

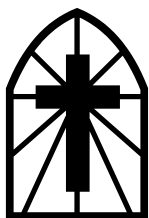


## AUGUST 2025 HAPPENINGS

**Pastor Paul Thompson** Cell: 507-273-8504 Email: pthomp821@gmail.com

**Office Hours:** 9:00 am–Noon (Monday & Thursday ... or by appointment) **Websites:** eaststolaf.org ...OR.... weststolaf.org

**Gina Moser, Secretary:** Office: 365-8222 Cell: 507-951-4964 Emails: eastwest@kmtel.com AND certainty@kmtel.com



## Worship Schedule August

WEST 8:30 am worship with coffee after church

EAST 10:00 am worship with coffee after church

>>> JOINT SERVICE August 17 in WEST church (coffee following)

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JAM will be at 9:30 am (for East & West students) RALLY DAY will be September 14 at West chapel

SEPT. LATE SERVICE will be at 10:30 am (September late will be at West, with coffee at 9:30 am)

**OFFERINGS:** Our congregational councils ask you to prayerfully continue your financial support for your church. Please be sure to make your check out to "West St. Olaf Lutheran Church" or "East St. Olaf Lutheran Church" and mail to...

West members mail to: Dave Peterson 25378 720<sup>th</sup> St., Hayfield, MN 55940

East members mail to: Bryan DeCook at 7583 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Stewartville, MN 55976

## Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



In the TV show *Good Bones* on HGTV, the designers take a home that has a good structure and rearrange the layout, utilizing the "good bones" to make it a better-functioning space. In the second reading from 1 Peter, Jesus is called the "cornerstone" of our faith, so we know that our faith has good bones. And yet, there are things we can rearrange and redo to ensure that the integrity of the faith stays in place for future generations. The Church founded by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and guided through the centuries has good bones. We have the scriptures, through our spiritual ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, through Moses and the prophets, and through Jesus' apostles. We have the example of the generations who passed on the Good News of Jesus through trial and turmoil. We have the truth of God's grace taught through our ancestors.

Within those bones we have room to live, and love, and share. Just as our homes are divided into rooms, Christians have been divided, but not separated. The many questions that divided our forebears into denominations and sects, have not been answered, but we have learned to work together all the same. Within the bones of the body of Christ we still work together, doing good work, and accomplishing all God has in mind for us.

In Christ's name,  
Pastor Paul Thompson

## Membership Updates, WELCA News, Serving Schedules

### MEMBERSHIP INFO

#### BAPTISM

Isaiah Cole Schwarz was baptized on June 29, 2025 at East St. Olaf. Parents: David & Amy Schwarz. Officiant: Rev. Paul Thompson.

#### ETERNAL LIFE

Mervis Keckhafer (*West member*), was commended unto our Lord on June 7, 2025 at West St. Olaf. Officiated by Rev. Paul Thompson.

Carol Mestad (*East member*), was commended unto our Lord on June 25, 2025 at East St. Olaf. Officiated by Rev. Paul Thompson.

Loretta Himle (*West member*), was commended unto our Lord on July 15, 2025 at West St. Olaf. Officiated by Rev. Paul Thompson.

### EAST WELCA & EVENTS

The Women of East met for our June meeting on Saturday, June 14. Jane opened with devotions and Amy opened the meeting. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Reviewed Mother's Day and Graduation celebrations. The Congregation Wide Rummage Sale was discussed. Sign up sheets were put in the newsletter and at the back of the church. Jane will contact members if more volunteers are needed. Amy checked on the cost of lutefisk and it is going at \$6.50+ per pound. If this is served at the dinner, we will have to raise prices, \$25 with fish, and \$20 with just meatballs. Amy will check with Sonya to see if they would be interested in cooking fish that day. Sign ups will start in August. The craft and vendor fair is Sept. 27. That will go in the newsletter in August and September. We received thank yous from The Ronald McDonald House and PossAbilities. There is no meeting in July, and our next meeting will be August 9 (at 10am at church). East Quilting: Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 10am—bring a sack lunch.

### WEST WELCA NEWS

August is such a busy and exciting time of the year. We look forward to the fairs, summer vacations, VBS, anticipating the start of a new school year; and for some apprehension about beginning their new independent life in college.

