

NOVEMBER 2024 HAPPENINGS

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November Worship Schedule

WEST has 9:00 am worship (coffee after church at 10:00 am)

BOTH: JAM classes 10:00 am at West >>>Nov. 3 is Heritage Coffee Hour for West EAST has 11:00 am worship (coffee always after church) >>> Nov. 3 at noon, BOTH CHURCHES are invited to East St. Olaf for a Meatball dinner hosted by the Sarah Circle. Free-will offering benefits East St. Olaf Church (see ad on page 4)

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 720th St., Hayfield, MN 55940

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



By the time you read this, the elections may have been held. Some of you will be breathing sighs of relief, and others of of you will probably be looking forward in dread. This isn't the first election to have been held in a time of extreme divisiveness, it's just the most recent. The elections of 1824, 1860, and 1876 in particular saw our nation pushed to the brink of falling apart, but only the 1860 election resulted in an actual war.

But we have thought of ourselves and a people and a nation under God. That means all of us, whether our ancestors arrived here 4 or 5 generations ago, or those who have arrived in the last few years live here under the wise and gracious eyes of God. We've made room for each other, we've done business with each other, we've lived our lives beside each other, and that hasn't changed, no matter which party controls the White House or Congress.

We must never forget, all nations exist under God, whether they realize it, or not, whether they proclaimed openly, as in the United States, or not. The Psalm writer put it, "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity, and guide the nations upon earth." All nations are called upon to act justly, toward each other, and toward their own people. All nations are called to be stewards of the Earth. All nations are called to peace. Let us always work for peace, for justice, under the One Almighty God.

Membership Updates, WELCA News and More

MEMBERSHIP INFO

6 West youths and 3 East youths Affirmed their baptism/confirmed their faith on Oct. 27 to Rev. Paul Thompson— names listed in pg. 3.

EVENTS AT EAST

- 3-Noon: MEATBALL DINNER for BOTH churches (by Sarah Circle)
- 5—10:00am Quilting/Sack Lunch 6:00PM Council Meeting at East
- 9—10:00am East WELCA Meeting
- 12—10:00am Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 19—10:00am Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 26—NO East quilting (holiday break)

WEST WELCA NEWS

It is a time of Thanksgiving and we have so much to be thankful for in our country. We are thankful for the harvest our farmers were able to finish this autumn. We are thankful for our men and women who serve our country and honor all our veterans this Veteran's Day. We enjoy our freedom today because of them.

Thank you to all the women who have helped with all our special events in October. Thank you to Sharon who organized a very nice coffee hour to honor our six confirmands. Many willing hands making lefse, doughnuts, crafts, quilts and baking plus all the workers at the bazaar allowed us to have a very successful fall bazaar. Also thank you to our altar guild ladies Cindy S. and Donna serving us in October. Our November chairpersons are Nancy G. and Marilyn S. Mary and Sandy are taking care of altar guild in November.

We will have our last quilting for this fall on November 12 & 13 at 9 AM with WELCA at 1PM on the 13th. Pastor Paul will lead the Bible study and Jana Thompson is our hostess.

Heritage Days will be during the

WEST WELCA CONTINUED...

coffee our on November 3. The JAM students will be learning how to make some of the Scandinavian treats. Come join us. Proceeds will go to the St. Olaf Heritage Association.

Our Christmas mission will be one or two families from Stewartville. Watch the weekly bulletins for more details.

We will decorate the chapel for Christmas on November 29 at 9 AM. We need many willing hands to help.

On November 24 the WELCA board meets during coffee hour to disperse funds.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving. Sharon and Nancy



A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY **NEXT MONTH!**

December 18th will be Mervis Keckhafer's 100th birthday! Everyone please shower her with birthday cards at: 115 2nd Street NE, Apt. 209 Hayfield, MN 55940



SERVING **SCHEDULES**

WEST—November

Ushers: Pete D. organizes **Deacon:** Mary Brandt

Altar Guild: Mary B, Sandy I.

