, Hannah Masching

Reader: Dec. 22 - Deb Schuck

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Dec. - Deb Schuck

Stewardship: 4th Sunday – Church Council

READINGS FOR: December 22, 2024: 4th Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTION: *Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the*

kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion – with high delight – “we proclaim the Lord’s death.”

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a: *The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem.*

(Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10: *The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ’s coming. Through obedient acceptance of God’s will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.*

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]: *Elizabeth, John’s mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth’s inspired greeting and Mary’s song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.*

TODAY’S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO IMPORTANT NOTE FOR WEST!!!



>>> **SERVICES IN CHAPEL SOON:** Beginning on January 19, West church services will be held in the Chapel until the end of March (including Lenten services). This is intended as a cost-saving measure.

>>> **NEW WEST ANNUAL MEETING DATE:**

West's Annual Meeting is now the first Sunday in February each year, so this year it will be on Feb. 2 at 10 am (with church at 9am, then our annual meeting and potluck to follow the meeting).

WEST HELPERS NEEDED

We could really use some help with coffee hours. Luther League is the first Sunday of each month, and JAM is the second, so really if you're a Luther League family, a JAM

family, or both, if any of the weeks on the schedule work for you it would be great if you could help out.

This is the signup for coffee hour:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b-d2jImMHTVIVy5B6Sk3tm_wIf22i8Mpjet-IP5qpbU/edit?usp=sharing

Also, JAM would appreciate teaching help next year.

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<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OT58SGCkSnWTdVqST4HaRxGDkbDtGTTzfdnJA-9cRaY/edit?usp=sharing>

We really appreciate your assistance! ~ West B.O.E.~

WEST WELCA & OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER *Chairpersons: Carma Bjornson, Deb Schuck*

Altar Guild: Jane Estby and Sheryl Wohlers

24 4:00 pm CANDLELIGHT SERVICE at WEST ST. OLAF

(Candlelight service at East will be at 6:00 PM)

25 *Merry Christmas (no worship service)*

29 10:00 am JOINT HYMN-SING Service at EAST - so

NO classes for JAM until Jan. 5

JANUARY (Booklets not ready yet)

Chairperson: Sandy Iverson

Altar Guild: Jane Estby, Sheryl Wohlers

5 11:00 AM WEST CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (cake after)

6 9:00 AM Take down chapel decorations

7 9:00 AM Quilting/ Sack lunch

8 9:00 AM Quilting/ Sack lunch

1:00 PM WELCA meeting

Hostess: Billie Jean Smetana

Bible Study: Pastor Paul

21 9:00 AM Quilting/Sack lunch

22 9:00 AM Quilting/Sack lunch

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

TODAY 9:00 am East worship, Communion
10:00 am West coffee / NO classes for JAM

Monday 11:00 am West worship, Communion
9am-Noon Pastor at office

Tuesday **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLIGHT SERVICES**
with Communion at both churches.
4:00 pm at WEST 6:00 pm at EAST

Wednesday MERRY CHRISTMAS - NO church services
NO class for confirmation, office closed

NOTE: >>> Gina on vacation: Dec. 25 thru Jan. 1

Thursday 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Friday 9am-Noon Pastor's day off-work

Sun. 12/29 >>> **Pastor Paul vacation day**
10:00 am **JOINT Hymn-Sing at EAST, so**
NO classes for JAM

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Dec. 30 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
>**NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE**
>> Gina will come in, though she is on
vacation Dec. 25 - Jan. 1

Dec. 31 (Tue.) 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

JANUARY (hours remain same as Dec. was, each year)

NOTE that the WEST annual meeting will
now be the 1st Sun. of February each year!

EAST 9:00 am worship with coffee after church
10:00 am JAM at West (for both), West coffee
WEST 11:00 am worship (coffee before church)

Jan. 1 (Wed.) ----- NO class for confirmation
OFFICE CLOSED: New Year's Day

Jan. 2 (Thu.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Jan. 3 (Fri.) ----- Pastor's day off-work

Jan. 5 (Sun.) 9:00 am East worship, Communion ... with
East coffee always after church
10:00 am JAM at West (for both), West coffee
11:00 am **WEST CHRISTMAS PROGRAM,**
with Comm during the program,
(cake/coffee served afterward)

Jan. 6 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	9:00 am	<u>West undecorates the chapel</u>
Jan. 7 (Tue.)	9:00 am	West quilting / sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	East church council meeting
Jan. 8 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting / sack lunch
	1:00 pm	<u>West WELCA meeting</u>
		<i>Host-Billie Jean, Study-Pastor Paul</i>
	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Jan. 9 (Thur.)	-----	<i>Pastor has 10am Kasson minister mtg</i>
Jan. 10 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Jan. 11 (Sat.)	10:00 am	East WELCA meeting at church
Jan. 12 (Sun.)	9:00 am	East worship, coffee after church
	10:00 am	JAM at West (for both), West coffee
	11:00 am	West worship
Jan. 13 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>West church council meeting</u>
Jan. 14 (Tue.)	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Jan. 15 (Wed.)	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Jan. 16 (Thur.)	9-Noon	Pastor at office
Jan. 17 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Jan. 19 (Sun.)	9:00 am	East worship, coffee after church
	10:00 am	JAM at West (for both), West coffee
	11:00 am	West <u>worship AT CHAPEL</u>
Jan. 20 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	NOON	<u>Deadline to submit newsletter info</u>
Jan. 21 (Tue.)	9:00 am	West quilting / sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Jan. 22 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting / sack lunch
	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Jan. 23 (Thur.)	9-Noon	Pastor at office
Jan. 24 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Jan. 26 (Sun.)	DAY OF EAST'S ANNUAL MEETING!!	
	9:00 am	East worship/comm. Then after church EAST HAS ANNUAL MEETING, POTLUCK DINNER
	10:00 am	JAM at West (for both), West coffee

	11:00 am	West <u>worship, Comm at CHAPEL</u>
Jan. 27 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Jan. 28 (Tue.)	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u> <i>(9:10-print, 9:00-fold, 9:40-collate)</i>
Jan. 29 (Wed.)	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Jan. 30 (Thur.)	9-Noon	Pastor at office
Jan. 31 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Lauren Otto (*granddaughter of Ralph & Wilma Kyлло, daughter of Randy & Kathy Demmer*), 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: 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*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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