We thank Norm Senjem for his interesting information about the history of the parsonage he presented at our June WELCA meeting. Pie and ice cream was enjoyed following the meeting. In July there were 15 of us who went to Pizza Ranch and enjoyed chicken and pizza for lunch. It was great having the men join us for these two outings.

*Thank you to Gail Laxen for being our chairperson in July. She had a big job organizing the funeral for Loretta Himle. We appreciate all who worked and brought cake. Thank you to Sally West for serving as chairperson in June.*

*We also want to thank the ladies who served on altar guild in June and July; Jane, Sheryl, Donna and Cindy S. Our chairpersons for August are Jan Nordland and Roxanne Weinmann. Jane and Sheryl are on altar guild.*

We ask for your generous donations again for the School Kit mission for Lutheran World Relief. There is a list of needed supplies in this newsletter. We ask that you have them brought to the church or chapel by Sept. 21. *It saves a lot of time if you remove the extra packaging on the items.* We can always use help sewing the school bags and there is fabric in the chapel you can use.

There is no meeting for WELCA in August. (*continued in next column*)...



### SERVING SCHEDULES

#### WEST—AUGUST

**Ushers:** Pete D. organizes  
**Deacon:** Sheryl Wohlers  
**Altar Guild:** Jane E, Sheryl W  
**Acolytes:** Ushers covering

#### **Stewardship AUGUST:**

Aug. 3 – Luther League  
Aug. 10 – Board of Ed.  
Aug. 17 – WELCA  
Aug. 24 – JAM (for VBS)  
Aug. 31 – Council

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#### EAST—AUGUST

**Acolytes:** Ushers covering  
**Altar Guild:** Gena Cahill  
**Deacon:** Terry Zieman

#### **Coffee Servers AUGUST:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sun.— Quilting Sisters  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.— Sarah Circle  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.— Heritage Assoc.,  
Joint service at WEST  
4<sup>th</sup> Sun.— Circle 4  
5<sup>th</sup> Sun.—S.S./Council

#### West WELCA continued:

Congratulations to Sharon and Gene Gulbransen who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 16 with an open house in the chapel from noon to 3PM.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!  
Sharon and Nancy



## BOTH: OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

Everyone is invited to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Open House for Gene & Sharon Gulbransen at the West chapel on Saturday, August 16, from noon to 3:00 pm. *Come share this very special day with the Gulbransens!*



## East St. Olaf Craft & Vendor Fair

**Saturday, September 27: Mark your calendars!**

All Vendors are welcome! Come and Sell, Come and Shop!  
Contact Amy Schwarz for information at  
[amy.jorgenson23@gmail.com](mailto:amy.jorgenson23@gmail.com)

## WEST: SCHOOL KIT MISSION



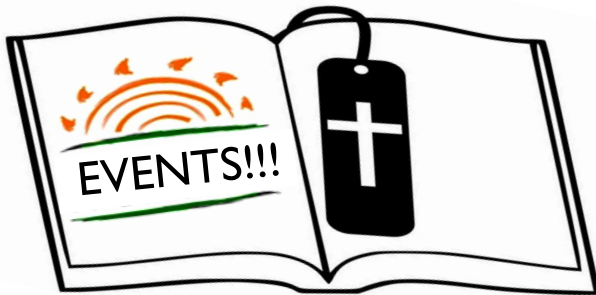
WEST WELCA is collecting school supplies again for Lutheran World Relief. We hope you will keep our mission in mind when school supplies go on sale. There are boxes in the chapel and church for you to place your donations. Thank you.

Any donation of school supplies will be appreciated. All items should be new. Please remove any extra packaging.

### **The following items are included in each School Kit:**

- >> Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- >> One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side/inches on the other
- >> One pencil sharpener
- >> One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- >> 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- >> 5 pencils secure together with a rubber band
- >> One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- >> One 2½" eraser
- >> One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps - WELCA will make these but does welcome help.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! IMPORTANT DATES:



**Note that in September, there will be new times for worship services!**

### AUGUST WORSHIP & EVENTS 2025

Regular services: West at 8:30 am, East at 10:00 am  
**JOINT SERVICE August 17—10:00 am in West church**

**VBS Sleepover: August 23 & 24—See ad below.**

**"Taste of Norway" August 24—See ad on next page.**

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**Join us for VBS, Saturday, August 23 until Sunday, August 24 at the West St Olaf chapel.**

