

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

August 3, 2025: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Rev. Paul Thompson

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.



AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

>>> Taste of Norway in East Church: August 24 from 2-4pm

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Aug. – Jan N. and Roxanne W.

Altar Guild: Aug. – Jane Estby & Sheryl Wohlers

Reader: Aug 3 – Sheryl Wohlers

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Aug. - Sheryl Wohlers

Stewardship: 1st Sunday – Luther League

READINGS: Sun., Aug. 3: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.*

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23: *The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11: *Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21: *In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

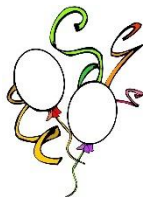
FINAL SUMMER SALAD LUNCHEON AT SACRED HEART CHURCH IN HAYFIELD

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 from 11:00am-1:00pm

DELICIOUS BAR-B-Q'S, SALADS & BARS

\$7.00 for adults / \$3.50 for 13 years and under

60th ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE ~ SAT., AUG. 16



Everyone is invited to attend the **60th Wedding Anniversary OPEN HOUSE for Gene & Sharon Gulbransen** at the West chapel Saturday, Aug. 16 from noon to 3:00 pm. *Come share this very special day with the Gulbransen's!*

VBS WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!



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 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 or text to 507-206-9839.

NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS FALL!

At the June joint council meeting, the joint council voted to try a new year-round schedule beginning in SEPTEMBER (though starting times will still rotate monthly, between the two churches).

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER:

>EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Sept. at East – coffee always after)

>>> JAM at 9:30 am (RALLY DAY date is T.B.D)

>LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Sept. at West, coffee at 9:30 am)

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for newsletter info - by approx. the 20th day, each month.

TODAY	8:30 am	West worship/ <u>communion</u> <i>West coffee after the service</i>
	10:00 am	East worship/ <u>communion</u> <i>East coffee after service</i>
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sunday (08/10)	8:30 am	West worship <i>West coffee after service</i>
	10:00 am	East worship <i>East coffee after service</i>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Aug. 11 (Mon.)	7:00 pm	<u>West council meeting</u>
Aug. 12 (Tue.)	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Aug. 13 (Wed.)	>>>>	<u>NO meeting</u> for West WELCA-vac
Aug. 16 (Sat.)	-----	West chapel RESERVED all day
	Noon-3:00 pm	<u>60th Anniversary OPEN HOUSE</u> <u>for Gene & Sharon Gulbransen</u> <u>at the West chapel. All welcome!</u>

Aug. 17 (Sun.) 10:00 am *Rev. Jim Rushton preaching*
JOINT SERVICE in West church,
with coffee/goodies following
Aug. 19 (Tue.) 10:00 am East quilting/ sack lunch
Aug. 23 (Sat.) **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS!!!**
 3-3:30 pm **CHECK-IN TIME** for the VBS
Sleepover at WEST St. Olaf (*for*
all East/West students)
Aug. 24 (Sun.) *Rev. Jim Rushton preaching*

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Lexi Glynn, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Susie Thoe, Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Sandy Miller (*sister of Carma. B.*), Bill Tietje (*brother of Carma B.*), Gloria Brown, Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria Pew, Boyd Pew, Cindy & Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma B.*). Those 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

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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