

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

June 7, 2026: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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.



JUNE: SUMMER HOURS!

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

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

JOINT Worship 10am June 14 at EAST: Food & fellowship following worship, and SOHA will open the Tverberg cabin

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: June - Marylin Carlson & Audrey Carlson

Deacon: June. - Jane Williams

Reader: June 7- Mike Senjem (Comm: Terry Z., Glenda M.)

Acolytes: Ushers are covering

Coffee Servers: 1st Sun. – Quilting Sisters

READINGS: June 7, 2026: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners – the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.*

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15 – 6:6: *Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's*

face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

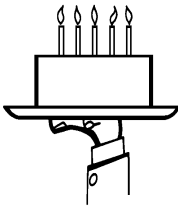
PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25: *Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26: *Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION THIS SATURDAY!



The Gulbransen's children: Kris, Wade, Tarra, and Tracy invite you to an **80th Birthday OPEN HOUSE for Sharon Gulbransen this Sat., June 13 from 1:00-4:00 pm** at Gulbransen's home. Food and beverages will be provided. *Stop by and wish Sharon a happy, happy birthday!*

ST. OLAF PARISH CELEBRATING 170 YEARS IN 2026!



JOINT WORSHIP at EAST St. Olaf:
NEXT Sunday, JUNE 14, 2026:

10:00 am Joint Service at East - Celebrating 170 Years; BBQs, Chips, Pie and Ice Cream, Special Music 11:00-12:30, SOHA is opening then Tverberg Cabin. *Donations from this event will first go to pay the musicians, and any extra will be put towards missions.*

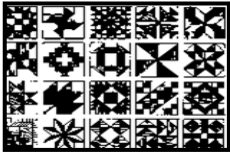
SYNOD THANK YOU: A special thanks to your congregation for being part of the 2026 Synod Assembly Offering. As of June 1, \$19,030.25 has been shared in support of campus ministry, candidacy & the International Women Leaders of the ELCA. Your partnership and generosity are deeply appreciated.

EAST ST. OLAF CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 21



June 21: East worship at 8:30 am.
Then 9:30 am East Brunch:
Egg Bakes
Fruit, Muffins

QUILT SHOW AT EAST ST. OLAF IN JULY! *(Save the date)*



Sat., JULY 11, 2026 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The community is invited to attend!!

*Free Admission. East Quilter's items for sale too!
Lunch available \$7: BBQ, chips, salads, bars.*

The Quilters of East St. Olaf are asking all East Members to grab those beautiful quilts out of your closets; and display their love and history! You can drop them off anytime Sun., JULY 5-Fri., JULY 10. *Place them in the overflow area in the Sanctuary. When the show is done, you can pick them up again there.*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	8:30 am	East worship, <u>Communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
	9:00 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:00 am	West worship, <u>Communion</u>
	11:00 am	<u>EAST baptism: Kyler Wiskow</u>
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>>>	<u>JOINT Council Meeting @ WEST</u> <i>6:00 pm-Ind. Mtg. --- 7pm-Joint Mtg.</i>
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	-----	Pastor's day-off
Saturday:	10:00 am	<u>East WELCA meeting at church</u> <i>(in basement - all women invited)</i>
	1-4:00 pm	<u>80th Birthday OPEN HOUSE</u> for <u>Sharon Gulbransen (at her home)</u>

Sun. (06/14)

JOINT WORSHIP at EAST CHURCH:

10:00am Joint Worship at EAST Celebrating 170 Years!
BBQs, Chips, Pie and Ice Cream, Special Music 11am-12:30pm,
SOHA is opening the Tverberg Cabin for walk-throughs.

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

June 15 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

June 16 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

>> JUNE 17 thru June 21 Pastor Paul is on vacation! <<

June 21 (Sun.): *Rev. Jim Rushton is preaching*

8:30 am East worship, Communion

9:30 am **EAST Father's Day Brunch!!!**

9:00 am *West coffee*

10:00 am West worship, Communion

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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*).

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