Check-in time is 3-3:30pm Saturday. We'll provide dinner on Saturday and breakfast Sunday. JAM and Luther League kids are all welcome! Feel free to bring a friend! (If kids are not yet in third grade and want to sleep over—we ask that a parent stay over with them.) **PLEASE RSVP by email or text message:**

**[WestStOlafJAM@gmail.com](mailto:WestStOlafJAM@gmail.com) or text to 507-206-9839.**

### **AUG. Birthdays: EAST**

1 Roland Rivera  
1 Lacey Mansfield  
4 Mike Evjen  
6 Heather Roller  
6 David Tvedt  
9 Trent Olson  
13 Chris Yennie  
14 Crystal Juergensen  
15 Sally Rud  
16 Edwin Distad, Jr.  
18 Carter Quinn  
21 Doyle Jorgenson  
21 Pastor Paul Thompson  
21 Brandon Evjen  
23 Tasha Exe  
24 Casey Cook

## Happy Birthday!



26 Brecken Senjem  
27 Angela Brakke  
28 Randy Robinson  
28 Josh Carstenson  
29 Dustin Senjem  
30 Heather Rud

### **AUG. Birthdays: WEST**

4 Kyle Skov  
5 Gabriella Olson  
6 Emily Smith  
6 Benjamin Laxen  
8 Gavin Connolly  
9 Sheryl Heller  
10 Hans Estby  
11 Jamie Palmersheim  
12 Nate Fjerstad  
12 Katie Masching  
13 Karen Hanson  
13 Megan Johnson  
13 Crystal Twaddle  
17 Gene Bamlet  
17 Sally West  
17 Donna Larsen

20 Emily Keckhafer  
21 Wendy Iverson  
21 Pastor Paul Thompson  
21 Jeremy Twaddle  
26 Eric Tiegen  
26 Matthew Gulbransen  
27 Joshua Berge  
28 Mark Keckhafer  
29 Nancy Peterson  
29 Marlys Miller



# **“Taste of Norway”**

## **Sunday, August 24, 2025**

### **2:00-4:00 pm at East St. Olaf Church**

### **(6200 County Rd 3 SW Bryon, MN)**

***Taste of Norway is free and open to the public.***

The St. Olaf Heritage Association is holding its annual Taste of Norway celebration on Sunday, August 24, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at East St. Olaf Church. It will feature a skit on the history of the parsonage.

**>> Home-made Norwegian pastries and other treats will be served in the church basement following the program, which will be held in the sanctuary.**

**>> This year's skit starts at 2:15pm. “*Once Upon a Parsonage*” takes place in the first half of the prior century, during the pastorate of Rev. D.J. Borge. The skit deals with life on the parsonage as a home and farm, back in the days when rural pastors supported themselves by farming the land.**

**>> New booklets on the history of the parsonage will be available.**

**>> Golf cart rides will be provided for those wishing to tour the Tverberg Log House, which was renovated last year with log re-facing and roof washing outside and white-washing of the lower-level interior. The log house was used for church services and education in pioneer times before churches and schools had been built. The St. Olaf Heritage Association has maintained the structure since it was moved to its location near the St. Olaf parsonage in 1975.**



