

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

October 19 2025: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Chris Miller

Organist: Pat Nelson

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:

If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook (in narthex).

Worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER



EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Oct. at West, coffee 9:30 am)

Next Sunday, Oct. 26, is Confirmation Day at West St. Olaf

JAM at 9:30 am at West for all students, also West coffee

LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Oct. at East, coffee after)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Oct. – Mary Brandt, Nancy Peterson

Altar Guild: Oct. - Mary Brandt & Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: Oct. 19 – Kaleb & Austin Palmersheim

Reader: Oct. 19 – Brianna Estby

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Oct. - Sue Hyland

Stewardship: 3rd Sunday – WELCA

READINGS: October 19, 2025: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table.*

Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31: *Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

PSALM: Psalm 121

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5: *The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8: *Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK: WEST LEFSE & DONUT MAKING AND DROP-OFF TIMES FOR BAZAAR DONATIONS:

This Tues., 10/21 at 9am Lefse & Donut Making

This Thurs., 10/23 at 9am Lefse & Donut Making

This Fri., 10/24 from 4--6:30 PM: Drop bazaar items at chapel.

This Sat., 10/25: Chapel will open at 8am (*bazaar starts 9am*).

THIS SAT.: FALL BAZAAR & BRUNCH AT WEST!!!

Everyone is invited to attend the **West St. Olaf FALL BAZAAR & BRUNCH from 9 am to 11:30 am THIS Saturday, Oct. 25.**

BRUNCH MENU: Stuffed French Toast, Parfait Cups with toppings, Sweet Breads, Orange Juice/Coffee.

PRICE: \$8 for Teens and Adults, Children 6-12 \$4, and 5 years and under are free. **BAZAAR ITEMS:** LEFSE, Rosettes, Krumkake, Baked Goods, Crafts, and Quilts.

NOVEMBER IS FOODSHELF MONTH



JAM and Luther League are working together on a food-drive for nonperishable foods or monetary donations.

Please consider donating to help those in need. Thank you.

>> Collection boxes will be in the church and chapel.

>> During coffee hour **on Nov. 9 and Nov. 16** free-will coffee offerings will go to food shelves (*co-sponsored by Thrivent*).

JAM FAMILIES: IMPORTANT NOVEMBER INFO

Sun., November 2: All JAM students are welcome to wear costumes for our **Reformation Day/Halloween Celebration** for JAM. Come learn about Reformation Day – it will be fun! *We are having this event one week after Reformation Day due to Confirmation service being on Oct. 26th.*

Sun., November 9: We will begin practicing every week for the Christmas program.

Sun., November 30: We will have a **two-hour practice** over at EAST church from 9:30-11:30 am.

BEAUTIFYING OUR SANCTUARIES FOR CHRISTMAS



*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 this Fri., Dec. 12 (specify who the plant is from; and whom it's in memory-of).***

WEST: Sheryl Wohlers (365-8816 or 259-5974)

EAST or WEST: Email Gina at eastwest@kmtel.com

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: 2025

West St. Olaf will host **Advent by Candlelight** on **December 7, 2025**. We will have time for fellowship and refreshments starting at 5:00 pm in the Chapel, service in the church at 6:00 pm where Pastor Heidi Heimgartner from the First Lutheran of Blooming Prairie will share her Advent message. A light supper will follow back at the chapel.

>> If you are interested in attending, hostessing a table, helping with the service or on the food committee, please sign up in the back of the church beginning in October. We hope to have 14-16 tables again this year to share the blessings of the season with many! ***Please direct any questions to Donna Larsen or Heather Bamlet.***

DECORATING WEST ST. OLAF FOR CHRISTMAS



Come one, come all! All ages of helpers are invited to help decorate our church for Christmas **right after church, on Sunday, November 30.** *It's fun and many helpers make the decorating go quickly.*

ST. JOHN'S KASSON: LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER!

Thursday, **October 23, 2025** – REVERVATIONS ONLY...

NO WALK-INS. Bake sale 9:30 am until sold out.

Adults \$25 and Children under 10 yrs \$10. See poster for info about reservations/seating times, and making payments.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

Deadline for bulletin information – Wednesdays by 7:30 pm.

Deadline for newsletter info - by approx. the 19th day, each month.

