

# West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

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

February 8, 2025: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Baptism & Installation of Church Officers

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](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 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)

**>>> ASH WEDNESDAY: Both at WEST 7:00 pm Wed., Feb. 18:**

**>>> LENT Supper & Worship: Both at EAST Feb. 25 with a 6:00 pm supper by (East Circle 4); and 7:00 pm worship**

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**WELCA Chair(s):** Feb. – Sandy Iverson

**Altar Guild:** Feb. – Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem

**Acolytes:** Feb. 8 – Lauralee Olson, Reese Hazelman

**Reader:** Feb. 8 – Nancy Peterson

**Ushers:** Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

**Deacon:** Feb.: Carma Bjornson

**Stewardship:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – JAM (or B.O.E.)

## **READINGS: Feb. 8, 2026 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**INTRODUCTION:** *Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]: *Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

**PSALM:** Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]: *Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:13-20:

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

## **TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SACREMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM TODAY**

Walker Michael Jarvis will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today, Feb. 8, 2026, at West St. Olaf. His parents are Chase Jarvis & Kenzie Gusa. His sponsors are Tyler Reed, Emma Jarvis. *God bless Walker.*

### **COMMUNION SUNDAYS**

Communion will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at BOTH churches (*not counting the special holiday dates when we may also do communion*).

## LUTHER LEAGUE SUPPER & SERVICE PROJECT, THEN CONFIRMATION THIS WEDNESDAY!!!



**This Wednesday, February 11** there will be a Luther League service project at West St. Olaf. We'll have 6:00 pm supper, followed by the service project and then confirmation class.

### WEST WELCA FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

**FEBRUARY** (WELCA booklets are coming soon)

*Chairperson: Sandy Iverson*

*Altar Guild: Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem*

**Feb. 10** – 9:00am Quilting / Sack lunch

**Feb. 11** – 9:00am Quilting / Sack lunch

1:00PM West WELCA Meeting – *Host: Cindy Senjem*  
*and the study is by Pastor Paul*

**Feb. 18** – 7:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY worship at WEST

**Feb. 24**– 9:00am Quilting / Sack lunch

**Feb. 25** – 9:00am Quilting / Sack lunch

*6:00 pm Soup Supper at EAST church*

*7:00 pm Lenten worship at EAST church*

### HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 am	East worship ( <i>coffee after</i> )
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship, <b><u>Install Officers &amp; Baptism of Walker Jervis</u></b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>West Council meeting</u>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00am	West quilting/sack lunch
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	West WELCA meeting <i>Host-Cindy S., Study-Pastor Paul</i>
	6:00 pm	<u>Supper for Luther League, then do a service project (then Conf. class)</u>
	7:00 pm	Both Confirmation at West
<b>Thursday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office

**Friday:** \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's day off-work  
**Sun., (02/15)** 8:30 am East worship, Comm. After church  
 East invited for Valentine Fun  
 hosted by East WELCA women  
 9:30 am JAM classes, *also West coffee*  
 10:30 am West worship, Comm.

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

**Feb. 16 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office  
**Feb. 17 (Tue.):** NOON DEADLINE to submit info/reports  
for next newsletter (Mar. issue)  
**Feb. 18 (Wed.):** 7:00 pm **BOTH: Ash Wednesday @ WEST**  
**Feb. 19 (Thur.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office  
**Feb. 20 (Fri.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's day off-work  
**Feb. 22 (Sun.):** 8:30 am East worship  
 9:30 am JAM classes, *also West coffee*  
 10:30 am West worship  
**Feb. 23 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office  
**Feb. 24 (Tue.):** 9:00am West quilting/sack lunch  
 >>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE**  
 (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)  
**Feb. 25 (Wed.):** 9:00am West quilting/sack lunch  
 6:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten supper @ EAST**  
**(supper by East Circle 4)**  
 7:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten Worship @ EAST**  
**Feb. 26 (Thur.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office  
**Feb. 27 (Fri.):** \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's day off-work

## TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**West Prayers:** Dudley Davis, 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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### **COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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