| Sun.  | Mon.                                      | Tues.   | Wed.   | Thurs.                                | Fri.                       | Sat.   |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <div> <p>&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; <b>FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES Aug. 11– Sept. 1:</b><br/>           Contact Reverend Kristen Anderson of Trinity in Hayfield. She may be contacted at: <a href="mailto:kanderson@trinityhayfield.com">kanderson@trinityhayfield.com</a> or call (507) 477-2248.</p> </div>   |   |   |  |                                       | 1<br>Pastor<br>day-off     | 2  |
| 3<br><br>8:30 am WEST<br>Worship/ <a href="#">Comm.</a><br>West coffee after svc<br><br>10:00 am EAST<br>Worship/Comm.,<br>East coffee after svc  | 4<br><br>9:00am-Noon<br>Pastor office     | 5<br><br>10:00 am East<br>Quilt/sack lunch  | 6  | 7<br><br>9:00am-Noon<br>Pastor office | 8<br><br>Pastor<br>day-off | 9<br><br>10:00 am<br>Women of East<br>meeting at<br>church in<br>basement (all<br>East women are<br>invited)   |
| 10 Organist is<br><a href="#">Jeneane Rushton</a><br><br>8:30 am WEST<br>Worship<br>West coffee after svc<br><br>10:00 am EAST<br>Worship<br>East coffee after svc  | 11<br><br>7:00 pm West<br>Council meeting | 12<br><br>10:00 am East<br>Quilting/sack<br>lunch<br><br>6:30 pm East<br>Council meeting<br>(note later time) | 13<br><br>NO meeting for<br>West WELCA.<br><a href="#">August 1's vacation</a> | 14                                    | 15                         | 16 West<br>Chapel reserved<br><br><br><br><b>Noon-3:00pm<br/>OPEN HOUSE at<br/>West chapel—for<br/>60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br/>Sharon &amp; Gene<br/>Gulbransen</b> |
| 17 <a href="#">Rev. Rushton</a><br><br>10:00 am<br><b>JOINT WORSHIP in<br/>WEST church</b> , with<br>coffee & fellowship<br>after the service (by<br>Heritage Assoc.)   | 18  | 19<br><br>10:00 am East<br>Quilting/sack<br>lunch   | 20   | 21                                    | 22                         | 23<br><br><b>VBS</b><br><br><b>VBS Sleepover<br/>at West chapel</b><br>Check-in time<br>3-3:30 pm  |
| 24 <a href="#">Rev. Rushton</a><br><br><b>VBS breakfast!</b><br>8:30 am WEST<br>Worship/ <a href="#">Comm.</a><br>West coffee after svc<br><br>10:00 am EAST<br>Worship/Comm.,<br>East coffee after svc<br><br><b>EAST RESERVED:</b><br><b>2:00-4:00 PM for</b><br><b>TASTE OF</b><br><b>NORWAY EVENT</b><br><i>in the East church.</i><br><i>Everyone is invited</i><br><i>for a skit, Norwegian</i><br><i>goodies, and tours of</i><br><i>Tverberg log cabin.</i> | 25  | 26<br><br>10:00 am East<br>Quilting/sack<br>lunch   | 27   | 28                                    | 29                         | 30   |
| 31 <a href="#">Rev. Rushton</a><br><br>8:30 am WEST<br>Worship<br>West coffee after svc<br><br>10:00 am EAST<br>Worship<br>East coffee after svc  |   |   |  |                                       |                            |  |

**EAST OFFERINGS**

(05/25/2025) Current \$1,847 and Benevolence \$100.

(06/01 and 06/08/2025) Current \$3,205 and Benevolence \$25. In-memory of Nancy Anderson \$5,020 Cemetery Fund.

(06/22/2025) Current \$2,085 and Cemetery \$1,355 (of this, \$1,105 was from Martha Vrieze for Greg Rud's cemetery plot).

(06/29/2025) Current \$ 846.

(07/06 and 07/13/2025) Current \$1,895 and In-memory of Richard Sattre \$405.

**EAST Council Minutes June 9, 2025****Call to Order:** President Randy Robinson called the meeting to order.**Members Present:** Pastor Paul Thompson, Randy Robinson, Gary Kearns, Bryan DeCook, Jane Williams, Mary Madson, Meghan Oman, Terry Zieman, Danny Zieman, Pete Exe**Devotions:** Pastor led devotions during the Joint Meeting.**Pastor's Report:** Pastor reported this at the Joint Meeting.**Secretary's Report:** There were no minutes from May (cancelled), April was not read.**Financial Secretary's Report:** The Financial Reports from April and May were read and approved.

April Totals: Current: \$ 6,536 Benevolence: \$ 2,251 Memorial: \$50

May Totals: Current: \$ 4,494 Benevolence: \$ 1,000 Memorial: \$ 0

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Reports from April and May were read and approved.The Contributions to the General Fund, as of April 25 was \$ 8,787.00Expenses for the month were \$10,356.89. The larger expenses this month included fuel, insurance, phone and fiber, salaries, year-end Grounds Care (snow plowing etc...), and organist (first quarter payment).The Contributions to the General Fund, as of May 25 was \$ 4,594.00Expenses for the month were \$ 7,306.93. The larger expenses this month included salaries, fuel, Parsonage Real Estate Taxes, Insurance. Easter Books and BINGO prizes included this month.**Deacon's Report:** Terry is in charge of June, July is Mary, and August is Terry. Readers are signing up at the back in the Narthex area. Printed copies are set out. A thank you note will be sent to Mary Smith.

