

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

March 1, 2026: Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

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 cancellation for a church service or church activity, **please check:** KTTTC 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)

>> LENTEN schedule is This Week or Upcoming Events sections.

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Mar. - Darlene Myhre & Sonya Mansfield

Deacon: Mar. - Terry Zieman

Reader: Mar. 1 -Mary Madson

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 1st Sun. – Quilting Sisters

READINGS: March 1, 2026: Second Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION: *During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the*

font we are a given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a: *God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose – that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

PSALM: Psalm 121

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17: *In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17: *A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES & CHURCH LEADER LIST

Copies of the "draft" annual meeting minutes and the 2026 completed ballots (*for list of church leaders*), are available to pick up on the table in the back, at church. *These minutes will be approved at the next annual meeting.*

EAST SERVERS FOR EAST LENTEN SUPPERS:

March 11: Sarah Circle serving Lenten meal.

March 25: Council Members serving Lenten meal.

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.

LUTHER LEAGUE: PIZZA & SLEEPOVER AT CHAPEL!!!



Luther Leaguers: Join us Friday, March 27 at 6:00 pm. Pizza supper provided.

>Please bring: 1.) your own bedding (sleeping bag, blankets, pillow 2.) a snack to share.

Breakfast provided in the morning as well.

Pick up time between 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

RSVP to Alli at 507-398-7769 if you would like to attend.

EASTER EGG HUNT ON PALM SUNDAY (March 29)



Palm Sunday at 9:30 am JAM kid's will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt – so bring your basket or a bag!! **NOTE:** *Luther League teens are needed to hide eggs & help hold palm fronds that day.*

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

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.

LILIES TO BEAUTIFY OUR ALTAR FOR EASTER



If anyone wishes to donate/share their Easter lily/lilies at church “in-memory of” and/or “in-honor of” someone... please email Gina Moser by March 20, if you would like them listed in the Easter

bulletin. Please drop-off lilies at your church the day before Easter.

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

If you are willing to do scripture readings, please sign up at the lectern where we sign the communion book. *Thank you.*

EAST MEMBERS: If you know of anyone who would like a get a card from East St. Olaf, please contact Jane Williams (507) 271-2272 (Talk or Text). *Help us share a blessing!*

BOTH: run again periodically

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.

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(02/15/26) Current \$1,400.

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	West worship <u>Comm.</u>
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u>
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	>>>>	<u>JOINT Council Meeting at EAST</u>
		<i>6:00 pm – Individual meetings</i>
		<i>7:00 pm – Joint meeting begins</i>
Wednesday:	6:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Lenten supper @ WEST</u>
		<u>(supper by JAM & LL)</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Lenten Worship @ WEST</u>
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	_____	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. (03_08)	>>>	<u>Daylight Saving Time Begins</u>
	8:30 am	West worship
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

- Mar. 9 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Mar. 10 (Tue.):** 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
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- Mar. 11: (Wed.):** 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
1:00 pm West WELCA meeting
Host: Jana Thompson,
Study: Pastor Paul
6:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten supper @ EAST**
(supper by Sarah Circle)
7:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten Worship @ EAST**
- Mar. 12 (Thur.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Mar. 13 (Fri.):** _____ Pastor's day off-work
- Mar. 14 (Sat.):** 10:00 am East Women's meeting at church
- Mar. 15 (Sun.):** 8:30 am West worship, Communion
9:30 am JAM classes, *also West coffee*
10:30 am East worship, Communion
- Mar. 16 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Mar. 17 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
- Mar. 18 (Wed.):** 6:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten supper @ WEST**
(supper by West WELCA) Free will offering for the supper will go to Hayfield Comm. Food Pantry
7:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten Worship @ WEST**
- Mar. 19 (Thur.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
7:00 pm **DEADLINE to submit info/reports for next newsletter (April edition)**
First Day of Spring!!!
- Mar. 20 (Fri.):** _____ Pastor's day off-work
- Mar. 22 (Sun.):** 8:30 am West worship
9:30 am JAM classes, *also West coffee*
10:30 am East worship
- Mar. 23 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Mar. 24 (Tue.):** 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
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- Mar. 25 (Wed.):** 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
6:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten supper @ EAST**
(supper by East Council members)
- 7:00 pm **BOTH: Lenten Worship @ EAST**
- Mar. 26 (Thur.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
>>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE**
(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)
- Mar. 27 (Fri.):** _____ Pastor's day off-work
6:00 pm **LUTHER LEAGUE SLEEPOVER**
& PIZZA @ CHAPEL - bring a
snack to share & bedding items
- Mar. 29 (Sun.):** **PALM SUNDAY**
- 8:30 am WEST worship (NOT comm.)
- 9:30 am **JAM Easter Egg Hunt at WEST...**
*(LL teens deeded to help with egg
hunt & hold palm fronds)*
- 10:00 am EAST worship, (NOT comm.)
- Mar. 30 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Mar. 31 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
>>>> **Deadline to designate Thrivent**
"Choice Dollars"

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Keith Roeder (*friend of Audrey Carlson*), Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), Pat Raasch (*friend of Becky Brakke*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, 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

PASTOR Paul Thompson: (*Call before driving to office*)
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Office hours: Monday and Thursday 9am-Noon

OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

SECRETARY: Gina Moser: (*Call before driving to office*)

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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

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