

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

September 14, 2025: Holy Cross Day

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 TODAY 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. 14 – Meghan Ohman

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 2nd Sun. Sept. — Sarah Circle

READINGS: September 14, 2025: Holy Cross Day

INTRODUCTION: *This festival, which originated in the fourth century, celebrates the triumph of the cross. Paul reminds us that Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift high the cross as the sign of our health and salvation. Each time we make the sign of the cross we remember our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.*

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4b-9: *When the people spoke against God and Moses, the Lord sent poisonous snakes against them. Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord ordered him to erect a*

serpent of bronze on a pole. All who looked at it after having been bitten by a serpent would live.

PSALM: Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24: *At the heart of the Christian message is the word of the cross. This proclamation seems foolish to many because it reveals true divine power in the absolute weakness of Christ's crucifixion. True wisdom understands how ours is a God who suffers for and with humankind in the cross.*

GOSPEL: John 3:13-17: *After explaining to Nicodemus that one must be born of water and Spirit, Jesus speaks of being lifted up on the cross, with reference to the bronze serpent lifted up by Moses in the desert. Here the Son of God is revealed as the source of healing.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAM FAMILIES & STUDENTS OF EAST CHURCH:

JAM RALLY DAY is at WEST TODAY, 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, under age 5 are free.

>>>>> FOR EAST & WEST ST. OLAF!! <<<<<
OPEN HOUSE AT PARSONAGE on OCTOBER 5

The East WELCA is putting on a Meatball Dinner that day open to both congregations, and that is 11:30-12:30, (after church – prices listed in previous announcement). **Parsonage Open House and Tour will start at 1:00pm.** Members of the Parsonage Committee will be there as well as the presidents of both councils. Many people have not been in the Parsonage for many years, so here is the chance to come, look around, and ask questions. There will be a video tour that will be shown on the sanctuary screens that will include the attic and the basement spaces as well as the rest of the house.

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.

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!*

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(08/31/2025) Current \$1,478.

(09/07/2025) Current \$1,469.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

TODAY	>>>>>	<u>RALLY DAY at the WEST church</u>
	8:30 am	EAST worship <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:30 am	<u>JAM at WEST</u> (a lunch after church) <i>also West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship, <u>New members are recognized during announcements</u>
	<u>After West worship</u>	<u>LUNCH served for Rally Day and to welcome new West members</u>

Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Confirmation at West</u>
Thursday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>DEADLINE to submit info for next newsletter</u>
Friday	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. (09/21)	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

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Sept. 22 (Mon.)	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Sept. 23 (Tue.)	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 24 (Wed.)	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!!</u>
		<u><i>(the public is welcome - come shop and buy a tasty treat or 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

OCTOBER

WEST 8:30 am worship (*coffee after church at 9:30 am*)

9:30 am JAM at West (for both), West coffee

EAST 10:30 am worship (*coffee always after church*)

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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Office hours: Monday and Thursday 9am-Noon

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

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

Office Phone: 507-365-8222 **Cell Phone:** 507-951-4964

Emails: eastwest@kmtel.com

Office Hours: Tues. & Thursdays 10:00 am-Noon

OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SVC EAST: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

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