Cards are continuing to be sent out, but please let the deacons know of any needs!

**Trustees Report:** Pete gave an update of painting needed on the ceiling under the balcony. Elevator has been double checked for proper operation. Gary noted that elevator inspectors will be here this summer.

The outside steps are in need of another coat of white paint.

**Education Report:** Meghan reported that VBS will take place at West Church in August.**Old Business:** We implemented the "Sharing of Peace" during the sermons, and that seems to be going well.

Synod Assembly update: The current Bishop, Regina Hassanally, was voted in for another term. The Synod Office has moved from Assisi Heights to a Northfield Church, budget was approved.

**New Business:**

Mel Schultz suggested the old granary be torn down as the walls are rotten and now full of holes. Animals are getting in. The Parsonage Committee will work on that. He is also missing two live traps, a large one, and a medium sized one. Returning them, or finding them would be greatly appreciated.

West called Randy and is bringing up different worship times to pilot next year. Early Service would be 8:30am, and Late Service would be 10:30 with Sunday School at 9:30. This will be discussed at the joint service. East agreed to a 1 yr pilot.

Asbestos Abatement Inspection will be needed for the Parsonage no matter what choices we make, including occupying the building. Mary Madson motioned that we set aside \$1300 for the inspection, Terry Zieman seconded. (Note, at the joint meeting it was determined that money in the Parsonage Account would pay for this), so no money needed from our budget. Pete will contact Casey at Med City Environmental.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary Madson and seconded by Bryan DeCook.\*We then moved into the Hall for the Joint Meeting. (See Joint Minutes).**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday August 12 at 6:30pm. Respectfully Submitted by Jane Williams, Council Secretary

## West St. Olaf Council Meeting Minutes: June 9, 2025

Attendance (P = Present, A = Absent)

|               |   |                |   |               |   |                     |  |
|---------------|---|----------------|---|---------------|---|---------------------|--|
| Pastor Paul   | P | Dave Peterson  | P | Deb Schuck    | P | Ben Horejsi         |  |
| Will Laxen    | P | Sheryl Wohlers | P | Clay Hazemann |   | Billie Jean Smetana |  |
| Hans Estby    | P | Mary Brandt    |   | Greg Brandt   | P |                     |  |
| Cindy Stoppel | P | Sue Hyland     | P | Chad Thompson |   |                     |  |
| Jenny Twaddle |   | Carma Bjornson |   | Del Senjem    | P |                     |  |

Meeting called to order by Will Laxen

**Agenda approval:** Motion made to approve agenda by Deb and seconded by Hans, motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Report read, motion made to approve by Sheryl and seconded by Deb, motion carried with minor change.

**Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** Reports reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve both reports by Cindy and seconded by Hans, motion carried.

**Boad of Education Report:** VBS planning continues, with the theme of King David. JAM's rally day planning has begun. Luther league activity for May was going to Air Insanity. Only a half dozen kids could make it, but they had a great time. The June activity will be a campfire.

**Deacon's Report:** Thinking of you cards sent to Wilma Kylo and Lexi Glynn; Sympathy cards sent to Mervis Keckhafer family and the Clifford Thoe family (Wilma Kylo's brother). Hayfield color guard did a nice job presenting at the Memorial Day program, many enjoyed morning coffee and baked goods. The spring sale successfully sold 4 tables, 2 computer stands, and a chalkboard. Some remaining bulletin/white boards will be donated to a learning center. Mervis Keckhafer's memorial was Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> with WELCA serving coffee & cookies after the service. There were 2 special coffee hours in June celebrating Gloria Brown's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and Boyd & Gloria Pew's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Joint summer service at West on June 15<sup>th</sup> with the Heritage Association serving coffee after the 10am service. Council volunteers, to serve at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> coffee hours, are needed. June WELCA monthly meeting is the 11<sup>th</sup> with Norman Senjem presenting a program about the parsonage's history followed by pie and coffee. Thank you to Will & Gail for putting the Easter cross away. Thank you to Carma as the May deacon with Deb being June's deacon.

