

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

August 31, 2025: 12 Sunday after Pentecost

Reverend Jim Rushton

Organist: Jeneane Rushton

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:

If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook (in narthex).

Worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

NEW SCHEDULE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER



EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Sept. at East—coffee after)

>> JAM at 9:30 am (**RALLY DAY is Sept. 14 at West for all parish students, along with New Member Day & lunch served at West**)

LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Sept. at West -coffee 9:30 am)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Aug. – Gena Cahill

Deacon: Aug. - Terry Zieman

Reader: Aug. 31 – Bruce Peterson

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 5th Sun. Aug. — S.S./Council

READINGS August 31, 2025: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Invited and inviting – that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.*

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a: *The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

PSALM: Psalm 112

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16: *The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14: *Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW WORSHIP TIMES BEGIN!

This summer, the joint council voted to try a new year-round schedule beginning in September (NOTE, the starting times will still rotate monthly, between the two churches).

NEW TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER:

> EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Sept. at EAST- coffee after church)

>>> JAM will be at 9:30 am... But NOT until September 14,
which is Rally Day & New Member Day West church

>LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Sept. at WEST- coffee being 9:30 am)

THANK YOU, EAST ST. OLAF. The St. Olaf Heritage Association extends heartfelt thanks for the use of your beautiful church for our annual *Taste of Norway* festival Sunday, August 24. Many visitors commented on the stained-glass windows of the sanctuary, where we had our skit and hymn-sing before heading to the lower level for Norwegian treats. The swelling sound of hundreds of voices was awesome. Our many guests were truly inspired by the setting.

LUTHER LEAGUE PIZZA PARTY...

And afterward CONFIRMATION CLASS RESTARTS

Join us on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm, in the West chapel for our first Luther League event of the year – a **PIZZA PARTY!** *Confirmation students will head to class afterward, but all are welcome to join for supper.*

If you're no longer in confirmation and plan to attend, please text Alli at 507-398-7769 so we can plan for food. Come hear about all the fun we have planned for Luther League this year. *We hope to see you there!*

JAM FAMILIES & STUDENTS OF EAST CHURCH:

JAM RALLY DAY will be at WEST on **Sunday, SEPT. 14, 2025** for all parish JAM students (and family). **LUNCH MENU:** Pulled pork sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, bars and beverages (*this lunch is co-sponsored by Thrivent with the free will offering being donated to JAM technology fund*).

>> **9:30 am:** First day of JAM classes at the West church

>> **10:30 am:** Worship service at West

>> **After West worship:** Rally Day lunch will be served

FALL CRAFT & VENDOR SALE - ALL WELCOME!!!

Taking place Saturday, September 27 at EAST St. Olaf.

Coffee bar 9-11am ... Soup & Sandwich from 11am-2pm.

Come and visit us; or come sell your wares at East St. Olaf!

>>> For info on renting a space, contact Amy Schwarz at amyjorgenson23@gmail.com

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(08/10 & 08/17 2025) Current \$7,205 and Heritage Assoc. \$113.

(08/24/2025) Current \$3,277.96, Benevolence \$75.

In memory of Floyd Paulson \$350 Reimb.

And in memory of Diane Foss \$930 Undesignated.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for newsletter info - by approx. the 20th day, each month.

NOTE: Pastor Paul will be back September 3.

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES please contact

Reverend Kristen Anderson of Trinity in Hayfield.

**Phone: (320) 290-1625 or kanderson@trinityhayfield.com
or the church office phone: (507) 477-2248.**

TODAY		Rev. Jim Rushton preaching
	8:30 am	West worship – coffee after church, <u>and West officers plan Fall Bazaar during the coffee hour</u>
	10:00 am	East worship – coffee after church
Monday	>>>>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> – Labor Day
Tuesday	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday	-----	Pastor Paul is back
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. (09/07)	>>>>>>	<u>NEW TIMES BEGIN!!!</u>
	8:30 am	EAST worship/ <u>communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship/ <u>communion</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Sept. 8 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 9 (Tue.)	9:00 am	West quilting begins/sack lunch
	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
	>>>>	<u>JOINT Council meeting at EAST</u> <i>6:00 pm – Individual meetings</i> <i>7:00 pm – Joint council meeting</i>
Sept. 10 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	<u>WEST WELCA meeting</u> <i>(host-Margaret S., study-pastor)</i>
	6:30 pm	<u>Luther League PIZZA PARTY at at West chapel</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Confirmation class begins at West chapel</u>
Sept. 11 (Thu.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 12 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sept. 13 (Sat.)	10:00 am	<u>EAST WELCA meeting at church</u>
Sept. 14 (Sun.)	>>>>	<u>RALLY DAY at the WEST church</u>
	8:30 am	EAST worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	<u>I AM BEGINS</u> <i>(a lunch after church)</i>

also West coffee hour

10:30 am WEST worship, New members are recognized during announcements

After West worship LUNCH served for Rally Day and & to welcome new West members

Sept. 15 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Sept. 16 (Tue.) 10:00am East quilting/sack lunch

Sept. 17 (Wed.) 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West

Sept. 18 (Thu.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office
7:00 pm DEADLINE to submit info for next newsletter

Sept. 19 (Fri.) ----- Pastor's day off-work

Sept. 21 (Sun.) 8:30 am EAST worship
East coffee after church

9:30 am JAM classes at West church
also West coffee hour

10:30 am WEST worship

Sept. 22 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Sept. 23 (Tue.) 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
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Sept. 24 (Wed.) 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch
6:00 pm EAST sets up tables for Palooza
7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West

Sept. 25 (Thu.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Sept. 26 (Fri.) ----- Pastor's day off-work
4 to 8:00 pm EAST RESERVED for Vendors to set up for Fall Craft & Vendor Sale

Sept. 27 (Sat.) 9am-2:00 pm EAST Fall Craft & Vendor Sale!!
(the public is welcome - come shop and buy a tasty lunch too!)

Sept. 28 (Sun.) 8:30 am EAST worship/Communion
East coffee after church

9:30 am JAM classes at West church
also West coffee hour

10:30 am WEST worship/Communion

Sept. 29 (Mon.) 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Sept. 30 (Tue.) >>>>> NEWSLETTER DAY at office

(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:35-collate)
10:00am East quilting/sack lunch

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Sue Senjem, Gary Braaten (*dad of Jenni Braaten Winch*), 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

NOTE: Pastor Paul will be on vacation Aug. 11 thru Sept. 2:
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SECRETARY: Gina Moser: (*Call before driving to office*)

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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

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East St. Olaf President: Randy Robinson: 507-923-0479

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