

# West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Hayfield, 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 cancelation for a church service or church activity, **please check: KTTC TV (channel 10 news); or online at [www.kttc.com](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**WELCA Chair(s):** Mar. – Sheryl Wohlers

**Altar Guild:** Mar. – Jane Estby, Sheryl Wohlers

**Acolytes:** Mar. 1 – Brayden Petersen

**Reader:** Mar. 1 - Donna Larson

**Ushers:** Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

**Deacon:** Mar.: Sue Hyland

**Stewardship:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Luther League

## **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 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.*

### **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.*

## WEST WELCA BOOKLETS ARE DONE

>> Please pickup your copy at the chapel!

## 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*

## LILIES TO BEAUTIFY OUR ALTA 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, (or at West: Sheryl Wohlers: 507-259-5974) by March 20, if you would like them listed in the Easter bulletin. *Please*

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

## 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.

## 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.

## HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

*Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19<sup>th</sup> each month.*

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

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| <b>Mar. 10 (Tue.):</b>  | 9:00 am  | West quilting/sack lunch   |
|                         | 10:00 am | East quilting/sack lunch   |
| <b>Mar. 11: (Wed.):</b> | 9:00 am  | West quilting/sack lunch   |
|                         | 1:00 pm  | <u>West WELCA meeting</u><br><i>Host: Jana Thompson,</i><br><i>Study: Pastor Paul</i>  |
|                         | 6:00 pm  | <b><u>BOTH: Lenten supper @ EAST</u></b><br><b><u>(supper by Sarah Circle)</u></b>   |
|                         | 7:00 pm  | <b><u>BOTH: Lenten Worship @ EAST</u></b>  |
| <b>Mar. 12 (Thur.):</b> | 9am-Noon | Pastor at office   |
| <b>Mar. 13 (Fri.):</b>  | _____    | Pastor's day off-work  |
| <b>Mar. 14 (Sat.):</b>  | 10am     | East Women's meeting at church   |
| <b>Mar. 15 (Sun.):</b>  | 8:30 am  | West worship, <u>Communion</u>   |
|                         | 9:30 am  | JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>   |
|                         | 10:30 am | East worship, <u>Communion</u>   |
| <b>Mar. 16 (Mon.):</b>  | 9am-Noon | Pastor at office   |
| <b>Mar. 17 (Tue.):</b>  | 10:00 am | East quilting/sack lunch   |
| <b>Mar. 18 (Wed.):</b>  | 6:00 pm  | <b><u>BOTH: Lenten supper @ WEST</u></b><br><b><u>(supper by West WELCA) Free will offering for the supper will go to Hayfield Comm. Food Pantry</u></b> |
|                         | 7:00 pm  | <b><u>BOTH: Lenten Worship @ WEST</u></b>  |
| <b>Mar. 19 (Thur.):</b> | 9am-Noon | Pastor at office   |
|                         | 7:00 pm  | <b><u>DEADLINE to submit info/reports for next newsletter (April edition)</u></b><br><b><u>First Day of Spring!!!</u></b>                                |
| <b>Mar. 20 (Fri.):</b>  | _____    | Pastor's day off-work  |
| <b>Mar. 22 (Sun.):</b>  | 8:30 am  | West worship   |
|                         | 9:30 am  | JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>   |
|                         | 10:30 am | East worship   |
| <b>Mar. 23 (Mon.):</b>  | 9am-Noon | Pastor at office   |
| <b>Mar. 24 (Tue.):</b>  | 9:00 am  | West quilting/sack lunch   |
|                         | 10:00 am | East quilting/sack lunch   |

- 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

**West Prayers:** Grace Seeger (*cousin of Gail Laxen*), Ginny Hyland, Dudley Davis, Sterling Larson, Jeff Thoe, Julie (*sister of Carma. B.*), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*), 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*), Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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**OUR WEBSITES:** [eaststolaf.org](http://eaststolaf.org) OR [weststolaf.org](http://weststolaf.org)

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### COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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