**Trustees Report:** Greg provided updates about property insurance. He requested 6 quotes and received 3 back from Church Mutual, Brotherhood Mutual, and Safeway. The premium information was shared followed by discussion. Hans made a motion to accept the mid-level premium & deductible from Brotherhood Mutual, seconded by Deb, motion carried.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** A new custodian has started. A motion was made by Sheryl to pay the new custodian \$19/hour, seconded by Sue, motion carried. Will received requests from some members to change Worship times. After discussion it was decided to check with East at the joint meeting proposing times of 8:30am & 10:30am for services and 9:30am for JAM. [NOTE – these time changes did get approved by Joint council.]

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Hans, seconded by Deb, motion approved and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Submitted by:** Cindy Stoppel, West St. Olaf council secretary

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00pm.



## JOINT COUNCIL Meeting Minutes West-East St. Olaf: June 9, 2025

Attendance (P = Present)

|                |   |                |   |                     |   |                      |   |
|----------------|---|----------------|---|---------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Pastor Paul    | P | Mary Brandt    |   | Del Senjem          | P | Mary Madsen          | P |
| Will Laxen     | P | Sue Hyland     | P | Ben Horejsi         |   | Pete Exe             | P |
| Hans Estby     | P | Carma Bjornson |   | Billie Jean Smetana |   | Meghan Ohman         | P |
| Cindy Stoppel  | P | Deb Schuck     | P | Gary Kearns         | P | Terry Zieman         | P |
| Jenny Twaddle  |   | Clay Hazemann  |   | Bryan DeCook        | P |                      |   |
| Dave Peterson  | P | Greg Brandt    | P | Randy Robinson      | P | Heritage Association | P |
| Sheryl Wohlers | P | Chad Thompson  |   | Jane Williams       | P | Parsonage committee  | P |

Meeting called to order by West President Will Laxen

Devotions lead by Pastor Thompson

The Heritage Association group made a presentation & request to the councils regarding the land parcels and parsonage. Discussion with questions occurred. Next steps will be for the joint councils to discuss the requests and notify the Heritage Association of the results.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor reviewed his report.

**Secretary's Report:** Report read, motion made to approve by Deb Schuck and seconded by Mary Madson, motion carried.

**Parsonage Committee:** The East council received an estimate for an asbestos inspection of the parsonage. They approved the inspection at their meeting tonight. Jane Williams made a motion to have the inspection completed with the parsonage committee paying for it, seconded by Gary Kearns, and the motion carried. A granary building behind the parsonage is falling and needs to be addressed. Pete Exe made a motion to allow for the removal of the granary, Sheryl Wohlers seconded, and the motion carried.

The Heritage Association requests include: 1.) receiving a set of keys and given unrestricted access to the parsonage for cleaning and to look around. Discussion occurred. It was decided to not give them a set of keys or unrestricted access. We ask the group to visit during office hours or schedule a visit with a council or parsonage committee member. 2.) for the councils to hold any action or decision related to the parsonage building. The Association would like time to see what other options are possible. Discussion occurred. It was determined that not all information is yet gathered allowing for any decisions. The Heritage Association will be notified that this will be a long process, and the intent is to gather information and present to the congregations at the annual meetings in 2026.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Will Laxen shared West council's discussion about **changing worship times**. Randy made a motion to **adjust church times for year-round** (beginning in September) to 8:30am & 10:30am and JAM at 9:30am, seconded by Terry Zieman, motion carried.

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Sheryl Wohlers, seconded by Pete Exe, approved and closed with the Lord's prayer.

