

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, 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

WELCA Chair(s):

Aug. – Jan Nordland, Roxanne Weinmann

Altar Guild: Aug. – Jane Estby & Sheryl Wohlers

Reader: Aug 31 – Nancy Peterson

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Aug. - Sheryl Wohlers

Stewardship: 5th Sunday – Church 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)

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!*

RALLY DAY & NEW MEMBER DAY at WEST ST. OLAF

Sunday, SEPTEMBER. 14, 2025 will be Rally Day and New Member Day at West St. Olaf: Please join us in welcoming JAM students back for another year; and welcoming our new members: Bonnie & T.J. Austin and sons Lane and Owen

Austin, Barb and Dudley Davis, Lon & Judy Jones, and Norm Senjem into our church family.

MENU: Pulled pork sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, bars and beverages. *This lunch is co-sponsored by Thrivent with free will offering being donated to JAM technology fund.*

>> *9:30 am:* First day of JAM classes (also West coffee hour)

>> *10:30 am:* Worship service / Welcome new members

>> *After West church:* Lunch served at the chapel in honor of our new West members and Rally Day!!!

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*

WEST SCHOOL KIT MISSION: There are containers in the church and chapel for collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. There are lists of items needed by the containers. This is a Thrivent Action Team mission and we appreciate your generous support. *Please have items in by Sept. 21. If you can remove extra packaging, it is appreciated.*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

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 Sun.

8:30 am

Rev. Jim Rushton preaching

*West worship – coffee after church,
and West officers plan Fall Bazaar
during the coffee hour*

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>
	<u>6:30 pm</u>	<u>Luther League PIZZA PARTY at</u> <u>at West chapel</u>
	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>BOTH: Confirmation class begins</u> <u>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>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>
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</u> <u>set up for Fall Craft & Vendor Sale</u>
Sept. 27 (Sat.) 9am-2:00 pm	<u>EAST Fall Craft & Vendor Sale!!</u> <u>(the public is welcome - come shop</u> <u>and buy a tasty lunch too!)</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> <u>(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:35-collate)</u>
10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Lexi Glynn, Linda K., (friend of Pat Nelson),
Amber Haley (Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter), Russ Skov,
Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Sandy Miller (sister of

Carma. B.), Bill Tietje (brother of Carma B.), Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria & Boyd Pew, Cindy & Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (nephew of Carma B.). Those 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

NOTE: Pastor Paul will be on vacation Aug. 11 thru Sept. 2: 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.

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West St. Olaf President, Will Laxen: 507-208-5399

Vice President, Hans Estby: 507-365-8600 or 507-259-8843

Head Deacon, Sheryl Wohlers: 507-365-8816 or 507-259-5974