

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

August 3, 2025: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

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.



AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEST 8:30 am worship with coffee after church

EAST 10:00 am worship with coffee after church

>>> JOINT SERVICE August 17 in WEST church

>>> Taste of Norway in East Church: August 24 from 2-4pm

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Aug. – Gena Cahill

Deacon: Aug. - Terry Zieman

Reader: Aug. 3 - Brian Mueller

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 1st Sun. – Quilting Sisters

READINGS: Sun., Aug. 3: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.*

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23: *The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11: *Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21: *In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL SUMMER SALAD LUNCHEON

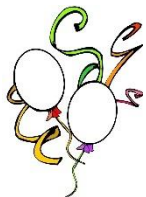
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH IN HAYFIELD

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 from 11:00am-1:00pm

DELICIOUS BAR-B-Q'S, SALADS & BARS

\$7.00 for adults / \$3.50 for 13 years and under

60th ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE ~ SAT., AUG. 16



East & West folks are invited to attend the 60th **Wedding Anniversary OPEN HOUSE for Gene & Sharon Gulbransen** at the West chapel Saturday, August 16 from noon to 3:00 pm. *Come share this very special day with the Gulbransen's!*

VBS WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!



Join us for VBS, Saturday, August 23 until Sunday, August 24 at the West St. Olaf chapel. Check-in time is 3-3:30pm Saturday. We'll provide dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. JAM and Luther League kids are all welcome! Feel free to bring a friend! (If kids are not yet

in third grade and want to sleep over, we ask that a parent stay over with them.) **PLEASE RSVP by email or text message:** WestStOlafJAM@gmail.com or text to 507-206-9839.

NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS FALL!!!

At the June joint council meeting, the joint council voted to try a new year-round schedule beginning in SEPTEMBER (though starting times will still rotate monthly, between the two churches).

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER:

>EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Sept. at East – coffee always after)

>>> JAM at 9:30 am (RALLY DAY date is T.B.D)

>LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Sept. at West, coffee at 9:30 am)

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(07/20 & 07/27, 2025) Current \$1,501.85 and In-memory of Carol Mestad \$325, and In-memory of Floyd Paulson \$90 Undesignated.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for newsletter info - by approx. the 20th day, each month.

TODAY	8:30 am	West worship/ <u>communion</u> West coffee after the service
	10:00 am	East worship/ <u>communion</u> East coffee after service
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	>>>	<u>NO meeting for East council – it is rescheduled to Aug. 12 at 6:30 pm</u>
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Saturday	10:00 am	<u>East WELCA meeting at church</u>
Sunday (08/10)	8:30 am	West worship West coffee after service
	10:00 am	East worship East coffee after service

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

>NOTE: Pastor Paul on vacation August 11 thru September 1

Aug. 11 (Mon.) 7:00 pm	West council meeting
Aug. 12 (Tue.) 10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
6:30 pm	<u>East church council meeting</u>
Aug. 13 (Wed.) >>>>	<u>NO meeting</u> for West WELCA-vac
Aug. 16 (Sat.) -----	<i>West chapel RESERVED all day</i>
Noon-3:00 pm	<u>60th Anniversary OPEN HOUSE</u> <u>for Gene & Sharon Gulbransen</u> <u>at the West chapel. All welcome!</u>
Aug. 17 (Sun.)	<i>Rev. Jim Rushton preaching</i>
10:00 am	<u>JOINT SERVICE</u> in West church, <u>with coffee/goodies following</u>

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: 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 Hugeback, 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*)

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JANITORIAL SVC EAST: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

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

Bryan DeCook: 208-1590