Acolytes:

Nov. 3: Mathea Horeisi and Cole Twaddle

Nov. 10: Ryker & Reese Hazelman

Nov. 17: Ryker & Reese Hazelman

Nov. 24: Hannah Masching, Kaleb Palmersheim

Stewardship:

1st Sun. – Luth. League 2nd Sun. – Board of Ed. 3rd Sun. – WELCA

4th Sun. - Council

5th Sun. – Council

EAST—November

Acolytes: Ushers fill-in Altar Guild: Gena Cahill **Deacon:** Jane Williams **Typical Weekly Servers for** East Coffee & Fellowship:

1st Sunday — Sarah Circle

2nd Sunday — Quilting Sisters

3rd Sunday — *OPEN, contact* Marylin to volunteer

4th Sunday — Circle 4

5^h Sunday — Council

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS ARE COMING UP!



PRACTICES will be at Sundays at 10am.

Nov 10, 17, and 24 will be one hour long, at West. Dec 1 will be two hours long, at East.

PROGRAM DATES:

The first program is at East, Dec. 8, at 9am. The second program is at West, Dec. 15, at 11am.



Norwegian Heritage Day for West Members!

HERITAGE DAY COFFEE FOR WEST ST. OLAF, will be <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 3</u> at 10:00am. Join JAM students as they learn to make some of our Norwegian favorites; lefse, krumkake, rosettes, and rummegrut. *Free will offering will be donated to the St. Olaf Heritage Association.*

West St. Olaf Advent by Candlelight



Advent by Candlelight at West St. Olaf will be Sunday, December 8.

Sign-up sheets are available at church for those who would like to attend, those who would enjoy hosting tables, food committee and volunteers for different jobs that evening (ushers, readers, car parkers, etc.). Please sign up as you are able!

The event will start at 5:00 pm for punch, conversation, and the chance to view all of the tablescapes. Service begins at 6:00 pm in the church. A light supper to follow in the chapel. *Our offering for the evening will go to Hayfield Fire and Ambulance. If you have questions, please contact Donna Larsen or Heather Bamlet.*



St. Olaf. May God guide them and bless them with wisdom.

EAST ST. OLAF

LAST STOLAL

EllaMae Ohman, Rachel Pyfferoen, and Ryley Pyfferoen

WESTST. OLAF

Rachel Arett , Drew Baudoin , Cooper Beyer, Adrien Dahle, Wyatt Naylor, and Clara Watson

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: Congratulations and God's blessing to the young men and

women who affirmed their baptism and confirmed their faith on October 27th, 2024 at <u>Last</u> & West

Confirmation of Faith

Nov. Birthdays East

- 3 Dawson Meier
- 4 Glenda Mueller
- 8 Michael Senjem
- 10 Gena Cahill
- 10 Amanda Pyfferoen
- 15 Kayla Coil
- 16 Troy Schoenrock
- 17 Michael Peterson
- 18 Rhonda Leighty
- 18 Elnore Nelson
- 18 Rosemary Schwanke
- 19 William Kearns Sheahan
- 20 Dallen Rud
- 20 Elaina Roller
- 21 Shannon Meier

Happy Birthday!



- 25 Holly Rud
- 29 Teagon Koehler

Nov. Birthdays West

- Laura Arett
- Jennifer Martin
- 3 Bonnie Austin-Thoe
 - Kathleen Johnson
- 6 Donald Alrick

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- 7 Carma Bjornson
- 7 Sharon Arett
- 8 Amanda Scheffler
- 8 Avaya Bjornson
- 9 Ardean Bjornson
- 9 Kaleb Palmersheim
- 11 Scott Iverson
- 11 Steve Arett
- 11 Justin Hahn
- 11 Mathea Horejsi

- 12 Debbie Schuck
- 13 Kristoffer Aasen
- 16 Sheryl Wohlers
- 16 Drew Baudoin
- 17 Joy Beaver
- 17 Linda Wilson
- 21 Terry Gulbransen
- 21 Jeremiah Keckhafer
- 23 Mitchell Eastlee
- 24 Jan Nordland
- 25 Allen Iverson
- 28 Darrell Beaver
- 29 Garrett Rabehl



MEATBALL DINNER (for both churches) at East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Hosted by Sarah Circle

Sunday, NOVEMBER 3, 2024 12:00pm in East St. Olaf Church Basement

6200 County Rd 3 SW Byron, MN 55920

Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, fall-favorite sides, and pie

Price: Free will donation (all proceeds benefit East St. Olaf)

"Holíday Palooza" at East St. Olaf

9am til 2pm on Saturday, December



EVERYONE is welcome to be a vendor or just come shop... And a delicious soup lunch will be available for a free-will donation.

