

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

April 19, 2026: Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

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 & West St. Olaf.*

## **SCHEDULE FOR APRIL**



**EAST EARLY at 8:30 am** for Apr. (coffee follows)

**JAM at 9:30 am** at West for all students, also West coffee

**WEST LATE at 10:30 am** for Apr. (coffee 9:30 am)

## **THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US**

**Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild**

**Altar Guild:** Apr. – Marylin Carlson & Audrey Carlson

**Deacon:** Apr. – Meghan Ohman

**Reader:** Apr. 19 - Jen Briske

**Acolytes:** Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

**Coffee Servers:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. – Open week

## **READINGS: Apr. 19, 2026 ~ Third Sunday of Easter**

**INTRODUCTION:** *Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41: *Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his*

*preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23: *The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35: *The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

## **TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**>> Pastor Paul has vacation and days-off through April 25. FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES please contact Pastor Kristen Anderson of Trinity.**

She may be contacted at: Cell phone: (320) 290-1625

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**WOMEN'S ZUMBRO RIVER CONFERENCE "SPRING EVENT": This Saturday, April 25 at Zumbro Lutheran Church**

Located at 624 Third Ave. SW Rochester, MN 55902

9:00-9:30 am: Registration, Coffee & Displays

9:30 am: Program & Worship (Speaker: Pastor Shelley Cunningham)

12:00 pm: Lunch

**If you registered to attend, they are asking for the following:**

*Please bring a love offering for Zumbro's Food Pantries. Items*

*needed: Tuna or chicken pouches, ramen noodle cups, creamy peanut butter, Hormel "Compleats" shelf-stable microwave meals, and boxes of instant oatmeal packets.*

**YEAR-END BOWLING PARTY: JAM & LUTHER LEAGUE!**



**The last day of JAM will be May 10.** We will have a bowling party at Uncle Mony's from 10:30am-12:30pm. Both JAM kids and Luther League teens are invited to attend!

## EAST ST. OLAF CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 10



East St. Olaf Mother's Day Sunday Dinner  
**May 10:** 10:30 am Service, 11:30 am Lunch.  
TATOR TOT HOTDISH  
SALADS, DESSERTS  
*Meal served by the Men's Club*

### EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(04/05/26) Current \$1,845 and Benevolence \$3,773.  
(04/12/26) Current \$595 and Benevolence \$25.

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

*Deadline for bulletin information – Wednesdays by 7:30 pm.  
Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19<sup>th</sup> each month.*

<b>TODAY</b>		<i>Reverend Jim Rushton preaching at both</i>
	8:30 am	EAST worship, <u>communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	JAM at West, <i>also West coffee for West Graduate Recognition!</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship ( <u>NO</u> comm today)
<b>Monday:</b>	7:00 pm	<u>Deadline to submit info for the May issue of newsletter</u>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
<b>Wednesday:</b>	>>>>	NO class for Conf. ( <u>pastor vac.</u> )
<b>Saturday:</b>	>>>	<u><b>BOTH:</b> Zumbro River Conference "Spring Event" at Zumbro Luth of Roch.: 9:00-9:30 Check-in time</u>
<b>Sun. (04/26)</b>	8:30 am	EAST worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	JAM at West, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship, <u>Communion</u> for <i>"First Holy Communion" of Grasyn Hiam, Grant Palmersheim</i>

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

**Apr. 27 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office  
**Apr. 28 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

