

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

November 16, 2025: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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.

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Nov. at East, coffee follows)

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

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

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Nov. – Nancy Gulbransen, Marilyn Skov

Altar Guild: Nov. – Cindy Senjem & Donna Larsen

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Nov. - Carma Bjornson

Stewardship: 3rd Sunday – WELCA

READINGS: Nov. 16 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a: *Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.*

PSALM: Psalm 98

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13: *Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of*

Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19: *As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER IS FOODSHELF MONTH



JAM and Luther League are working together on a food-drive for nonperishable foods or monetary donations.

Please consider donating to help those in need. Thank you.

>> Collection boxes will be in West church and chapel.

>> TOAY (11/16) during coffee hour, the free-will coffee offerings will go to food shelves. Event co-sponsored by Thrivent.

WEST ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS MISSION!



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. 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 December 14.** We hope you will be able to help this family have a bright Christmas. *Thank you.*

HAYFIELD AREA THANKSGIVING-EVE WORSHIP

Everyone in the Hayfield area is invited to a *Community Thanksgiving-Eve worship service at 7:00 pm on Wed., Nov. 26 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hayfield.*

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR BY HAYFIELD CREST AUXILIARY



Saturday, December 6 from 8:00am-Noon, the Field Crest Auxiliary invites you to their

Christmas Bazaar to be held at the HAYFIELD SENIOR CENTER on Main Street: Lefse, Baked Goods, Embroidered Dish Towels, Craft Items,

Christmas Décor & QUILT RAFFLE. Coffee and treats for a free will offering. *Proceeds go toward Field Crest Care Center projects.*

JAM FAMILIES: PROGRAM PRACTICE DETAILS

NOTE: On Sunday, November 30: JAM will have a two-hour practice at EAST church from 9:30-11:30 am.

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 this 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

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: 2025



West St. Olaf will host **Advent by Candlelight** on **December 7, 2025** (offering will go to "Share Christmas" this year.) 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.*

>> If you are interested in attending, hostessing a table, helping with the service or on the food committee, please sign up in the back of the church. We hope to have 14-16 tables again this year to share the blessings of the season with many! *Direct questions to Donna Larsen or Heather Bamlet.*

DECORATING WEST ST. OLAF FOR CHRISTMAS



Come one, come all! All ages of helpers are invited to help decorate our church for Christmas **right after church, on Sunday, November 30.** *It's fun and many helpers make the decorating go quickly.*

PRAYER UPDATES:



Please inform Gina if you have prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the Dec. newsletter info – email by Nov. 17 or 18

TODAY	8:30 am	East worship, <i>coffee following</i>
	9:30 am	JAM – <u>Practice for program</u> <i>Also West coffee <u>with free-will offering</u> going to Food Shelves</i>
	10:30 am	West worship
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	NOON	<u>Deadline to submit info for the next newsletter</u>
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	Confirmation class at West
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Saturday:	1:00 pm	EAST wreath decorating party at Mary Madson's home (all women)
Sun. (11/23)		CHRIST THE KING DAY
	8:30 am	East worship / <u>communion</u> <i>East coffee after church...</i> and EAST decorates for Christmas, with a BRUNCH served too.
	9:30 am	JAM – <u>Practice for program</u> <i>Also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship / <u>communion</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Nov. 24 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 25 (Tue.):	>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at Office</u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
Nov. 26 (Wed.):	----- 7:00 pm	<u>NO class</u> for confirmation <u>Hayfield Community</u> <u>Thanksgiving-eve Worship</u> at Trinity Lutheran in Hayfield.
Nov. 27 (Thu.):	-----	<u>OFFICE CLOSED:</u> Thanksgiving!
Nov. 28 (Fri.):	----- 9:00 am	Pastor's day off-work <u>West decorates chapel for Advent</u>
Nov. 30 (Sun.):	8:30 am	East worship <i>East coffee after church_</i>
	<u>9:30-11:30 am</u>	<u>JAM: Two-hour practice at EAST church, for Christmas program</u> <i>Also West coffee, and West WELCA Board meets during coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship
	<u>>>>>></u>	<u>West decorates church for Christmas</u> <u>ALL ages are encouraged to come and help - it's fun!</u>

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)

Dec. 1 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Dec. 2 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Dec. 3 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	Both: Confirmation Class at West
Dec. 4 (Thu.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Dec. 5 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Dec. 7 (Sun.):	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u> NOTE: <u>No West coffee because the chapel is decorated for Advent</u>
	10:30 am	<u>EAST Christmas Program, Comm.</u> <i>Lunch served by WELCA following</i>

Also Dec. 7 >>>>>

WEST: Advent by Candlelight

5:00 pm Refreshments in chapel

*6:00 pm Service in the church, with
a light supper following*

Dec. 8 (Mon.): 9am-Noon

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Pastor at office

JOINT Council Meeting at WEST

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

WEST WELCA Christmas Party &

Potluck lunch - Men welcome too!

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

West CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

10:30 am

EAST Worship (*coffee follows*)

Dec. 15 (Mon.): 9am-Noon

Pastor at office

Dec. 16 (Tue.): 10:00 am

East Quilter Christmas Gathering

Dec. 17 (Wed.): 7:00 pm

Both: Confirmation Class at West

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

JAM class at West, *West coffee*

10:30 am

East worship (*coffee follows*)

Dec. 22 (Mon.): 9am-Noon

Pastor at office

Dec. 23 (Tue.): >>>>>

NO quilting at East

Dec. 24 (Wed.): CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Services

All are welcome to attend service at either church

4:00 pm

East Candlelight Service, Comm.

6:00 pm

West Candlelight Service, Comm.

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)

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

Dec. 30 (Tue.): >>>>> NO quilting at East

Dec. 31 (Wed.): >>>> NO class for Confirmation

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Family of Sandy Morris (*wife of Dick Morris*), Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Sandy Miller (*sister of Carma. B.*), Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugelback, 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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