East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

November 8, 2026: 24th 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 (*on the stand in the narthex*). Note that worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER



WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Nov.
JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)
EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Nov. (*East coffee after church*)

>> *RETIREMENT DINNERS: West is today, and East on 11/15*

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US
Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild
Altar Guild: Nov. – Meghan Ohman
Deacon: Nov. - Meghan Ohman
Reader: Nov. 8 – EllaMae Ohman
Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed
Coffee Servers: 2nd Sun. - Sarah Circle

READINGS: Nov. 8, 2026: 24th Sunday after Pentecost
INTRODUCTION: *Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory – the marriage feast of the Lamb.*
FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24: *In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.*

PSALM: Psalm 70
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: *Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.*
GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13: *Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

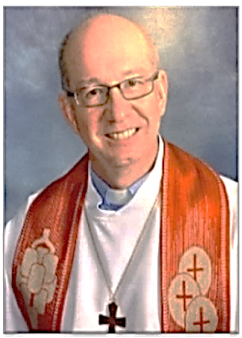
TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 FINAL RESULTS OF CONGREGATIONAL PARSONAGE VOTE:



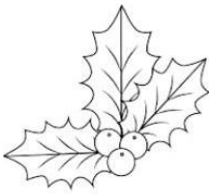
105 total ballots: *East 51 ballots, West 54 ballots.*
1 - Remove it (35 votes)
2 - Sell on open market (38 votes)
3 - Leave as is (32 votes)

NEXT SUNDAY: EAST RETIREMENT DINNER!!!



East St. Olaf Retirement Appreciation Lunch for
Pastor Paul & Jana
Sunday, November 15, 2026
11:00am Worship, then Noon Lunch
Wishing you the best!

HOLIDAY PALOOZA CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR AT EAST ST. OLAF CHURCH



Saturday, December 5, 2026
9:00am – 2:00pm: All welcome!
Local Crafters & Vendors!
Baked Goods, Candles, Flower arrangements, Christmas Items, Cookbooks & more!
If you would like to sell your wares, tables are $30.
Contact Amy Schwarz if interested: amyjorgenson23@gmail.com
Lunch Menu: Hotdishes, dinner rolls, coffee, & hot cocoa bar
Price: Free will donation

BEAUTIFYING OUR SANCTUARY



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 Mon. Dec. 14 (*specify who the plant is from and whom it's in memory-of*).**

WEST: *Sheryl Wohlers (507-365-8816 or 507-259-5974)*
EAST or WEST: *Email Gina at eastwest@kmtel.com*

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

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

EAST MEMBERS: If you know of anyone who would like a get a card from East St. Olaf, please contact Jane Williams (507) 271-2272 (Talk or Text). Help us share a blessing!

PRAYER UPDATES:

Please email our church secretary at **eastwest@kmtel.com** if you have prayer updates (*whether someone to add to our prayer lists or if someone is now doing well and can be removed*).

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(11/01/26) Current $8,622, Reimburse $220, Benevolence $25.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	Day of WEST RETIRMENT DINNER	
	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM at West (*also West coffee)*
	After church: WEST Appreciation Dinner	
	11:00 am	East worship: Hymn-Sing (*East coffee after church*)
	After church: EAST WELCA MEETING	
Monday:	7:00 pm	West Council meeting
Tuesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	West WELCA meeting
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West
Friday:	--------	Pastor's day off
Sun. (11/15)	**Day of EAST RETIREMENT DINNER!!!**	
	9:00 am	West worship, Communion
	10:00 am	JAM at West (*also West coffee)*
	11:00 am	East worship, Communion
	Noon	**EAST Retirement Dinner for Pastor Paul & Jana!!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 17 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	**DEADLINE to submit info *for Dec. newsletter – it gets published before Thanksgiving***
Nov. 18 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West
Nov. 20 (Fri.):	--------	Pastor's day off
Nov. 22 (Sun.):	**BOTH: DECORATING for CHRISTMAS!**	
	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM practice program (*also West Volunteer Appreciation coffee) WEST decorates church for Christmas- all helpers needed!*

	11:00 am	East worship (*coffee after church*)
	After church	***EAST decorates church for Christmas- all helpers needed!***
Nov. 24 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	>>>>	**NEWSLETTER DAY at Office**
Nov. 25 (Wed.):	------	**NO class** for Confirmation-holiday
Nov. 25 (Wed.):	------	OFFICE CLOSED – Thanksgiving
Nov. 27 (Fri.):	9:00 am	West WELCA decorates chapel for Christmas (men's help welcome)
	--------	Pastor's day off
Nov. 29 (Sun.):	**Rev. Jim Rushton preaching at both**	
	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM practice program (*also West coffee)*
	11:00 am	East worship (*coffee after church*)
Nov. 30 (Mon.):	--------	Pastor vacation day

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2026 (*Pastor Paul retires end Dec.*)
EAST EARLY at 9:00 am for Dec. (*East coffee after church*)
BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)
WEST LATE at 11:00 am for Dec.

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EAST Prayers: Lori Peterson, Tom Myhre, Sr., 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), John (cousin of Pat Nelson), Sylvia Torstenson, and John Heydt (brother of Pat Nelson); Serving in our military: Dalton Mansfield, Dawson Meier (completed Basic, starting AIT training).

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