

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

December 7, 2025: Second Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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 (except for January... the schedule stays the same as December, each year)

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*.

Decisions are made by council presidents with the pastor.

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER



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

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

LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Dec. at East, coffee follows)

Christmas Programs: Today at EAST with soup & sandwich after the program (for all).

Next Sun., Dec. 14 at WEST with coffee and Jesus' birthday cake following (for all).

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: 4:00 pm East, 6:00 pm West

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Dec. - Darlene Myhre, Sonya Mansfield

eacon: Dec.: Terry Zieman

Reader: Dec. 7 – Christmas program today

Acolytes: Ushers covering, if no acolyte listed
Coffee Servers: Dec. 7 – Lunch by East women.

READINGS: Dec. 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTION: *At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10: *Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13: *God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12: *Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS



>> **EAST: TODAY at 10:30 am** with a soup and sandwich lunch served afterward, by the East WELCA (for all).

>> **WEST: Next Sun., Dec. 14 at 8:30 am** with Jesus' birthday cake & coffee following (for all).

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 Fri., Dec. 12 (specify who the plant is from; and whom it's in memory-of).***

EAST or WEST: Email Gina at eastwest@kmtel.com

CONFIRMATION & LUTHER LEAGUE DEC. EVENT



Luther League will be having their December event on **Wednesday, Dec. 17 from 6-8pm at the chapel.** This will be part of confirmation this evening so all confirmation students should plan to attend. This is for ALL Luther League members though. *We will have a pizza party, wrap gifts for our adopted families, and play an assortment of holiday games with prizes.*

EAST ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS MISSION (**Due. 12/21**)



East's Giving Tree is up. There are tags that members can take from the tree, and purchase gifts for the 180 Youth Shelter – (this is a NEW mission because the Women's Shelter is in transition to a new facility – so they cannot accept donations at this time).

OUR MISSION: Provide clothing donations for these teens!

Clothing is needed in sizes 10/12 to 2X, for both males and females. You can find tags of “clothing needs” on the Christmas Tree in the Narthex. *You can also make a donation on their website, directly to 180 Degrees.* **Presents can be put under the tree until December 21,** (then those gifts will be dropped off at the Youth Shelter Dec. 22).

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES



Come celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve! Everyone is welcome to attend worship at either church. There will be communion at both churches.

EAST Christmas Eve Candlelight service is at 4:00 pm

WEST Christmas Eve Candlelight service is 6:00 pm

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19th each month.

TODAY	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u> NOTE: No West coffee_
	10:30 am	EAST <u>Christmas Program, Comm.</u> <u>Soup & sandwich lunch served by</u> <u>WELCA following (for all West &</u> <u>East attendees and participants)</u>
	>>>>>	WEST: Advent by Candlelight 5:00 pm Refreshments in chapel 6:00 pm Service in the church, with a light supper following
Dec. 8 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>>	<u>JOINT Council Meeting at WEST</u> 6:00 pm-Individual meetings 7:00 pm-Joint meeting begins
Dec. 9 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Dec. 10 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	Both: Confirmation Class at West
Dec. 11 (Thu.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Dec. 12 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Dec. 13 (Sat.):	10:00 am	<u>EAST WELCA Christmas Party</u> <u>All East women are invited!</u>
Dec. 14 (Sun.):	8:30 am	West CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
	10:30 am	EAST Worship (coffee follows)

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Dec. 15 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Dec. 16 (Tue.):	10:00 am	<u>East Quilter Christmas Gathering</u>
Dec. 17 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	<u>Confirmation AND Luther</u> <u>League PIZZA PARTY, wrap gifts</u> <u>at the chapel.</u>
Dec. 18 (Thu.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Dec. 19 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work

Dec. 21 (Sun.): 8:30 am West worship
 9:30 am NO JAM class, West coffee
 10:30 am East worship (*coffee follows*)
 >>>>> Due date to drop off East gifts
 for "180 Youth Center" mission

Dec. 22 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Dec. 23 (Tue.): >>>>> NO quilting at East

Dec. 24 (Wed.): ****CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Services****
 All are welcome to attend at either church

 4:00 pm East Candlelight Service, Comm.
 6:00 pm West Candlelight Service, Comm.

Dec. 25 (Thu.): ----- **OFFICE CLOSED**
 No worship - Merry Christmas!

Dec. 26 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day off-work

Dec. 28 (Sun.): 9:30 am **Joint worship at WEST, with**
 Coffee & fellowship following
 (Note: NO communion this day and
 NO JAM classes this day)

Dec. 29 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Dec. 30 (Tue.): >>>>> NO quilting at East

Dec. 31 (Wed.): >>>> NO class for Confirmation

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY (*same as Dec each year*)

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

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

LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Jan. at East, coffee follows)

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

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JANITORIAL SVC EAST: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

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