

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

October 19 2025: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Chris Miller

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.

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER



EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Oct. at West, coffee 9:30 am)

Next Sunday, Oct. 26, is Confirmation Day at West St. Olaf

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

LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Oct. at East, coffee after)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Oct. – Dawn Evjen

Deacon: Oct.: Meghan (*Harvest Season for Mary and Terry*)

Reader: Oct. 19 – Jenn Briske

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 3rd Sun. Sept. OPEN - contact Marylin

READINGS: October 19, 2025: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table.*

Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31: *Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

PSALM: Psalm 121

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5: *The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8: *Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SAT.: FALL BAZAAR & BRUNCH at WEST ST. OLAF
Everyone is invited to attend the West St. Olaf FALL BAZAAR & BRUNCH from 9 am to 11:30 am this Saturday, Oct. 25. **BRUNCH MENU:** Stuffed French Toast, Parfait Cups with toppings, Sweet Breads, Orange Juice/Coffee.
PRICE: \$8 for Teens and Adults, Children 6-12 \$4, and 5 years and under are free. **BAZAAR ITEMS:** LEFSE, Rosettes, Krumkake, Baked Goods, Crafts, and Quilts.

SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER AT EAST ST. OLAF:
All EAST members are invited for dinner **NEXT SUNDAY, Oct. 26, after East worship.** Circle 4 will host a meal of scalloped potatoes and ham, salad, and dessert for a free-will offering.

BEAUTIFYING OUR SANCTUARIES FOR 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 this Fri., Dec. 12 (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

EAST WOMEN: WREATH DECORATING PARTY



East women are invited to a wreath decorating party at Mary Madson's home at **1:00 pm on Sat. NOV. 22.**

DECORATING EAST ST. OLAF FOR CHRISTMAS



Come one, come all! All ages of helpers are invited to help decorate our church for Christmas **right after church, on Sunday, November 23.** *It's fun and many helpers make the decorating go quickly (so everyone can get home in time for the football game).*

ST. JOHN'S KASSON: LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER!

Thursday, **October 23, 2025** – **REVERVATIONS ONLY...**

NO WALK-INS. *Bake sale 9:30 am until sold out.*

Adults \$25 and Children under 10 yrs \$10. See poster for info about reservations/seating times, and making payments.

EAST MEMBERS: If you know of anyone who would like a get a card from East St. Olaf, please contact Jane Williams (507) 271-2272 (Talk or Text). *Help us share a blessing!*

PRAYER UPDATES:



Please inform Gina if you have prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(10/12/2025) Current\$1,194.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for newsletter info - by approx. the 19th day, each month.

TODAY

8:30 am

9:30 am

10:30 am

Pastor Paul on vacation

West worship-Rev. Chris Miller

JAM classes at West (for both)

East Worship-Rev. Chris Miller

East coffee after church

Monday: 7:00 pm DEADLINE to submit info for the next newsletter
Tuesday: 9:00 am West LEFSE/Donut baking day
 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday: 7:00 pm Both: Confirmation at West
Thursday: 9am-noon Pastor at office
 9:00 am West LEFSE/Donut baking day
Friday: _____ Pastor's day-off
Saturday: 9:30-11:30 am **WEST FALL BAZAAR & LUNCHEON - All welcome!!**
Sun. (10/26) 8:30 am West worship, communion and Confirmation Day at West
 9:30 am JAM classes at West (for both)
Also West coffee
 10:30 am East Worship, communion
 After church: **EAST members are invited to a dinner hosted by Circle 4:**
Scalloped potatoes & ham & more,
(for free-will donation)

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Oct. 27 (Mon.): 9am-noon Pastor at office
Oct. 28 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
Oct. 29 (Wed.): 7:00 pm Both: Confirmation at West
Oct. 30 (Thur.): 9am-noon Pastor at office
 >>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE**
 (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 10:35-collate)
Oct. 31(Fri.): _____ Pastor's day-off

NOVEMBER

EAST 8:30 am worship (*coffee always after church*)
 BOTH 9:30 am JAM at West
 WEST 10:30 am worship (*coffee before church at 9:30 am*)
Nov. 2 (Sun.): ALL SAINTS DAY
 (and Daylight Saving Time ends)
 8:30 am East worship/communion
East coffee after church
 9:30 am **JAM - Halloween/Reformation**

		<u>Party (wear a costume to JAM!)</u>
		<i>Also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship/ <u>communion</u>
Nov. 3 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 4 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>East council meeting</u>
Nov. 5 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Nov. 6 (Thu.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 7 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Nov. 8 (Sat.):	10:00 am	<u>EAST WELCA Meeting (due to</u>
		<u>our Oct. meeting being cancelled)</u>
Nov. 9 (Sun.):	8:30 am	East worship
		<i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	<u>JAM – Practice begins for our</u>
		<u>Christmas programs</u>
		<i>Also West coffee with free-will offering</i>
		<i>Going to Food Pantries</i>
	10:30 am	West worship
Nov. 10 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	West council meeting
Nov. 11 (Tue.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Nov. 12 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	West WELCA meeting
		<i>Host–Jana Thomp., study-pastor</i>
	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Nov. 13 (Thu.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 14 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Nov. 16 (Sun.):	8:30 am	East worship
		<i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	<u>JAM – Practice for program</u>
		<i>Also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship
Nov. 17 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>>	<u>Deadline to submit info for the</u>
		<u>next newsletter</u>
Nov. 18 (Tue.)	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Nov. 19 (Wed.)	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West

Nov. 20 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 Nov. 21 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day off-work
 Nov. 22 (Sat.) 1:00 pm **EAST wreath decorating party at Mary Madson's home**
 Nov. 23 (Sun.): **CHRIST THE KING DAY**
 8:30 am East worship / communion
 East coffee after church... and
 EAST decorates for Christmas, with a BRUNCH served too.
 9:30 am JAM - Practice for program
 Also West coffee
 10:30 am West worship / communion
 Nov. 24 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 Nov. 25 (Tue.) >>>> **NO quilting** for East
 >>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at Office**
 (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
 Nov. 26 (Wed.) >>>> **NO class** for confirmation
 Nov. 27 (Thu.): >>>> **OFFICE CLOSED:** Thanksgiving!
 Nov. 28 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day off-work
 9:00 am West decorates chapel for Advent
 Nov. 30 (Sun.): 8:30 am East worship
 East coffee after church
 9:30-11:30 am JAM: Two-hour practice at EAST
 church for Christmas program
 Also West coffee, and West WELCA
 Board meets during coffee
 10:30 am West worship
 >>>>> West decorates church for Christmas

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: The Family of Steve Jensen, Sue Senjem, Gary Braaten (*dad of Jenni Braaten Winch*), Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Keith Roeder (*friend of Audrey Carlson*), Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), Pat Raasch (*friend of Becky Brakke*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, Kaysie Peterson, Dawn Hugelback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Dalton

Mansfield (*in military*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Sylvia
Torstenson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

PASTOR Paul Thompson: (*Call before driving to office*)

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OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

SECRETARY: Gina Moser: (*Call before driving to office*)

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Office Hours: Tues. & Thursdays 10:00 am-Noon

OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SVC EAST: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

President: Randy Robinson: 507-923-0479

Gary Kearns: 507-206-3158 or 507-254-5285

Bryan DeCook: 208-1590