

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

August 30, 2026: 14th Sun. 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. *Fall hours begin in Sept. (see below).*

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER (Fall Hours Begin)



WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Sept.

BOTH: JAM at 10:00 am at WEST (RALLY DAY 09/20 & West has NEW MEMBER DAY & LUNCH)

(also West coffee)

EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Sept. (coffee follows)

BOTH THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s):

Aug. – Jan Nordland, Roxanne Weinmann

Altar Guild: Aug. – Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem

Acolytes: Ushers covering

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Aug. - Sue Hyland

Readers: Aug. 30 - Sue Hyland

Stewardship: 5th Sunday – Church Council

READINGS: AUG. 30, 2026 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a*

community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-2: *Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21: *Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28: *After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

L.L. PIZZA PARTY & FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS!!

>> Luther League PIZZA PARTY at 6:00 pm Wed., Sept. 9 at the West Chapel

>> Followed by the FIRST CLASS for Confirmation at 7pm.

HELP FOR EARTHQUAKE IMPACTED, IN COLUMBIA

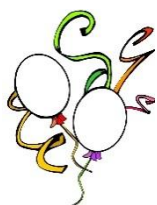
On August 10, 2026, a 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck western Colombia, in the Chocó department. A second earthquake of 4.4 magnitude struck the same region on August 20. *As of August 20, 319 people have died, 4,506 have been injured, and 260 remain missing.* Although the Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO) was not impacted, they immediately engaged ministry partners to address both immediate and emergent needs of all who are suffering from this natural disaster. **Your gifts to the Southeastern Minnesota**

Synod Colombia fund (SEMNSynod.org/GiveCo) will be directed to IELCO so that they can provide food, fresh water, diapers, and other emergent needs as they continue to engage earthquake survivors with on-the-ground "first response" spiritual care.

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.*

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 West new member. **After church & coffee hour,** all are invited to a delicious lunch of pulled-pork sandwiches, salads, and bars. Yum!!!

This is co-sponsored by Thrivent. Free will offering will go to JAM for operating expenses. **RALLY DAY TIMELINE:**

9:00 am - West worship/ Comm. (bless backpacks, and receive and welcome our 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!!

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 – <i>coffee after church</i>
	9:00 am	<u>West coffee (WELCA OFFICERS PLAN WEST BAZAAR)</u>
	10:00 am	West worship
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting
	Noon	Circle 4 meeting/sack lunch
	>>>>	<u>JOINT COUNCIL at EAST</u>
		6:00 pm – Individual meetings
		7:00 pm – Joint council meeting

>>> Pastor vacation Sept. 2 – Sept. 5 <<<

Sun. (09/06)	9:00 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u>
	10:00 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	11:00 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 7 (Mon.):	>>>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED-</u> Labor Day
Sept. 8 (Tue.):	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 9 (Wed.):	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	<u>West WELCA meeting</u> <i>Host- Breanna Estby, Study- Pastor Paul</i>
	6:00 pm	<u>Luther League PIZZA PARTY at the West Chapel</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>FIRST CLASS for Confirmation</u>

>>> Pastor vacation Sept. 10 – Sept. 14 <<<

Sept. 13 (Sun.):	<u>BOTH: Rev. Jim Rushton & Organist Jeneane</u>
	9:00 am West worship
	10:00 am <u>West coffee (West donated school supplies are due)</u>
	11:00 am East worship
	After church East Women's meeting at church

Sept. 15 (Tue.) 10:00am East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 16 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at WEST

>>> Pastor vacation Sept. 17 - Sept. 19<<<

Sept. 19 (Sat.): NOON DEADLINE to submit info/reports
for next newsletter

Sept. 20 (Sun.): IAM Rally Day! & New Member Day at WEST

9:00 am West worship, Comm.
10:00 am IAM classes begin! West coffee
11:00 am West has lunch for Rally Day & for
New Member Day
11:00 am East worship, Comm.

>>> Pastor vacation Mon., Sept. 21 <<<

Sept. 22 (Tue.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 23 (Wed.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at WEST

Sept. 27 (Sun.): 9:00 am West worship
10:00 am JAM classes / also West coffee
11:00 am East worship

Sept. 29 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
>>>> NEWSLETTER DAY at office
(9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)

Sept. 30 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at WEST

>> INFO NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR NEWSLETTER:

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN ROCHESTER FAIR-TRADE MARKET: Our Savior's Lutheran Church Rochester would like to once again invite you to our 18th Annual Fair-Trade Market on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2026. Hours: Friday, Oct. 2nd, 3-7pm, Saturday, Oct 3rd, 9am-4pm and Sunday, Oct 4th, 10am-1pm.

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).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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COUNCIL CONTACT INFO: **ALL area codes are (507)**

WEST: Pres.: Greg Brandt: gregHbrandt@gmail.com 272-0217

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Head Deacon, Sheryl Wohlers: 365-8816 or 259-5974