

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

Sept. 27, 2026: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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 OCTOBER



EAST EARLY at 9:00 am for Oct. (*East coffee after church*)

BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)

WEST LATE at 11:00 am for Oct.

NOTE: CONFIRMATION DAY at BOTH will be OCT. 25

BOTH THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Sept. – Meghan Ohman

Deacon: Sept. – Terry Zieman

Readers: Sept. 27 – Jen Briske

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 4th Sun. - OPEN - contact Marylin

READINGS: Sept. 27, 2026 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32: *Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.*

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13: *As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32: *After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAST MEMBERS: We are POSTPONING two big events!!! Our Fundraiser Raffel with Potluck Brunch AND ALSO the East Meatball Dinner are BOTH POSTPONED and BEING MOVED INTO 2027!

Due to so much going on this fall, we are postponing our FUNDRAISER RAFFLE (*likely to be in late April*) and our MEATBALL DINNER (*likely to take place in February*).

JAM & LUTHER LEAGUE EVENTS:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4: [for Luther League + JAM]

NEW DATE for PARSONAGE TOUR & TVERBERG CABIN

Please meet at the Parsonage at 9:30 a.m. on Sun., October 4.

Norm Senjem will be joining us to share the history of both the Parsonage and the Tverberg Cabin. *This event was originally scheduled for today, but due to a scheduling conflict, we have moved it to October 4.* This is a co-sponsored event for both Luther League and JAM students, and parents are welcome to attend as well! Please RSVP to Alli's email by Thurs., Oct. 1st, so we can give Norm an accurate headcount.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11: [for Luther League + JAM]

CRAFT SUNDAY

During the Sunday School hour, JAM and Luther League will have a special craft session. *Each group will participate in a different, age-appropriate Christian craft.*

- **JAM:** A craft tile celebrating our church

- **Luther League:** A sea glass mosaic craft

You can view an example of the sea glass craft – linked in the email sent to families. **To make sure we have enough supplies for everyone, please RSVP to Alli's email for your child(ren) by Thurs., Oct. 1st.**

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE: GOOD GIFTS GALA

Thursday, October 15, 2026 at Rochester Golf & Country Club
3100 Country Club Rd. SW Rochester. Join us for an inspiring evening of dinner, auction, community, and generosity in support of the life-changing ministry of Good Earth Village. What to expect: A delicious dinner and fellowship, silent and live auctions, live entertainment, special guests, and an inspiring program. Learn more and *buy tickets at* <https://goodearthvillage.org/good-gifts-gala/>

PRAYER UPDATES:

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

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM classes (<i>also West coffee hour</i>)
	11:00 am	East worship
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at WEST
Sun. (10/04)	9:00 am	East worship, <u>Communion</u> (<i>East coffee after church</i>)
	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>JAM & LUTHER LEAGUE meet at parsonage for tours & history of parsonage & Tverberg cabin... and parents are welcome too!</u>
	10:00 am	(<i>West coffee</i>)
	11:00 am	West worship, <u>Communion</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 6 (Tue.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
- Oct. 7 (Wed.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West
- Oct. 11 (Sun.): 9:00 am East worship
 After church Meeting for Women of East
 10:00 am **JAM CRAFT DAY** (*also West coffee*)
 10:00 am WEST RECOGNITION COFFEE
 for WEST CONFIRMANDS
 11:00 am West worship
- >>> Oct. 11 - Oct. 13: Pastor Paul at Theological Conference**
- Oct. 13 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
- Oct. 14 (Wed.): 9:00 am West WELCA meeting,
Host-Jane Estby, Study-Pastor Paul
 >>> NO class for Conf. (due to MEA)
- Oct. 18 (Sun.): >>>**Informational Meeting(s) about Parsonage:**
Watch for times - likely right after church!
 9:00 am East worship (NO communion)
 10:00 am JAM at West (*also West coffee*)
 11:00 am West worship (NO communion)
- Oct. 20 (Tue.): 9:00 am West Lefse & Donut Making Day
 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
- Oct. 21 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West
- Oct. 22 (Thur.): 9:00 am West Lefse & Donut Making Day
- Oct. 24 (Sat.): 9:00-11:30am **WEST FALL BAZAAR/BRUNCH!**
- Oct. 25 (Sun.): **BOTH: CONFIRMATION DAY!**
 9:00 am East worship, Communion &
CONFIRMATION DAY
(East coffee after church)
 10:00 am JAM at West (*also West coffee*)
 11:00 am West worship, Communion &
CONFIRMATION DAY
- Oct. 27 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
- Oct. 28 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL COUNTRY STORE at 73297 310th St. Racine, MN

Thursday, October 1 from 4-7:00 pm. Dine in or carry out:
Pulled Pork and Turkey Sandwiches, Salads, Homemade Pies.
PRICE: Adults: \$12. Kids 10 & Under: \$4. *Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Cookbooks, Rugs.*

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN ROCHESTER FAIR-TRADE

MARKET: Our Savior's Lutheran Church Rochester would like to once again invite you to our 18th Annual Fair-Trade Market on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2026. *HOURS: Friday, Oct. 2nd, 3-7pm, Saturday, Oct 3rd, 9am-4pm and Sunday, Oct 4th, 10am-1pm.*

FIRST LUTHERAN BLOOMING PRAIRIE LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

MEAL IS Saturday, October 10 with 11am, Noon, or 1pm seatings: RESERVATIONS & PREPAYMENT REQUIRED.

\$28 per meal (children 5 years and under are free).

TICKET SALES began on Monday, September 21 at 10am - Reserve & Pay Online at flcbp.flocknote.com OR by Phoning During Office Hours: 507-583-6621.

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EAST Prayers: Family of Ray (uncle of Becky Brakke), Jim Olson, Linda K., (friend of Pat Nelson), Keith Roeder (friend of Audrey Carlson), Salem (cousin of Keaton DeCook), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Kaysie Peterson, Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (daughter of Audrey Carlson), Dalton Mansfield (in military), John (cousin of Pat Nelson), Sylvia Torstenson, and Dawson Meier (completed Basic, now heading to AIT training).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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