

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW - Byron, MN

February 8, 2025: 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS

 To verify if there is a cancelation for a church service or church activity, please check: KTTC TV (channel 10 news); or online at [www.kttc.com](http://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)

**>>> ASH WEDNESDAY: Both at WEST 7:00 pm Wed., Feb. 18:**  
**>>> LENT Supper & Worship: Both at EAST Feb. 25 with a**  
**6:00 pm supper by (East Circle 4); and 7:00 pm worship**

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild**

**Altar Guild:** Feb. - Danny Zieman

**Deacon:** Feb. - Jane Williams

**Reader:** Feb. 8 - check signup sheet

**Acolytes:** Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

**Coffee Servers:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. - Sarah Circle

## READINGS: Feb. 8, 2026 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**INTRODUCTION:** *Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of*

*injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]: *Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

**PSALM:** Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]: *Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:13-20:

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LUTHER LEAGUE SUPPER & SERVICE PROJECT, THEN CONFIRMATION THIS WEDNESDAY!



**This Wednesday, February 11** there will be a Luther League service project at West St. Olaf. We'll have 6:00 pm supper, followed by the service project and then confirmation class.

### COMMUNION WILL NOW BE ON 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAYS

**ATTN.: Altar Guild:** Communion will now take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at BOTH churches (*not counting the special holiday dates when we may also do communion*).

**>>> So we will have communion next week on Feb. 15.**

## **MEETING FOR WOMEN OF EAST**

Our next meeting is this **Saturday, February 14**, in the East St. Olaf Dining Room at 10:00 am (we continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month). *All women who are members of East are part of our group - please stop in. We would LOVE to hear your ideas and spread some godly fun in our congregation and our community!*

## **VALENTINE'S SUNDAY AT EAST**

**Sun., February 15 after East church service:** Join us after our worship service, for some Love, Affection, and Fellowship!! WELCA is serving some Valentines Day fun! Stop in and visit.

## **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.

## **WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?**

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

## **EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:**

(02/01/26) Current \$1,085, Benevolence \$25, Cemetery \$6,380.

In Honor of Harvey & Kent Boysen & Jessica Ryan  
\$5,000 cemetery fund.

In memory of Patricia Viker \$1,380 cemetery fund

## **HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK**

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 am	East worship ( <i>coffee after</i> )
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship, Install Officers & Baptism of Walker Jervis
<b>Monday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	West Council meeting
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:00 pm	<b><u>Supper for Luther League, then</u></b>

		<u><b>Do a service project (then Conf. class)</b></u>
<b>Thursday:</b>	7:00 pm 9am-Noon	Both Confirmation at West Pastor at office
<b>Friday:</b>	_____	Pastor's day off-work
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	<u>East WELCA meeting at church</u>
<b>Sun., (02/15)</b>	8:30 am	<u>East worship, <u>Comm.</u> <u>After church</u></u> <u>East invited for Valentine Fun</u> <u>hosted by East WELCA women</u>
	9:30 am 10:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i> West worship, <u>Comm.</u>

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

<b>Feb. 16 (Mon.):</b> 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Feb. 17 (Tue.):</b> 10:00 am NOON	East quilting/sack lunch <u><b>DEADLINE to submit info/reports for next newsletter (Mar. issue)</b></u>
<b>Feb. 18 (Wed.):</b> 7:00 pm	<u><b>BOTH: Ash Wednesday @ WEST</b></u>
<b>Feb. 19 (Thur.):</b> 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Feb. 20 (Fri.):</b> _____	Pastor's day off-work
<b>Feb. 22 (Sun.):</b> 8:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	East worship JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i> West worship
<b>Feb. 23 (Mon.):</b> 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Feb. 24 (Tue.):</b> 10:00 am >>>	East quilting/sack lunch <u><b>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</b></u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
<b>Feb. 25 (Wed.):</b> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	<u><b>BOTH: Lenten supper @ EAST</b></u> (supper by East Circle 4) <u><b>BOTH: Lenten Worship @ EAST</b></u>
<b>Feb. 26 (Thur.):</b> 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Feb. 27 (Fri.):</b> _____	Pastor's day off-work

## 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*).

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