

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

January 25, 2026: 3rd Sun. after Epiphany

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.

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELATIONS



To verify if there is a cancelation for a church service or church activity, **please check: KTTC TV (channel 10 news); or online at 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 FEBRUARY



EAST EARLY at 8:30 am for Feb. (coffee follows)

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

WEST LATE at 10:30 am for Feb. (coffee 9:30 am)

> Feb. 1: WEST Annual meeting & Potluck (backup Feb. 15)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Jan. – Sue Hyland

Altar Guild: Jan. – Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: Jan 25 – Cole Twaddle

Reader: Jan 25– Debbie Schuck

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Jan.: Debbie Schuck

Stewardship: 4th Sunday –Church Council

READINGS: Jan. 25, 2026 – Third Sun. after Epiphany

INTRODUCTION: *Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross – as God suffers*

with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4: *The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18: *Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23: *Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God’s reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

TODAY’S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

POINSETTIA NOTE & THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

>> Thank you to all who donated poinsettias for us to enjoy during the Christmas season; but now please take them home to continue enjoying.

>> Also many thanks to all who helped undecorate at West St. Olaf: taking down/packing away all of our chapel and church Christmas decorations. *Many hands made for light work!*

TODAY: WINTERTIME FUN: BUNDLE UP & GET READY!!

JAM and Luther League are excited to invite you to a **SNOW TUBING** event at Camp Victory on **TODAY, January 25, from 1:00-3:00 pm.** All families are welcome to join us for an afternoon of laughter, adventure, and snowy excitement. *The cost for each child is fully covered, and parents who would like to*

participate are asked to contribute **\$10 each** to help offset the cost.
Please email allihimle@yahoo.com by Wednesday, Jan. 21 if you plan to attend, so we can plan accordingly. We hope you can join us for this fun winter outing!

~ Warmly, JAM and Luther League ~

NEXT SUNDAY: WEST ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK!!
WEST Annual meeting is next Sunday, February 1, 2026 with 10:30 am worship, followed by a potluck dinner.

>> WEST BACKUP date is February 15, 2026 - 10:30 am worship

WEST WELCA JANUARY SCHEDULE: *Our WELCA calendar booklets will be completed later; so the January schedule is as follows:*

Chairperson: Sue Hyland

Altar Guild: Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson

Jan. 27 - 9:00am Quilting/ Sack lunch

Jan. 28 - 9:00am Quilting/ Sack lunch

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

TODAY	8:30 am	West worship
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> , followed by EAST annual meeting & potluck!
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:30-collate)
Wednesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	Confirmation – both at West
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	10:00 am	<u>PRINT WEST annual reports!</u>
Friday:	-----	Pastor’s day off-work
Sun. (02/01)	<u>WEST ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK!!</u> (<i>if bad weather – WEST backup date will be Feb. 15 instead</i>)	
	8:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> (coffee after)

9:30 am JAM classes, *also West coffee*
 10:30 am West worship, Comm. THEN
 11:30 am WEST annual meeting AND
Potluck dinner after the meeting

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Feb. 2 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
Feb. 3 (Tue.): 6:00 pm East council meeting
Feb. 4 (Wed.): 7:00 pm Both: Confirmation at West
Feb. 5 (Thur.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
Feb. 6 (Fri.): _____ Pastor's day off-work
Feb. 8 (Sun.): 8:30 am East worship (*coffee after*)
 9:30 am JAM classes, *also West coffee*
 10:30 am West worship, Install Officers &
Baptism of Walker Jervis
Feb. 9 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office
 7:00 pm West Council meeting

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Sterling Larson, Jeff Thoe, Julie (*sister of Carma. B.*), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*), 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*), Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

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