TODAY

8:30 am West worship-Rev. Chris Miller

9:30 am JAM classes at West (for both)

Also West coffee

10:30 am East Worship-Rev. Chris Miller

East coffee after church

Monday: 7:00 pm DEADLINE to submit info for the next newsletter

Tuesday: 9:00 am West LEFSE/Donut baking day

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Both: Confirmation at West

Thursday: 9am-noon Pastor at office

9:00 am West LEFSE/Donut baking day

Friday: _____ Pastor's day-off

4 – 6:30pm Drop off items at West chapel for the bazaar (or Sat. at 8am)

Saturday: 9:30-11:30 am WEST FALL BAZAAR & BRUNCH – All welcome!!

Sun. (10/26) 8:30 am West worship, communion and Confirmation Day at West

9:30 am JAM classes at West (for both)

Also West coffee

10:30 am East Worship, communion

After church: EAST members' dinner

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Oct. 27 (Mon.): 9am-noon Pastor at office

Oct. 29 (Wed.): 7:00 pm Both: Confirmation at West

Oct. 30 (Thur.): 9am-noon Pastor at office
 >>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE**
 (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 10:35-collate)

Oct. 31(Fri.): _____ Pastor's day-off

NOVEMBER

EAST 8:30 am worship (*coffee always after church*)

9:30 am JAM at West (for both), West coffee

WEST 10:30 am worship (*coffee before church at 9:30 am*)

Nov. 2 (Sun.): ALL SAINTS DAY
 (and Daylight Saving Time ends)
 8:30 am East worship/communion
East coffee after church

9:30 am **JAM - Halloween/Reformation**
Party (wear a costume to JAM!)
Also West coffee

10:30 am West worship/communion

Nov. 3 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Nov. 4 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
 6:00 pm East council meeting

Nov. 5 (Wed.): 7:00 pm Confirmation class at West

Nov. 6 (Thu.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Nov. 7 (Fri.): ----- Pastor's day off-work

Nov. 8 (Sat.) 10:00 am **EAST WELCA Meeting** (*due to*
our Oct. meeting being cancelled)

Nov. 9 (Sun.): 8:30 am East worship
East coffee after church
 9:30 am JAM - Practice begins for our
Christmas programs
Also West coffee with free-will offering
Going to Food Pantries

10:30 am West worship

Nov. 10 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

7:00 pm West council meeting

Nov. 11 (Tue.) 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch

10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Nov. 12 (Wed.) 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch

1:00 pm West WELCA meeting

Host-Jana Thomp., study-pastor

	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Nov. 13 (Thu.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 14 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Nov. 16 (Sun.):	8:30 am	East worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	JAM - <u>Practice for program</u> <i>Also West coffee <u>with free-will offering</u></i> <u>Going to Food Pantries</u>
	10:30 am	West worship
Nov. 17 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>>	<u>Deadline to submit info for the next newsletter</u>
Nov. 18 (Tue.)	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Nov. 19 (Wed.)	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Nov. 20 (Thu.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 21 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Nov. 22 (Sat.)	1:00 pm	<u>EAST wreath decorating party at Mary Madson's home</u>
Nov. 23 (Sun.):		CHRIST THE KING DAY
	8:30 am	East worship / <u>communion</u> <i>East coffee after church... <u>and EAST decorates for Christmas, with a BRUNCH served too.</u></i>
	9:30 am	JAM - <u>Practice for program</u> <i>Also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship / <u>communion</u>
Nov. 24 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 25 (Tue.)	>>>>>	<u>NO quilting</u> for East
	>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at Office</u> <i>(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)</i>
Nov. 26 (Wed.)	>>>>	<u>NO class</u> for confirmation
Nov. 27 (Thu.):	>>>>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED:</u> Thanksgiving!
Nov. 28 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
	9:00 am	<u>West decorates chapel for Advent</u>
Nov. 30 (Sun.):	8:30 am	East worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
	<u>9:30-11:30 am</u>	<u>JAM: Two-hour practice at EAST church for Christmas program</u>

Also West coffee, and West WELCA
Board meets during coffee

10:30 am

West worship

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West decorates church for Christmas

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and help - it's fun! And many
helpers make it go quickly.**

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Ashley Hazelman, Sandy Morris (*wife of Dick Morris*), Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Sandy Miller (*sister of Carma. 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*), Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

PASTOR Paul Thompson: (*Call before driving to office*)

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Office hours: Monday and Thursday 9am-Noon

OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

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COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Vice President, Hans Estby: 507-365-8600 or 507-259-8843

Head Deacon, Sheryl Wohlers: 507-365-8816 or 507-259-5974