

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, 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 next Sunday 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

WELCA Chair(s): Sept. – Jane Estby

Altar Guild: Sept. – Cindy Senjem & Donna Larsen

Acolytes: Ushers cover if no acolytes listed

Reader: Sept. 7 – Debbie Schuck

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Sept. - Debbie Schuck

Stewardship: 1st Sunday – Luther League

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

NOTE ABOUT WEST QUILTING THIS TUESDAY:

This Tuesday, Sept. 9, we resume meeting for our quilting. We will begin by putting together our school kits for LWR (*though we will continue to collect school supplies thru 9/21*), and then we'll take inventory of our quilting supplies... so we may not actually accomplish any quilting on the first day.

THIS WEDNESDAY: LUTHER LEAGUE PIZZA PARTY... & AFTERWARD, CONFIRMATION CLASS RESTARTS!

Join us this Wednesday, Sept. 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

Next Sunday, Sept. 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 & 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!!!

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 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.

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.

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

TODAY	8:30 am	EAST worship/ <u>communion</u>
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship/ <u>communion</u>
Monday	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	9:00 am	West quilting begins/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	EAST WELCA meeting at church
Sun. (09/14)	>>>>>>	<u>RALLY DAY at the WEST church</u>
	8:30 am	EAST worship, <i>then coffee</i>
	9:30 am	<u>IAM 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. 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
Sept. 24 (Wed.) 9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
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.) 9am-2:00 pm	<u>EAST Fall Craft & Vendor Sale!! (the public is welcome - come shop 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> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:35-collate)
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 Hugelback, 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

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

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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SVC WEST: Steve Schuck 507-951-9718

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

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