West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

November 8, 2026: 24th 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 (*on the stand in the narthex*). Note that worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER



WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Nov.
JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)
EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Nov. (*East coffee after church*)

>> *RETIREMENT DINNERS: West TODAY, and East on 11/15*

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Nov. – Nancy Gulbransen
Altar Guild: Nov. – Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson
Acolytes: - Nov. 8 - Open
Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers
Deacon: Nov. – Sheryl Wohlers
Reader: Nov. 8 - Sheryl Wohlers
Stewardship: 2nd Sunday – JAM (or B.O.E.)

READINGS: Nov. 8, 2026: 24th Sunday after Pentecost

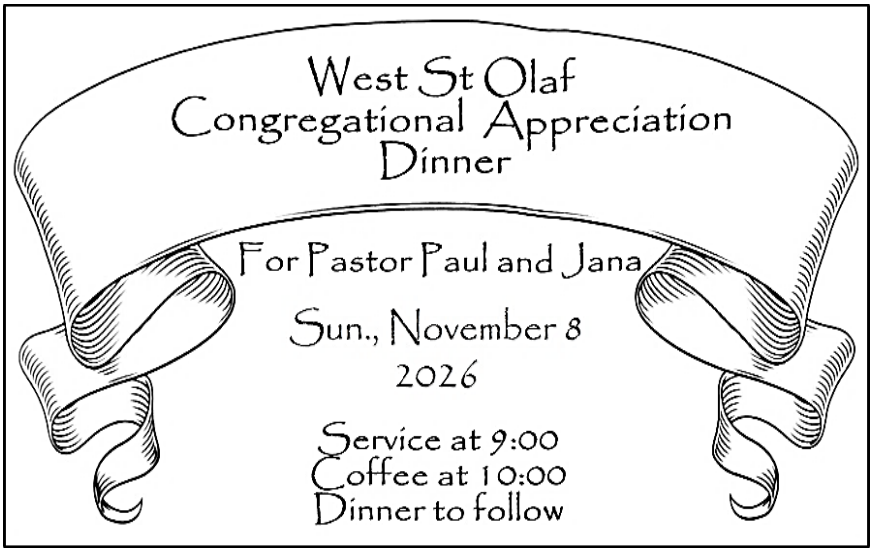
INTRODUCTION: *Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory – the marriage feast of the Lamb.*

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24: *In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He*

said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.
PSALM: Psalm 70
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: *Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.*
GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13: *Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: WEST APPRECIATION DINNER!!!



NOVEMBER 1, 2026 FINAL RESULTS OF CONGREGATIONAL PARSONAGE VOTE:



105 total ballots: *East 51 ballots, West 54 ballots.*
1 - Remove it (35 votes)
2 - Sell on open market (38 votes)
3 - Leave as is (32 votes)

95th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – NEXT SUNDAY!



Join Us in celebrating
Joy's 95th Birthday!
Sunday, November 15, 2026
1:00-4:00 p.m. **West St. Olaf Chapel**

WEST APPRECIATION COFFEE & DECORATE CHURCH



On Sunday, **November 22** West is celebrating **Volunteer Appreciation Day!** Thank you to people of all ages who volunteer at West St. Olaf to get things done.



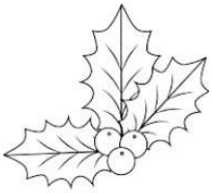
Enjoy a special coffee hour as we THANK YOU for another wonderful year! Church at 9:00am, JAM, ***Appreciation Coffee hour and church decorating for the Christmas season at 10:00am.***

WEST ST. OLAF ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT



Advent by Candlelight will be Sunday, December 6 at West St. Olaf, beginning at 5:00 pm for punch and fellowship, followed by the service at 6:00 pm, then dinner will immediately follow. ***Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for hostesses, food committee, and other volunteers needed. Please sign up!***

HOLIDAY PALOOZA CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR
AT EAST ST. OLAF CHURCH – ALL WELCOME!



Saturday, December 5, 2026
9:00am – 2:00pm: All welcome!
Local Crafters & Vendors!
Baked Goods, Candles, Flower arrangements, Christmas Items, Cookbooks & more!
If you would like to sell your wares, tables are $30.
Contact Amy Schwarz if interested: amyjorgenson23@gmail.com
Lunch Menu: Hotdishes, dinner rolls, coffee, & hot cocoa bar
Price: Free will donation

BEAUTIFYING OUR SANCTUARY



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 Mon. Dec. 14 (*specify who the plant is from and whom it's in memory-of*).**

WEST: *Sheryl Wohlers (507-365-8816 or 507-259-5974)*
EAST or WEST: *Email Gina at eastwest@kmtel.com*

PRAYER UPDATES:
Please email our church secretary at **eastwest@kmtel.com** if you have prayer updates (*whether someone to add to our prayer lists or if someone is now doing well and can be removed*).

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	**Day of WEST RETIRMENT DINNER!!!**	
	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM at West (*also West coffee)*
	After church:	**WEST Appreciation Dinner for Pastor Paul & Jana!!!**
	11:00 am	East worship: Hymn-Sing (*East coffee after church*)
	After church:	East WELCA meeting
Monday:	7:00 pm	West Council meeting
Tuesday:		**FUNERAL of Marilyn Skov**
	9:00 am	Visitation before Skov funeral
	10:00 am	Funeral for Marilyn Skov
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	West WELCA meeting *Host-Denise Kyllo, Study-Pastor*
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West
Friday:	--------	Pastor's day off
Sun. (11/15)	Day of EAST RETIREMENT DINNER!!!	
	9:00 am	West worship, Communion
	10:00 am	JAM at West (*also West coffee)*
	11:00 am	East worship, Communion
	Noon	EAST Pastor's Retirement Dinner

1:00-4:00 pm **95th Birthday Party for Joy Beaver at West Chapel**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 17 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
7:00 pm **DEADLINE to submit info *for Dec. newsletter – it gets published before Thanksgiving***
Nov. 18 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West
Nov. 20 (Fri.): -------- Pastor's day off
Nov. 22 (Sun.): **BOTH: DECORATING for CHRISTMAS!**
9:00 am West worship
10:00 am JAM practice program (*also West Volunteer Appreciation coffee*) ***WEST decorates church for Christmas- all helpers needed!***
11:00 am East worship (*coffee after church*)
After church ***EAST decorates church for Christmas- all helpers needed!***
Nov. 24 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
>>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at Office**
Nov. 25 (Wed.): ------ **NO class** for Confirmation-holiday
Nov. 25 (Wed.): ------ OFFICE CLOSED – Thanksgiving
Nov. 27 (Fri.): 9:00 am **West WELCA decorates chapel for Christmas (men's help welcome)**
-------- Pastor's day off
Nov. 29 (Sun.): **Rev. Jim Rushton preaching at both**
9:00 am West worship
10:00 am JAM practice program (*also West coffee)*
11:00 am East worship (*coffee after church*)
Nov. 30 (Mon.): -------- Pastor vacation day

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2026 (*Pastor Paul retires end Dec.*)
EAST EARLY at 9:00 am for Dec. (*East coffee after church*)
BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)
WEST LATE at 11:00 am for Dec.
NOTE: *JAM Christmas program will be at West, on Dec. 13*

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

WEST Prayers: The family of Marilyn Skow, Norman Senjem, Wilma Kyllo, Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (granddaughter of Joy), Grace Seeger (cousin of Gail Laxen), 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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