

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW - Byron, MN

January 25, 2025: Third Sunday after Epiphany
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.

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS

 To verify if there is a cancellation for a church service or church activity, please check: KTTC TV (channel 10 news); 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 FEBRUARY



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

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

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

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Jan. - Danny Zieman

Deacon: Jan: Meghan Ohman

Reader: Jan. 25 - Jenni Braaten Winch

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 4th Sun. — Circle 4

READINGS: Jan. 25, 2026 - Third Sun. after Epiphany

INTRODUCTION: *Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross – as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light*

dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4: *The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18: *Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23: *Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER!!
EAST Annual meeting is TODAY, January 25, with worship followed by a potluck dinner after our annual meeting.

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

If you are willing to do scripture readings in February, please sign-up at the lectern where you sign for communion. *Thanks!*

TODAY: WINTERTIME FUN: BUNDLE UP & GET READY!!
JAM and Luther League are excited to invite you to a **SNOW TUBING** event at Camp Victory on **TODAY, January 25, from 1:00-3:00 pm**. **All families are welcome to join us for an afternoon of laughter, adventure, and snowy excitement.** *The cost for each child is fully covered, and parents who would like to*

participate are asked to contribute \$10 each to help offset the cost. Please email allihimle@yahoo.com by Wednesday, Jan. 21 if you plan to attend, so we can plan accordingly. We hope you can join us for this fun winter outing!

~ Warmly, JAM and Luther League ~

MEETINGS FOR WOMEN OF EAST

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 14, in the East St Olaf Dining Room at 10:00 am. Women who are members of East are members of our group - please stop in. We would LOVE to hear your ideas and share some godly fun.

SERVERS FOR EAST LENTEN SUPPERS:

Feb. 25: Circle 4 serving Lenten meal.

March 11: Sarah Circle serving Lenten meal.

March 25: Council Members serving Lenten meal.

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(01/18/26) Current \$1,532 and Benevolence \$25.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

TODAY	8:30 am	West worship
	9:30 am	JAM classes, also West coffee
	10:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> , <u>followed by EAST ANNUAL MEETING, then POTLUCK DINNER!</u>
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/ sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:30-collate)
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	Confirmation – both at West
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	10:00 am	<u>PRINT WEST annual reports!</u>
Friday:	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. (02/01)	WEST ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK!!	
	<i>(if bad weather – WEST backup date will be Feb. 15 instead)</i>	

8:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> (<i>coffee after</i>)
9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
10:30 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u> THEN
11:30 am	WEST annual meeting AND Potluck dinner after the meeting

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Feb. 2 (Mon.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Feb. 3 (Tue.): 10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
6:00 pm	<u>East council meeting</u>
Feb. 4 (Wed.): 7:00 pm	Both: Confirmation at West
Feb. 5 (Thur.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Feb. 6 (Fri.): _____	Pastor's day off-work
Feb. 8 (Sun.): 8:30 am	East worship (<i>coffee after</i>)
>>>	<u>BACKUP date for East Ann. Mtg.</u>
9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
10:30 am	West worship, <u>Officers, & Baptism</u>

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

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