

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

September 14, 2025: Holy Cross Day

Rally Day for Sunday School

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

WELCA Chair(s): Sept. – Jane Estby

Altar Guild: Sept. – Cindy Senjem & Donna Larsen

Reader: Sept. 14 – Debbie Schuck

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Sept. - Debbie Schuck

Stewardship: 2nd Sunday – JAM (or B.O.E.)

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

RALLY DAY & NEW MEMBER DAY at WEST ST. OLAF

TODAY: 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. ***EVERYONE IS INVITED TO LUNCH TODAY!***

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, 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 – see 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.

WEST SCHOOL KIT MISSION: There are containers in the church and chapel for collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. *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

RALLY DAY at the WEST church

EAST worship

	9:30 am	<u>JAM at WEST</u> (a lunch after church) <i>also West coffee hour</i>
	10:30 am	<u>WEST worship, 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
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>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.)	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.)	<u>9am-2:00 pm</u>	<u>EAST Fall Craft & Vendor Sale!! <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>

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

West Prayers: Sandy Morris (*wife of Dick Morris*), 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

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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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COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

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