WE'LL HAVE FOOD VENDORS, CRAFTS, BAKING, ALSO ANNUAL SALE BY THE EAST SEWING SISTERS! LEFSA SALE TOO! COME SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS!!!

Everyone is welcome to become a vendor and sell your wares at the East St. Olaf HOLIDAY PALOOZA tables are \$30. Event will be advertised.

Vendor contract and forms are available online at eaststolaf.org >> Click on link for East Bulletin Board All Vendors are Welcome! Come and Sell, Come and Shop!
Contact Amy Schwarz for information: amy.jorgenson23@gmail.com

AND The Sewing Sisters of East St Olaf will also hold their annual sale the same day as the Holiday Palooza Event. There will be quilts of all sizes, material, patterns, templates, a Singer Sewing Machine, and more from Peggy Andreason's estate. Lots of holiday fabric.

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon available.

9:00AM - 2:00PM Basement COME ON DOWN!! East St Olaf 6200 CR3 SW Byron, MN

Women of East St Olaf



The October meeting was held on the second Saturday of the month. Discussions on the upcoming Palooza were shared. We have 10 vendors, the Sewing Sisters, and a soup and salad luncheon planned. Amy is contacting the local newspapers and Dawn will be hanging signs in local businesses. Jane will send letters to our list of 33 local churches in Hayfield, Kasson, Byron, and Rochester to attend and/or be a vendor. Amy and Dawn are looking at dates for next year; and connecting to other vendors at upcoming sales as well.

We will be calling all Women of East to see if they would like to work in the kitchen or bring bakery items to donate on this day. Please consider getting involved and supporting East St Olaf. If you would like to buy a table and sell your wares, please contact Amy Schwarz, 10829 County 26 Rd SW, Kasson, MN 55944. You can also call Jane Williams 507-271-2272, talk or text.

Christmas Planning Already?

East will be decorating for Christmas on December 1st

Please mark your calendars! All hands are needed!

We have early church December 1... so 9:00 church, and 10:00-11:30 decorate.

Help get ready to celebrate the season of Jesus' birth!

>>> Special Sports Note: The Minnesota Vikings are playing the Cardinals at noon, so we are minding the time.

Celebrating East Confirmands on Sunday, November 17, 2024



We are so blessed to have three members of our congregation be confirmed at East St Olaf.

We will have a cake at Fellowship following the service on Reformation Sunday, but we will have a special time of celebration and would like to honor them with a special Sunday Meal on Nov.17.

Congratulations to EllaMae, Rachel, and Ryley! May God be with you always!

East St Olaf Sewing Sisters Annual Sale Dec. 7 (at Holiday Palooza)

The Sewing Sisters of East St Olaf will hold their annual sale on Saturday, Dec. 7 along with the Holiday Palooza Event. There will be quilts of all sizes, material, patterns, templates, a Singer Sewing Machine, and more from Peggy Andreason's estate. Lots of holiday fabric. Soup and Sandwich Luncheon available.

9:00AM – 2:00PM Basement COME ON DOWN!! East St Olaf 6200 CR3 SW Byron, MN

St. Olaf Kid's Corner: November

Be Thankful!

Happy Thanksgiving!! There are lots of stories about Native Americans helping the Pilgrims a long time ago. They taught them how to grow food so they could eat. When harvest time came, they shared a meal.

A lot of things have happened in our country since then. Many people celebrate Thanksgiving in different ways.

As children of God, we take this time to remember all the blessings that God has given us. What we you thankful for? God has blessed all of us with food, water, a place to live, family, and friends, and a whole lot more!

On this earth, we can thank God by worshipping Him, praying, singing, and shouting for joy! We are his sheep, and he is our Shepherd.

This is the time of year to give thanks!