**Submitted by:** Cindy Stoppel, West St. Olaf council secretary

**Next Joint Meeting:** To be determined.

**WEST ST. OLAF FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

May 16-June 15, 2025

| <b>Date</b>           |                 |  | <b>Current</b>     | <b>Date</b>               |          |  | <b>Benevolence</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------|---------------------------|----------|--|--------------------|
| 18-May                | Offering        |  | \$ 871.00          |                           | Offering |  |                    |
| 25-May                | Offering        |  | 377.00             |                           | Offering |  |                    |
| 1-Jun                 | Offering        |  | 1,795.00           |                           | Offering |  |                    |
| 8-Jun                 | Offering        |  | 535.00             |                           | Offering |  |                    |
| 15-Jun                | Offering        |  | 1,636.00           |                           | Offering |  |                    |
| Subtotal              |                 |  | \$5,214.00         | Subtotal                  |          |  | \$0.00             |
| Other Current Income: |                 |  |                    | Other Benevolence Income: |          |  |                    |
| 18-May                | Coffee Hour     |  | 46.00              |                           |          |  |                    |
| 25-May                | Coffee Hour     |  | 49.00              |                           |          |  |                    |
| 25-May                | Rummage Sale    |  | 200.00             |                           |          |  |                    |
| 8-Jun                 | Rummage Sale    |  | 30.00              |                           |          |  |                    |
| 15-Jun                | Heritage Ass'n. |  | 94.00              |                           |          |  |                    |
| Subtotal              |                 |  | \$ 419.00          | Subtotal                  |          |  | -                  |
| Total Current Income  |                 |  | <u>\$ 5,633.00</u> | Total Benevolence Income: |          |  | <u>\$0.00</u>      |

**West St. Olaf Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report**

May 16, 2025-June 15, 2025

| <b>Current Account</b>     |    | <b>5/16/2025-6/15/2025</b> |
|----------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b>   | \$ | 16,986.41                  |
| Income                     |    | \$5,633.00                 |
| <b>Total Income</b>        | \$ | 22,619.41                  |
| Expenses                   |    | \$4,287.72                 |
| Supplies                   |    | \$0.00                     |
| Utilities                  |    | \$211.64                   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>      |    | \$4,499.36                 |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>      | \$ | 18,120.05                  |
| <b>Benevolence Account</b> |    |                            |
| <b>Beginning Balance</b>   | \$ | 795.34                     |
| Income                     |    | \$0.00                     |
| <b>Total Income</b>        | \$ | 795.34                     |
| Expenses                   |    | \$0.00                     |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>      |    | \$0.00                     |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>      | \$ | 795.34                     |

**WEST ST. OLAF FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

June 16-July 15, 2025

| <b>Date</b>           |          | <b>Current</b>     | <b>Date</b>               |          | <b>Benevolence</b> |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| 22-Jun                | Offering | \$ 585.00          |                           | Offering |                    |
| 29-Jun                | Offering | 977.00             |                           | Offering |                    |
| 6-Jul                 | Offering | 2,550.00           |                           | Offering |                    |
| 13-Jul                | Offering | 1,523.00           |                           | Offering |                    |
|                       | Offering |                    |                           | Offering |                    |
| Subtotal              |          | <b>\$5,635.00</b>  | Subtotal                  |          | <b>\$0.00</b>      |
| Other Current Income: |          |                    | Other Benevolence Income: |          |                    |
| 22-Jun Coffee Hour    |          | 31.00              |                           |          |                    |
| 29-Jun Coffee Hour    |          | 47.00              |                           |          |                    |
| Subtotal              |          | <b>\$ 78.00</b>    | Subtotal                  |          | <b>-</b>           |
| Total Current Income  |          | <b>\$ 5,713.00</b> | Total Benevolence Income: |          | <b>\$0.00</b>      |

**West St. Olaf Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report**

June 16, 2025-July 15, 2025

| <b>Current Account</b>         | <b>6/16/2025-7/15/2025</b> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b>       | \$ 18,120.05               |
| <i>Income</i>                  | <u>\$5,713.00</u>          |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | \$ 23,833.05               |
| <i>Expenses</i>                | \$10,790.82                |
| <i>Supplies</i>                | \$271.09                   |
| <i>Utilities</i>               | \$388.09                   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>          | <u>\$11,450.00</u>         |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>          | <b>\$ 12,383.05</b>        |
| <br><b>Benevolence Account</b> |                            |
| <b>Beginning Balance</b>       | \$ 795.34                  |
| <i>Income</i>                  | \$0.00                     |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | \$ 795.34                  |
| <i>Expenses</i>                | \$0.00                     |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>          | <u>\$0.00</u>              |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>          | <b>\$ 795.34</b>           |

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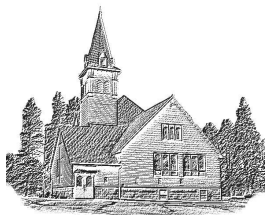
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