

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

September 25, 2025: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Pastor Paul Thompson

Organist: Pat Nelson

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.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP & JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 & Rally Lunch served at West after worship!)

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: Sept. - Meghan Ohman, Ella Mae Ohman

Deacon: Sept. - Meghan Ohman

Reader: Sept. 7 – Check sign-up sheet

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 1st Sun. Sept. — Quilting Sisters

READINGS: September 7, 2025: 13th Sun. after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life" – to choose life in God as our own.*

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20: *Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors.*

In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

PSALM: Psalm 1

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21: *Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in Christ.*

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33: *Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEDNESDAY: LUTHER LEAGUE PIZZA PARTY... & 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

BOTH: 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

FOR BOTH: MEATBALL DINNER (at the East church)

Join us Sunday, October 5 from 11:30am-12:30 pm at the East church for a great meal. Everyone from BOTH churches are invited – ask friends and relatives to come along too!!!

MENU: Scandinavian Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Lefsa and all the fixings! Proceeds going to the East St. Olaf general fund.

PRICE: \$15 ages 13-adult, \$8 ages 6-12, and under age 5 are free.

ST. JOHN'S KASSON: LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER!

Thursday, **October 23, 2025** – REVERVATIONS ONLY...

NO WALK-INS. Bake sale 9:30 am until sold out.

Adults \$25 and Children under 10 yrs \$10. See poster for info about reservations/seating times, and making payments.

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.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

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

TODAY	8:30 am	EAST worship/ <u>communion</u>
		East coffee after church
	9:30 am	West coffee hour

	10:30 am	WEST worship/ <u>communion</u>
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	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>
Wednesday	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</u>
		<u>at West chapel</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Confirmation class begins</u>
		<u>at West chapel</u>
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Saturday	10:00 am	<u>EAST WELCA meeting at church</u>
Sun. (09/14)	>>>>>	<u>RALLY DAY at the WEST church</u>
	8:30 am	EAST worship
		<i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	<u>JAM BEGINS</u> <i>(a lunch after church)</i>
		<i>also West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship, <u>New members are</u>
		<u>recognized during announcements</u>
	<u>After West worship</u>	<u>LUNCH served for Rally Day and</u>
		<u>to welcome new West members</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Sept. 15 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 16 (Tue.)	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 17 (Wed.)	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Confirmation at West</u>
Sept. 18 (Thu.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>DEADLINE to submit info for</u>
		<u>next newsletter</u>
Sept. 19 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sept. 21 (Sun.)	8:30 am	EAST worship
		<i>East coffee after church</i>

	9:30 am	JAM classes at West church <i>also West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship
Sept. 22 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 23 (Tue.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 24 (Wed.)	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>EAST sets up tables for Palooza</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Confirmation at West</u>
Sept. 25 (Thu.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 26 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
	4 to 8:00 pm	<u>EAST RESERVED for Vendors to set up for Fall Craft & Vendor Sale</u>
Sept. 27 (Sat.)	<u>9am-2:00 pm</u>	<u>EAST Fall Craft & Vendor Sale!! <i>(the public is welcome - come shop and buy a tasty lunch too!)</i></u>
Sept. 28 (Sun.)	8:30 am	EAST worship/ <u>Communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	JAM classes at West church <i>also West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship/ <u>Communion</u>
Sept. 29 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 30 (Tue.)	>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> <i>(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:35-collate)</i>
	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

PASTOR Paul Thompson: *(Call before driving to office)*

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

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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

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