

# West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Hayfield, MN

December 7, 2025: Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Paul Thompson

Organist: Pat Nelson

## WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:

If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook (in the narthex).  
*Worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf (except for January... the schedule stays the same as December, each year)*

## WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATIONS



To verify if there is a cancellation for a church service or church activity, **please check**: **KTTC TV (channel 10)**, or **online at [www.kttc.com](http://www.kttc.com)** and click on the tab for **WEATHER** - then click on **Closings and Delays**.

Decisions are made by council presidents with the pastor.

## SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER



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

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

**LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am** (Dec. at East, coffee follows)

**Christmas Programs: Today at EAST** with soup & sandwich after the program (for all).

**Next Sun., Dec. 14 at WEST** with coffee and Jesus' birthday cake following (for all).

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: 4:00 pm East, 6:00 pm West**

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**WELCA Chair(s):** Dec. - Carma Bjornson, Deb Schuck

**Altar Guild:** Dec. - Mary Brandt & Sandy Iverson

**Acolytes:** Dec. 7 - open

**Reader:** Dec. 7 - Mary Brandt

**Ushers:** Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

**Deacon:** Dec. - Mary Brandt

**Stewardship:** Dec. 7 – NO coffee (due to Advent event)

## **READINGS: Dec. 7 – Second Sunday of Advent**

**INTRODUCTION:** *At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 11:1-10: *Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

**PSALM:** Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

**SECOND READING:** Romans 15:4-13: *God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 3:1-12: *Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

## **TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THANK YOU!!**



JAM & Luther League thank you for your generous donations to their fundraising/food gathering efforts for local area food banks. Monetary gifts totaled \$485, and 116 pounds of food items were donated. *Thank you again!*

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS



>> **EAST: TODAY at 10:30 am** with a soup and sandwich lunch served afterward, by the East WELCA (for all).

>> **WEST: Next Sun., Dec. 14 at 8:30 am** with Jesus' birthday cake & coffee following (for all).

## TONIGHT: ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT!



West St. Olaf will host **Advent by Candlelight is TONIGHT** (*offering goes to "Share Christmas" this year – please make checks to: Hayfield Share Christmas OR to West St. Olaf WELCA*).

We will have time for fellowship and refreshments starting at 5:00 pm in the chapel, church service at 6:00 pm with Pastor Heidi Heimgartner from First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie sharing her Advent message. *A light supper will follow, back at the chapel.*

## 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 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](mailto:eastwest@kmtel.com)

## WEST ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS MISSION! (Due 12/14)



West is sponsoring a family from Families First/Crisis Nursery for our Thrivent Action Team "Christmas mission" this year. This family consists of a 4 year old boy, 7 and 9 year old girls, and Mom. *Their needs and wishes are written on tags on the tree in the church entrance. If you are unable to shop, monetary donations are welcome to help purchase winter coats, snow pants, hats and mittens. If giving a monetary donation – please make checks out to West WELCA.* You may wrap your gifts and tape the tag on the outside, or the Luther League is willing to wrap gifts. **Please**

**bring your gifts by next Sun., Dec. 14.** *We hope you will be able to help this family have a bright Christmas. Thank you.*

## **CONFIRMATION & LUTHER LEAGUE DEC. EVENT**



Luther League will be having their December event on **Wednesday, Dec. 17 from 6-8pm at the chapel.** This will be part of confirmation this evening so all confirmation students should plan to attend. This is for ALL Luther League members though. *We will have a pizza party, wrap gifts for our adopted families, and play an assortment of holiday games with prizes.*

## **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**



*Come celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve! Everyone is welcome to attend worship at either church. There will be communion at both churches.*

**EAST** Christmas Eve Candlelight service is at 4:00 pm Wed., December 24.

**WEST** Christmas Eve Candlelight service is 6:00 pm Wed., December 24.

## **HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK**

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

*Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19<sup>th</sup> each month.*

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u> NOTE: <u>No West coffee because the chapel is decorated for Advent</u>
	10:30 am	<b>EAST <u>Christmas Program, Comm.</u></b> <b><u>Soup &amp; sandwich lunch served by WELCA following (for all West &amp; East attendees and participants)</u></b>
	>>>>>	<b><u>WEST: Advent by Candlelight</u></b> 5:00 pm Refreshments in chapel 6:00 pm Service in the church, with a light supper following

Dec. 8 (Mon.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
>>>>>	<b><u>JOINT Council Meeting at WEST</u></b>
	6:00 pm-Individual meetings
	7:00 pm-Joint meeting begins
Dec. 9 (Tue.): 10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Dec. 10 (Wed.): 10:30 am	<b><u>WEST WELCA Christmas Party &amp; Potluck lunch - Men welcome too!</u></b>
7:00 pm	Both: Confirmation Class at West
Dec. 11 (Thu.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Dec. 12 (Fri.): -----	Pastor's day off-work
Dec. 13 (Sat.): 10:00 am	EAST WELCA Christmas Party
Dec. 14 (Sun.): 8:30 am	<b><u>West CHRISTMAS PROGRAM</u></b>
>>>>>	<b><u>Jesus' birthday cake following</u></b>
	<u>Due date to drop off gifts for West Christmas Mission family</u>
10:30 am	EAST Worship (coffee follows)

### COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Dec. 15 (Mon.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Dec. 16 (Tue.): 10:00 am	East Quilter Christmas Gathering
Dec. 17 (Wed.): 7:00 pm	<b><u>Confirmation AND Luther League PIZZA PARTY, wrap gifts at the chapel.</u></b>
Dec. 18 (Thu.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Dec. 19 (Fri.): -----	Pastor's day off-work
Dec. 21 (Sun.): 8:30 am	West worship
9:30 am	<u>NO JAM class, West coffee</u>
10:30 am	East worship (coffee follows)
>>>>>	<u>Due date to drop off East gifts for "180 Youth Center" mission</u>
Dec. 22 (Mon.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Dec. 24 (Wed.):	<b><u>**CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Services**</u></b>
	<u>All are welcome to attend at either church</u>
4:00 pm	East Candlelight Service, <u>Comm.</u>
6:00 pm	West Candlelight Service, <u>Comm.</u>

Dec. 25 (Thu.): -----

**OFFICE CLOSED**

*No worship – Merry Christmas!*

Dec. 26 (Fri.): -----

Pastor's day off-work

Dec. 28 (Sun.): 9:30 am

**Joint worship at WEST, with  
Coffee & fellowship following**

*(Note: NO communion this day and  
NO JAM classes this day)*

Dec. 29 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Dec. 31 (Wed.): >>>>

**NO class** for Confirmation

**SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY (*times same as Dec each year*)**

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

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

*LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Jan. at East, coffee follows)*

**TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**West Prayers:** David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Amber Haley (*Todd and Denise 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**

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**OUR WEBSITES:** eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

**JANITORIAL SVC WEST:** Steve Schuck 507-951-9718

**COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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

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