

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

JOINT WORSHIP AT WEST CHURCH

July 12, 2026: 6th 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.

TODAY: Fellowship coffee following joint worship service!



SCHEDULE FOR JULY

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

EAST LATE at 10:00 am for July (coffee follows)

>> NO East Council Mtg, NO East WELCA mtg, NO Circle 4

>> NO West Council Meeting in July

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): July – Deb Schuck

Altar Guild: July – Jane Estby, Sheryl Wohlers

Acolytes: Ushers are covering

Reader: July 12 – Will Laxen

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: July - Sheryl Wohlers

Stewardship: 2nd Sunday – Open in Summer

READINGS: July 12, 2026: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13: God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the

Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

PSALM: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11: *There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23: *In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Elizabeth "Betty" Bjornson (*sister of Ardean Bjornson*), will be August 8 at 11:00 am, at West St. Olaf. Blessed be her memory.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MUSIC (FREE)

Grace Methodist Church (801 5th Ave. NW, Kasson) invites everyone to an ice cream social Mon., July 27 from 6:00-8:00 pm with music by HoneyShine Hollow. Sundaes, Root Beer Floats! Bring lawn chairs (*event moved inside if temp is higher than 80*).

WATERING OF WEST ST. OLAF CEMETERY FLOWERS



Do you need someone to take care of your West St. Olaf cemetery flowers this summer? My name is **Kendyl Beyer** and I'm a West St. Olaf member. I would like to help

keep your flowers blooming all summer. I will water twice a week (*or as needed*) for the months of June, July, and August for \$40 per gravesite. Contact at: 507-884-8627

kendylbeyer28@gmail.com

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the newsletter info by the 20th each month.

TODAY: All invited for fellowship following worship!

Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office <i><u>NO meeting</u> of West council in July</i>
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	-----	Pastor's day-off
Sun. (07/19)	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Communion</u>
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:00 am	East worship, <u>Communion & Baptism of Thea Yngsdal</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

July 20 (Tue.): NOON DEADLINE to email info for the August edition of newsletter

>> JULY 20 thru JULY 26 Pastor Paul is on vacation! <<

July 21 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
July 26 (Sun.):		<i>Rev. Jim Rushton is preaching</i> <i>Jeneane R. is organist</i>
	8:30 am	West worship
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:00 am	East worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
July 27 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
July 28 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
July 30 (Thur.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> <i>(9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:35-collate)</i>
July 31 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day-off

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)

JOINT Worship 10am August 9 at EAST - fellowship following

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

WEST Prayers: Wilma Kylo, Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (*granddaughter of Joy*), Grace Seeger (*cousin of Gail Laxen*), Sterling Larson, 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*).

EAST Prayers: Jim Olson, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Keith Roeder (*friend of Audrey Carlson*), Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Kaysie Peterson, Dawn Hugeback, Debra Moekel (*daughter of Audrey Carlson*), Dalton Mansfield (*in military*), John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Sylvia Torstenson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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