

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

August 16, 2026: 12th Sun. after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Paul Thompson Organist: Jeneane Rushton

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.*

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST



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

WEST LATE at 10:00 am for Aug. (*coffee at 9:00 am*)

TASTE OF NORWAY 2:00-4:00pm Aug. 23 at EAST

BOTH THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

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

Altar Guild: Aug. – Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem

Acolytes: Ushers cover over summer

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Aug.: Sue Hyland

Stewardship: 3rd Sunday – WELCA

READINGS: August 16, 2026 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8: *The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save.*

Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community – not race, nationality, or any other category.

PSALM: Psalm 67

SECOND READING: *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32: God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

GOSPEL: *Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28: Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TASTE OF NORWAY ANNUAL CELEBRATION!!!



If you have ever wondered who exactly St. Olaf was, a skit called "*Saint Olaf Himself*" may interest you - it will be performed at the **annual Taste of Norway celebration next Sun., Aug 23 from 2:00-**

4:00 pm at EAST St. Olaf. *This event is sponsored by the St. Olaf Heritage Association. The skit begins at 2:15 in the sanctuary.* A traditional hymn-sing led by the Hayfield vocal quartet, Hosannah, follows the skit. Homemade Norwegian pastries including lefse, fattigmann and rosettes will be served downstairs. Tours of the historic Tverberg Log House, with golf cart transportation, will also be provided.

RALLY DAY & WEST NEW MEMBER DAY



Join us Sun., September 20 for Rally Day fun & West New Member Day!!! During worship pastor

will bless school backpacks and welcome Nancy Thoreson as a new member. After church that day, all are invited to a delicious lunch of pulled-pork sandwiches, salads, and bars. Yum! **RALLY DAY TIMELINE:**

9:00 am - West worship/comm (bless backpacks, new member)

10:00 am - JAM BEGINS a new year with a BOUNCEHOUSE!

Also West coffee hour.

11:00 am - Lunch served for Rally Day & New Member Day!!

QUILT SHOW AT TRINITY LUTHERAN HAYFIELD

Trinity Lutheran of Hayfield invites everyone to their special quilt show on **Sat., September 19 from 1:00-2:15pm** – followed by a dessert reception. Nationally-recognized award-winning quilter, Tamara Carter, along with her husband and co-presenter, Joe Gaines (of the Choctaw Nation) will share quilts inspired by Indigenous American history, culture, and lifeways in an educational and inspirational program. *Free of charge and open to the public.*

WEST ST. OLAF SCHOOL KIT MISSION



West WELCA is collecting school supplies again for Lutheran World Relief. There are boxes in the chapel and church to place your donations (due by Sept. 13) – the list is on top of the collection boxes at West St. Olaf. Thank you. *This is a Thrivent Action Team project.*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	8:30 am	East worship & <u>Communion</u>
	9:00 am	West coffee
	10:00 am	West worship & <u>Communion</u>
Monday	9-Noon	Pastor at office
	4:00 pm	<u>DEADLINE to submit reports & info for Sept newsletter</u>
Tuesday	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
<u>>>> Pastor vacation August 20 – August 22 <<<</u>		
Sun. (08/23)	8:30 am	East worship
	9:00 am	West coffee
	10:00 am	West worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 24 (Mon.)	9-Noon	Pastor at office
Aug. 25 (Tue.)	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch

Aug. 27 (Thur.) 9-Noon	Pastor at office
>>>>	NEWSLETTER DAY at office (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)
Aug. 28 (Fri.): _____	Pastor's day off-work
Aug. 30 (Sun.) 8:30 am	East worship
9:00 am	West coffee (<u>WELCA officers PLAN WEST BAZAAR</u>)
10:00 am	West worship

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

WEST Prayers: Wilma Kylo, Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (granddaughter of Joy), Grace Seeger (cousin of Gail Laxen), Julie (sister of Carma. B.), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (friend of Pat Nelson), 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), Erika Smith (granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson).

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