

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

November 16, 2025: 23rd 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 NOVEMBER



EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Nov. at East, coffee follows)

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

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

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Nov. – Gena Cahill

Deacon: Nov.: Mary Madson

Reader: Nov. 16 - Check schedule

Acolytes: Ushers covering, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 3rd Sun. — Open week

READINGS: Nov. 16 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a: *Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.*

PSALM: Psalm 98

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13: *Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19: *As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAST WOMEN: WREATH DECORATING PARTY



East women are invited to a wreath decorating party at Mary Madson's home at **1:00 pm THIS Saturday, November 22.**

DECORATING EAST ST. OLAF FOR CHRISTMAS



Come one, come all! All ages of helpers are invited to help decorate our church for Christmas **right after church, NEXT Sunday, November 23.** *It's fun and many helpers make the decorating go quickly (so everyone can get home in time for the football game).*

EAST ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS MISSION



East's *Giving Tree* will go up on **Nov. 23.** There will be tags that members can take from the tree, **and purchase gifts for the 180 Youth Shelter – more info was in Nov. newsletter** *(this is a NEW mission because the Women's Shelter is transitioning to a new facility – so they cannot accept donations at this time).* East has supplied gifts of necessities for the past few years. **Presents can be put under the tree until Dec. 21.** *Those gifts will be dropped off at the 180 Youth Shelter Dec. 22.*

JAM FAMILIES: PROGRAM PRACTICE DETAILS

NOTE: On Sunday, November 30: JAM will have a two-hour practice at EAST church from 9:30-11:30 am.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR BY HAYFIELD CREST AUXILIARY



Saturday, December 6 from 8:00am-Noon, the

Field Crest Auxiliary invites you to their

Christmas Bazaar to be held at the HAYFIELD SENIOR CENTER on Main Street: Lefse, Baked

Goods, Embroidered Dish Towels, Craft Items,

Christmas Décor & QUILT RAFFLE. Coffee and treats for a free will offering. *Proceeds go toward Field Crest Care Center projects.*

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 this 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

PRAYER UPDATES:



Please inform Gina if you have prayer updates...

whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(11/09/2025) Current \$545, Benevolence \$25, Reimbursement \$575, and In-Memory of Steve Jensen: Undesignated \$250.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the Dec. newsletter info – email by Nov. 17 or 18

TODAY	8:30 am	East worship, <i>coffee following</i>
	9:30 am	JAM – Practice for program <i>Also West coffee with free-will offering going to Food Shelves</i>
	10:30 am	West worship

Monday:	9am-Noon NOON	Pastor at office <u>Deadline to submit info for the next newsletter (early for holiday)</u>
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Saturday:	1:00 pm	<u>EAST wreath decorating party at Mary Madson's home (all women)</u>
Sun. (11/23)		CHRIST THE KING DAY
	8:30 am	East worship / <u>communion</u> <i>East coffee after church... and</i> <u>EAST decorates for Christmas, with a BRUNCH served too.</u>
	9:30 am	JAM - Practice for program <i>Also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship / <u>communion</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Nov. 24 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 25 (Tue.)	----- >>>>>	<u>NO quilting</u> for East <u>NEWSLETTER DAY at Office</u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
Nov. 26 (Wed.)	-----	<u>NO class</u> for confirmation
Nov. 27 (Thu.):	-----	<u>OFFICE CLOSED:</u> Thanksgiving!
Nov. 28 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
	9:00 am	West decorates chapel for Advent
Nov. 30 (Sun.):	8:30 am	East worship <i>East coffee after church_</i>
	<u>9:30-11:30 am</u>	<u>JAM: Two-hour practice at EAST church, for Christmas program</u> <i>Also West coffee, and West WELCA Board meets during coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship
	>>>>>	West decorates church for Christmas ALL ages are encouraged to come and help - it's fun!

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)

Dec. 1 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Dec. 2 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Dec. 3 (Wed.): 7:00 pm Both: Confirmation Class at West

Dec. 4 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Dec. 5 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day off-work

Dec. 7 (Sun.): 8:30 am West worship, Comm.

NOTE: No West coffee due to event

10:30 am EAST Christmas Program, Comm.
Lunch served by WELCA following

>>>>> **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

>>>>> **JOINT Council Meeting at WEST**
6:00 pm-Individual meetings
7:00 pm-Joint meeting begins

Dec. 9 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Dec. 10 (Wed.): 10:30 am WEST WELCA Christmas Party &
Potluck lunch – Men welcome too!

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 **EAST WELCA Christmas Party**
All East women are invited!

Dec. 14 (Sun.): 8:30 am West CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

10:30 am EAST Worship (coffee follows)

Dec. 15 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Dec. 16 (Tue.): 10:00 am **East Quilter Christmas Gathering**

Dec. 17 (Wed.): 7:00 pm Both: Confirmation Class at West

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 JAM class at West, *West coffee*
 10:30 am East worship (*coffee follows*)
 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 service 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)
 Dec. 29 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 Dec. 30 (Tue.): >>>>> NO quilting at East
 Dec. 31 (Wed.): >>>> NO class for Confirmation

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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