

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

March 9, 2025: First Sunday in Lent

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: The plate is passed during worship.

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE



EAST 9:00 am worship, *coffee after church*

10:00 am JAM at West (for both), *West coffee*

WEST 11:00 am worship at chapel (*coffee at 10:00 am*)

WEST: Date for First Holy Communion has been moved to April 6.

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Mar. – Sheryl Wohlers

Altar Guild: Mar. – Mary Brandt & Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: No acolytes at Chapel services

Reader: Mar. 9 – Sue Hyland

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Mar. - Sue Hyland

Stewardship: 2nd Sunday – JAM (or B.O.E.)

READINGS TODAY: March 9, 2025 -- First Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION: *These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11: *The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13: *Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13: *After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE RECOGNITION COFFEE (Sun., Mar. 23)

Everyone is invited to Graduate Recognition Coffee Hour BEFORE church at 10:00am Sunday, March 23, to honor our 2025 graduate Nora Bamlet. We hope you can join us.

OUR BIRTHDAY LISTS: If you are not on our birthday lists in the monthly newsletter and you wish to be listed, please email our secretary, Gina at eastwest@kmtel.com

LILIES TO BEAUTIFY OUR ALTAR FOR EASTER



If anyone wishes to donate/share their Easter lilies at church "*in-memory of*" and/or "*in-honor of*" someone, we will list them in the Easter Day bulletins. >>Please inform us by Sat. 04/11 if you plan to bring lilies to church. [NOTE that you go and buy the lilies, then drop them off at the church between Palm Sunday and before Easter Day.]

WEST: Sheryl Wohlers 507-259-5974 kswohlers@kmtel.com

EAST or WEST: Gina Moser eastwest@kmtel.com

WOMEN'S DAY at GOOD EARTH VILLAGE

Crafting Wellness: A Path to Self Care: Sat. March 29 9am-4pm. Cost is \$40. Online:
www.goodearthvillage.org/women'sday

THRIVENT "CHOICE DOLLARS" from 2024 can still be directed until March 31, by calling 800-847-4836. When prompted, say "Thrivent Choice". Press 1 to direct your Choice Dollars. A representative will work with you to direct your Choice Dollars. *You may also designate online at Thrivent.com*

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATIONS



To verify if there is a cancelation for a church service or church activity, **please check: KTTC TV (channel 10), or online at www.kttc.com** and click on the tab for WEATHER - then click on Closings and Delays or check parsonage answering machine 365-8222. Decisions made by council presidents/pastor.

WEST WELCA & OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH *World Day of Prayer Month*

Chairperson: Sheryl W. Altar Guild: Mary B., Sandy I.

11 9:00 AM Quilting/Sack lunch

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1:00 PM WELCA meeting

Hostess: Dawn Steinfadt

Bible Study: Pastor Paul

7:00 PM Lenten Service @ West (JAM hosting)

23 10:00AM **Grad. Recognition Coffee for Lenora Bamlet**

25 9:00 AM Quilting/Sack lunch

26 9:00 AM Quilting/Sack lunch

7:00PM Lenten Service @ West (LL hosting)

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

TODAY 9:00 am East worship (*coffee after church*)
10:00 am JAM at West for both (*West coffee*)

	11:00 am	West worship (at chapel)
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00am	East quilting
Wednesday	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	<u>West WELCA meeting at chapel</u> <i>(Host-Dawn S., Study-Pastor Paul)</i>
	6:00 pm	<u>At WEST Soup Supper</u> (JAM hosts)
	7:00 pm	<u>At WEST LENTEN SERVICE</u> <i>All confirmations students attend</i>
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off
Sun. 03/16	9:00 am	East worship (<i>coffee after church</i>)
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both (<i>West coffee</i>)
	11:00 am	West worship (at chapel)

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Mar. 17 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Mar. 18 (Tue.)	10:00am	East quilting
	7:00 pm	<u>Deadline to submit newsletter info</u>
Mar. 19 (Wed.)	6:00 pm	<u>Soup Supper at EAST</u> (Circle 4 host)
	7:00 pm	<u>LENTEN SERVICE at EAST</u> <i>All confirmations students attend</i>
Mar. 20 (Thur.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Mar. 21 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off
Mar. 23 (Sun.)	9:00 am	East worship <i>(East coffee after church)</i>
	10:00 am	JAM at West for both
	10:00 am	<u>(West coffee for 2025 graduate, Lenora Bamlet)</u>
	11:00 am	West worship (at chapel)
Mar. 24 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Mar. 25 (Tue.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00am	East quilting
Mar. 26 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>Soup Supper at WEST</u> (LL hosting)

7:00 pm LENTEN SERVICE at WEST
All confirmations students attend

Mar. 27 (Thur.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 >>>>> NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE
 (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)

Mar. 28 (Fri.) ----- Pastor's day off

Mar. 30 (Sun.) 9:00 am East worship, Comm.,
 (East coffee after church)

10:00 am JAM at West for both (*West coffee*)
 11:00 am West worship, Comm. (at chapel)

Mar. 31 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 >>>>> DEADLINE to designate your
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

APRIL

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

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Family of Leverne Skov (*brother of Russ Skov*),
 Susie Thoe, 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*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

PASTOR Paul Thompson: (*Call before driving to office*)
Cell Phone: 507-273-8504 **Email:** pthomp821@gmail.com
Office hours: Monday and Thursday 9am-Noon
 OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)
SECRETARY: Gina Moser: (*Call before driving to office*)

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

Emails: eastwest@kmtel.com and certainity@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 SVC: 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