

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

February 22, 2026: First Sunday in Lent

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 MARCH

>> BOTH NOW have Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays



WEST EARLY at 8:30 am for Mar. (coffee 9:30 am)

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

EAST LATE at 10:30 am for Mar. (coffee follows)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Feb. – Sandy Iverson

Altar Guild: Feb. – Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem

Acolytes: Feb. 22 – Cole Twaddle

Reader: Feb. 22 – Gail Laxen

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Feb.: Carma Bjornson

Stewardship: 4th Sunday – Church Council

READINGS: Feb. 22, 2026 – First Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION: *Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning*

of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7: *Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

PSALM: Psalm 32

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19: *Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11: *Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEST WELCA FEBRUARY SCHEDULE >>> NOTE: WELCA booklets are done - please pickup your copy!

FEBRUARY:

Chairperson: Sandy Iverson

Altar Guild: Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem

Feb. 24- 9:00am Quilting / Sack lunch

Feb. 25 - 9:00am Quilting / Sack lunch

6pm Soup Supper at EAST, 7pm LENT svc at EAST

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER OFFERING ON MARCH 18



The **free-will offering on March 18** (at the soup supper at West church), **will go to the Hayfield Community Food Pantry** to help those less fortunate - the need is great.

This meal is co-sponsored by Thrivent.

THRIVENT DESIGNATIONS:

Thrivent "Choice Dollars" from 2025 can still be directed until March 31, by calling **800-847-4836**. When prompted, say

“Thrivent Choice”. Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

**SPRING DINNER: EAST & WEST BOTH WELCOME!!!
ON PALM SUNDAY (March 29)**

**10:30 Worship at East, then at 11:30 Dinner Starts
East & West are both welcome!!**

MENU: Ham and Scalloped Potatoes , Veggies, Fruit, & Dessert

Cost: \$10.00 per person, \$6 for 12 and under

Hosted by Circle 4 at East St Olaf

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 newsletter info by the 19th each month.

TODAY	8:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u>
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	9:00am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u> <i>(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)</i>
Wednesday:	9:00am	West quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Lenten supper @ EAST</u> <i>(supper by East Circle 4)</i>
	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Lenten Worship @ EAST</u>
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	_____	Pastor’s day off-work
Sun. (03/01)	8:30 am	West worship <u>Comm.</u>
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

- Mar. 2 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Mar. 3 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
>>>>> **JOINT Council Meeting at EAST**
6:00 pm – Individual meetings
7:00 pm – Joint meeting begins
- Mar. 4 (Wed.):** 6:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten supper @ WEST**
(supper by JAM & LL)
7:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten Worship @ WEST**
- Mar. 5 (Thur.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Mar. 6 (Fri.):** _____ Pastor's day off-work
- Mar. 8 (Sun.):** >>> **Daylight Saving Time Begins**
8:30 am West worship
9:30 am JAM classes, also West coffee
10:30 am East worship

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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