Bible Verse

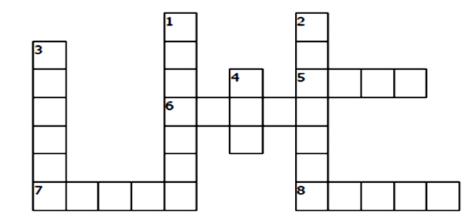
"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever"

1 Chronicles 16:34

Thanksgiving Family Prayer

Dear Lord,
Please bless our
Thanksgiving. Thank
you for all you have
given to me and my
family. We are grateful and we honor your
presence at our table
and in our lives.





ACROSS

- A short piece of music that is sung
- To talk or exclaim in a very loud voice
- 7. A small animal with a wooly coat
- 8. The planet where people live

DOWN

- To express one's love and adoration for God
- A field covered with grass where animals eat
- 3. An expression of appreciation
- 4. A feeling of great happiness

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Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Pastor: day-off	2
3 DST ends 9:00 am WEST Worship/Comm. 10:00 am JAM at West West Heritage Day Coffee Hour 11:00 am EAST Worship/Comm. Coffee after church NOON: BOTH West & East invited to a Meatball Dinner at East church (free-will donation)	9:00am-Noon Pastor office	5 Election Day 10:00 am East Circle 4 meeting, Quilting/sack lunch 6:00 pm East Council meeting	7:00 pm BOTH at West: Confirmation 7:30 pm Deadline for bulletin info	Pastor Vac	8 Pastor Vac	9 Pastor Vac 10:00 am East WELCA meeting in the church basement.
9:00 am WEST Worship with Rev. Wayne Vogt 10:00 am JAM at West West Coffee 11:00 am EAST Worship with Rev. Wayne Vogt Coffee after church	7:00 pm West Council meeting	9:00 am West Quilt/sack lunch 10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch	9:00 am West Quilt/sack lunch 1:00 pm West WELCA meeting Host-Janna Thom. Study - Pastor Paul 7:00 pm BOTH at West: Confirmation 7:30 pm Deadline for bulletin info	9:00am-Noon Pastor office	15 Pastor day-off	16
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9:00 am WEST Worship/Comm. 10:00 am JAM at West West Coffee, and Meeting of West WELCA board 11:00 am EAST Worship/Comm. Coffee after church	9:00am-Noon Pastor office 7:30 pm Dead- line for bulletin info (due to Thanksgiving on Thursday)	26 NO quilting at East (holiday break) NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY 9:10 print 9:30 fold 9:45 collate/tape	NO CLASS for Confirmation (school break)	OFFICE CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving!	Pastor day-off 9:00 am WEST will decorate the chapel for Advent and Christmas - Helpers are needed.	30



THANK YOU, EAST ST. OLAF:

Dear wonderful women, we want to thank you for your support this past year for the Winona Lutheran Campus Ministry. We just couldn't do all the things we do for the students in Winona. Thanks again for all your support!

~ Larry Lafer, Board Member ~

EAST Offerings/Contributions:

(Sept. 15, 22, 29, 2024) Current \$3,215

(Oct. 6, 2024) Current \$ \$21,150.16 and Cemetery \$150.

(Oct. 13 & 20, 2024) Current \$4,486, and In Memory of Donald, Gary, and Greg Rud: Cemetery \$30

(Oct. 27, 2024) Current \$705.

EAST St. Olaf Council Minutes:

No East meeting in October—quorum not met.

West St. Olaf Council Minutes: October 14, 2024

Attendance (P = Present)

Pastor Paul		Dave Peterson	Р	Deb Schuck	Р	Ben Horejsi
Will Laxen	Р	Sheryl Wohlers	Р	Clay Hazelmann		Billie Jean Cocuzzi
Hans Estby		Mary Brandt	Р	Greg Brandt	Р	
Cindy Stoppel	Р	Sandy Iverson		Chad Thompson	Р	
Jenny Twaddle	Р	Carma Bjornson		Del Senjem	Р	

Meeting called to order by Will Laxen.

Agenda approval: Motion made to approve agenda by Deb and seconded by Sheryl, motion carried

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

Pastor's Report: None given

Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Reports reviewed and discussed. Checking balance is running low and an inquiry will be made into getting a line of credit with the bank. Motion made to approve both reports by Mary and seconded by Cindy, motion carried

Board of Education Report: Halloween/Reformation party will be the last Sundy of October during JAM. Planning is going well. Christmas program practices will start soon. BOE is requesting fund money.

