West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

November 15, 2026: 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

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 follows*)
>> *RETIREMENT DINNER: TODAY at East St. Olaf*

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Nov. – Nancy Gulbransen
Altar Guild: Nov. – Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson
Acolytes: Nov. 15 - Austin Palmersheim
Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers
Deacon: Nov. – Sheryl Wohlers
Reader: Nov. 15 – Will Laxen
Stewardship: 3rd Sunday – WELCA

READINGS: Nov. 15, 2026: 25th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope – word, water, bread, and wine – eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.*

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18:
Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.
PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11:
Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30:
Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: 95th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!!



Join Us in celebrating
Joy's 95th Birthday!
Sunday, November 15, 2026
1:00-4:00 p.m. **West St. Olaf Chapel**

WEST APPRECIATION COFFEE & DECORATE CHURCH



Next Sunday, November 22 West is celebrating **Volunteer Appreciation Day!** Thank you to people of all ages who volunteer at West St. Olaf to get things done.



Enjoy a special coffee hour as we THANK YOU for another wonderful year! Church at 9:00am, JAM, ***Appreciation Coffee hour and church decorating for the Christmas season at 10:00am.***

WEST CHRISTMAS MISSION



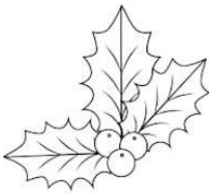
We are adopting a family of 4 children and a Mom and Dad for our Christmas mission. There are tags on a tree in the entry of the church with their needs. **Please have your gifts here by Dec. 6.** *If you choose not to wrap them, the Luther League youth will wrap them on Dec. 9.* Please attach the tag to the gift. There are boxes in the church and chapel to place your gifts. This is a Thrivent Action team mission. Thank you for your generosity.

WEST ST. OLAF ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT



Advent by Candlelight will be Sunday, December 6 at West St. Olaf, beginning at 5:00 pm for punch and fellowship, followed by the service at 6:00 pm, then dinner will immediately follow. ***Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for hostesses, food committee, and other volunteers needed. Please sign up!***

HOLIDAY PALOOZA CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR at East St. Olaf



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: amy.jorgenson23@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*

HAYFIELD TRINITY QUILTERS AND WELCA BAZAAR
Saturday, December 5 from 8:30am-11:30 am
Goodies, Crafts & Quilts. Rolls & Coffee
ALSO Saturday, December 6 (AFTER Messiah Concert)

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)

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*).

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	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
	1:00-4:00 pm	**95th Birthday Party for Joy Beaver at West Chapel**
Tuesday:	7:00 pm	**DEADLINE to submit info** ***for Dec. newsletter – it gets published before Thanksgiving***
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West
Friday:	--------	Pastor's day off
Sun. (11/22)	**DECORATING for CHRISTMAS!**	
	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM practice program (*also West Volunteer Appreciation coffee)* ***and WEST decorates church for Christmas- all helpers needed!***
	11:00 am	East worship (*coffee after church*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 24 (Tue.): >>>>		**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 of 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.

>>> NOTE: Pastor Paul on vacation Dec. 1 thru Dec. 5 <<<

Dec. 1 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	Noon	East Circle 4 meeting
Dec. 2 (Wed.):	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
	_____	**NO class** for Conf – pastor vac
Dec. 3 (Thur.):	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
Dec. 4 (Fri.):	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
Dec. 5 (Sat.):	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
	9AM – 2 PM	**EAST HOLIDAY PALOOZA, a Vendor & Craft Fair and a Lunch** ***Everyone is invited to attend!***
Dec. 6 (Sun.):	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
	9:00 am	East worship, Communion… then After church -East Women's meeting
	10:00 am	JAM at West – NO coffee at West

	11:00 am	West worship, Communion… *and* <u>*Deadline to donate*</u> *for the West Christmas Mission family*
	5:00 pm	**<u>ADVENT by CANDLELIGHT at West St. Olaf – meal after worship</u>**
Dec. 8 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Dec. 9 (Wed.):	10:30 am	<u>WEST WELCA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & POTLUCK (men are welcome too)</u>
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

<u>WEST Prayers:</u> Norman Senjem, Wilma Kyllo, Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (granddaughter of Joy), Grace Seeger (cousin of Gail Laxen), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (friend of Pat Nelson), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria & Boyd Pew, Cindy & Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (nephew of Carma B.). Serving in our military: Jack Kenyon (nephew of Will & Gail Laxen), Erika Smith (granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson).

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