

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

July 26, 2026: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Jim Rushton

Organist: Jeneane Rushton

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.



SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

EAST EARLY at 8:30 am for Aug. (coffee follows)

WEST LATE at 10:00 am for Aug. (coffee at 9:00 am)

JOINT Worship 10am August 9 at EAST - fellowship following

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: July - Dawn Evjen

Deacon: July - Terry Zieman

Reader: July 26 - Pete Exe

Acolytes: Ushers are covering

Coffee Servers: 4th Sun. — Circle 4

READINGS: July 26 2026: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12: *Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.*

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39: *These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52: *Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of*

heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

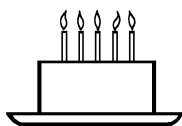
NOTE: Pastor Paul is on vacation thru today:

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES please contact

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TREATS FOR AUDREY CARLSON'S 90th BIRTHDAY!



Next Sunday, August 2, All East members are invited to enjoy birthday treats during coffee hour in honor of Audrey Carlson's 90th birthday! *Goodies provided by Christie Thomason.*

TASTE OF NORWAY ANNUAL EVENT!!!

If you have ever wondered who exactly St. Olaf was, a skit called "Saint Olaf Himself" may interest you - it will be performed at the annual **Taste of Norway celebration on August 23 from 2:00-4:00 pm at the EAST St. Olaf Church.**

This event sponsored by the St. Olaf Heritage Association.

The skit begins at 2:15 in the sanctuary. A traditional hymn-sing led by the Hayfield vocal quartet, Hosannah, follows the skit. *Homemade Norwegian pastries including lefse, fattigmann and rosettes will be served downstairs. Tours of the historic Tverberg Log House, with golf cart transportation, will also be provided.*

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MUSIC (FREE EVENT)

Grace Methodist Church (801 5th Ave. NW, Kasson) invites everyone to an ice cream social **Mon., July 27 from 6:00-8:00 pm** with music by HoneyShine Hollow. Sundaes, Root Beer Floats! Bring lawn chairs (*event moved inside if temp is higher than 80*).

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

If you are willing to do scripture readings, please sign up at the lectern by the communion book. *Thank you.*

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 19th each month.

TODAY: >> Pastor Paul is on vacation thru today <<

Rev. Jim Rushton is preaching

Jeneane Rushton is organist

8:30 am West worship

9:30 am West coffee

10:00 am East worship

East coffee after church

Monday: 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Tuesday: 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Thursday: 9am-Noon Pastor at office

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NEWSLETTER DAY at office

(9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:35-collate)

Friday: ----- Pastor's day-off

Sun. (08/02) 8:30 am East worship & Communion- After church, treats for East members at coffee for Audrey Carlson's 90th birthday! (provided by Christie Thomason)

9:00 am West coffee

10:00 am West worship & Communion

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Aug. 3 (Mon.) 9-Noon Pastor at office

Aug. 4 (Tue.) 10:00am East quilting/sack lunch

6:00 pm EAST Council meeting

Aug. 6 (Thur.) 9-Noon Pastor at office

Aug. 7 (Fri.): _____

Aug. 8 (Sat.) 10:00am

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10:00 am

11:00 am

Aug. 9 (Sun.) 10:00 am

East Prayers: Jim Olson, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Keith Roeder (*friend of Audrey Carlson*), Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., 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*); **and in Army Basic Training:** Dawson Meier.

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