Deacon's Report: Cards sent: Congratulations for new baby girl to Dan & Rochelle West. In our prayers to Carma Bjornson. The rally day was a success and thank you to all that helped. Confirmation recognition on October 6 for six confirmands Rachel Arett, Drew Baudoin, Cooper Beyer, Adrien Dahle, Wyatt Naylor, and

Clara Watson Smetana. Gifts were presented by WELCA. Food & fellowship was enjoyed by all. Confirmation photos will be taken on Sunday October 20th, thank you Tina. Confirmation on Sunday October 27 at 11:00am service with communion. Deb Schuck will be the deacon. Volunteers are needed, from the council, to serve coffee on October 27. Thank you to past council members for serving coffee Gail & Will and Nancy & Dave. Thank you, Sandy, for being the September deacon. Lefse making and food preparation this week for WELCA Fall Bazaar planned for October 19th. Heritage Sunday is November 3rd, and Advent by Candlelight is December 8th with no coffee hour. A request to shower Mervis Keckhafer with cards for her 100th birthday in December.

Trustees Report: No bid has yet to be received from Nickelson Painting. Met with GZ painting and received a bid of \$10,500 for all projects. Checking to see if cleaning the steeple is included. The furnaces have been checked and all look good. The chapel toilet is giving problems (plan to replace tank). A chapel light bulb was replaced. Plan to check into updating the chapel thermostat to the same programmable one as the church.

Old Business: A motion was made for the Council to approve the disbursement request from the endowment fund by Deb, seconded by Mary, motion carried.

New Business:

Council approval of new members Bonnie, TJ, Lane, and Owen Austin. Motion made to accept the new members by Sheryl seconded by Deb, motion carried. Motion to approve Confirmands pending review of essays made by Cindy, Mary seconded, motion carried. Decorating the church for Christmas is planned for December 1st after church. Gina is having issues with the computer, plan to bring up the topic at the joint council meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Dave, seconded by Cindy, motion carried. Closed with the Lord's prayer.

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

Next Meeting: Monday November 11, 2024, at 7pm

After Church West St. Olaf Council Meeting 10/20/24

Attendees: Pastor Thompson, Will Laxen, Dave Peterson, Sheryl Wohlers, Greg Brandt, Mary Brandt, Deb Schuck, Hans Estby.

Agenda Item: Approval of Line of Credit

A motion was made by Mary Brandt and seconded by Deb Schuck to allow the church to take out a line of credit of \$10,000 to use for general expenses as needed. Motion carried.

WEST ST. OLAF FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sept. 16-Oct. 15, 2024

Date		Currer	nt	Date		Benevolence
22-Sep	Offering	\$	550.00		Offering	
29-Sep	Offering		957.00		Offering	
6-Oct	Offering		2,810.00		Offering	
13-Oct	Offering		<u>1,465.00</u>		Offering	
Subtotal		\$	55,782.00	Subtotal		\$0.00
Other Current Inc			Other Benevolen	ce Income:		
22-Sep Coffee Hour			38.00			
22-Sep Non-Member Donation			50.00			
29-Sep Heritage Ass'n			34.00			
6-Oct Non-I	Member Donation		50.00			
Subtotal		\$	172.00	Subtotal		_
Total Current Inc	\$	5,954.00	Total Benevolenc	e Income:	\$0.00	

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report Sept 16, 2024-October 15, 2024

Current Account	09/16/2024-10/15/2024			
Beginning Balance	\$	6,325.87		
Income		<u>\$5,954.00</u>		
Total Income	\$	12,279.87		
Expenses		\$6,761.29		
Supplies		\$0.00		
Utilities		\$794.31		
Total Expenses		<u>\$8,288.09</u>		
Ending Balance	\$	3,991.78		
Benevolence Account				
Beginning Balance	\$	2,008.31		
Income		\$0.00		
Total Income	\$	2,008.31		
Expenses		\$0.00		
Total Expenses		\$0.00		
Ending Balance	\$	2,008.31		

East & West St. Olaf Lutheran



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