

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

August 30, 2026: 14th Sun. 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. *Fall hours begin in Sept. (see below).*

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER (Fall Hours Begin)



WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Sept.

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

(RALLY DAY 09/20 & West NEW MEMBER DAY with
a LUNCH at 11am)

EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Sept. (*coffee follows*)

BOTH THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Aug. – Gena Cahill

Deacon: Aug. – Jane Williams

Readers: Aug. 30 – Jen Briske

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 5th Sun. – Sun. School or Council

READINGS: AUG. 30, 2026 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-2: *Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21: *Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28: *After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP FOR EARTHQUAKE IMPACTED, IN COLUMBIA

On August 10, 2026, a 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck western Colombia, in the Chocó department. A second earthquake of 4.4 magnitude struck the same region on August 20. *As of August 20, 319 people have died, 4,506 have been injured, and 260 remain missing.* Although the Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO) was not impacted, they immediately engaged ministry partners to address both immediate and emergent needs of all who are suffering from this natural disaster. **Your gifts to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Colombia fund (SEMNSynod.org/GiveCo) will be directed to IELCO so that they can provide food, fresh water, diapers, and other emergent needs** as they continue to engage earthquake survivors with on-the-ground "first response" spiritual care.

L.L. PIZZA PARTY & FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS!!

>> Luther League PIZZA PARTY at 6:00 pm Wed., Sept. 9 at the West Chapel

>> Followed by the FIRST CLASS for Confirmation at 7pm.

NEW DAY FOR THE EAST WOMEN'S MEETINGS

Women of East will now meet after church on the 2nd Sunday each month Sept.r thru Dec. (so next meeting is Sept. 13) It is our hope, this change will enable more women to participate.

QUILT SHOW AT TRINITY LUTHERAN HAYFIELD

Trinity Lutheran of Hayfield invites everyone to their special quilt show on **Sat., September 19 from 1:00-2:15pm – followed by a dessert reception.** Nationally-recognized award-winning quilter, Tamara Carter, along with her husband and co-presenter, Joe Gaines (of the Choctaw Nation) will share quilts inspired by Indigenous American history, culture, and lifeways in an educational and inspirational program. *Free of charge and open to the public.*

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

If you are willing to do scripture readings, please sign up at the lectern by the communion book. Thank you.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	8:30 am	East worship – <i>coffee after church</i>
	9:00 am	<i>West coffee (West WELCA officers plan the West Fall Bazaar)</i>
	10:00 am	West worship
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting
	Noon	Circle 4 meeting/sack lunch
	>>>>	<u>JOINT COUNCIL at EAST</u>
		6:00 pm – Individual meetings
		7:00 pm – Joint council meeting

>>> Pastor vacation Sept. 2 – Sept. 5 <<<

Sun. (09/06) 9:00 am West worship, Comm.
 10:00 am West coffee
 11:00 am East worship, Comm.
 East coffee after church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 7 (Mon.): >>> OFFICE CLOSED- Labor Day

Sept. 8 (Tue.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Sept. 9 (Wed.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
 1:00 pm West WELCA meeting *Host-
 Breanna Estby, Study- Pastor Paul*
 6:00 pm Luther League PIZZA PARTY at
 the West Chapel
 7:00 pm FIRST CLASS for Confirmation

>>> Pastor vacation Sept. 10 - Sept. 14 <<<

Sept. 13 (Sun.): BOTH: Rev. Jim Rushton & Organist Jeneane
 9:00 am West worship
 10:00 am West coffee (*West donated school
 supplies are due*)
 11:00 am East worship
 After church East Women's meeting at church

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

**THIS DID NOT MAKE IT IN THE SEPT. NEWSLETTER:
 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.*

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EAST Prayers: 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 John Heydt (brother of Pat Nelson); and in Army Basic Training: Dawson Meier.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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COUNCIL CONTACT INFO: **ALL area codes are (507)**

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