

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

July 19, 2026: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion & Holy Baptism

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.



SCHEDULE FOR JULY

WEST EARLY at 8:30 am for July (coffee at 9: am)

EAST LATE at 10:00 am for July (coffee follows)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: July - Dawn Evjen

Deacon: July - Terry Zieman

Reader: July 19 - Brian Mueller

Acolytes: Ushers are covering

Coffee Servers: 3rd Sun. — Open week - contact Marylin

READINGS: July 19, 2026: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8: *There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel – and we – are redeemed.*

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25: *For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43: *Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

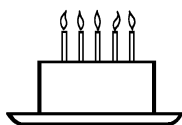
NOTE: Pastor Paul is on vacation July 20 thru July 27:

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES please contact

Pastor John Weisenberger of St. John's Kasson:

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TREATS FOR AUDREY CARLSON'S 90th BIRTHDAY!



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.

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).

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(06/21 and 06/28/26) Current \$2,905 and Benevolence \$75.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19th each month.

TODAY:	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Communion</u>
	9:30 am	West coffee

	10:00 am	East worship, <u>Communion & Baptism of Thea Yngsdal</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
Monday:	NOON	<u>DEADLINE to email info for the August edition of newsletter</u>

>> JULY 20 thru JULY 26 Pastor Paul is on vacation! <<

Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sun. (07/26)		Rev. Jim Rushton is preaching Jeneane R. is organist
	8:30 am	West worship
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:00 am	East worship <i>East coffee after church</i>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

July 27 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
July 28 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
July 30 (Thur.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:35-collate)
July 31 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day-off

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

Aug. 2 (Sun.)	8:30 am	East worship & <u>Communion</u> , <u>After church, treats for East members at coffee for Audrey Carlson's 90th birthday!</u> (provided by Christie Thomason)
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	9:00 am	<i>West coffee</i>
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	10:00 am	West worship & <u>Communion</u>
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Aug. 3 (Mon.)	9-Noon	Pastor at office
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Aug. 4 (Tue.)	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>EAST Council meeting</u>
Aug. 6 (Thur.)	9-Noon	Pastor at office
Aug. 7 (Fri.):	_____	Pastor's day off-work
Aug. 8 (Sat.)	10:00am	<u>East WELCA meeting</u>
	>>>>	West RESERVED (church & chapel) for memorial service
	10:00 am	<i>Visitation for Elizabeth Bjornson</i>
	11:00 am	Memorial service for Elizabeth "Betty" Bjornson
Aug. 9 (Sun.)	10:00 am	<u>JOINT worship at EAST church, Fellowship following</u>

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*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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