

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

August 23, 2026: 13th Sun. after Pentecost

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. Fall hours will start in September, with West at 9am and East at 11am for the month.

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*)

TASTE OF NORWAY 2:00-4:00pm TODAY at EAST!

BOTH THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Aug. – Gena Cahill

Deacon: Aug. - Jane Williams

Readers: Aug. 23 – Jenni Braaten-Winch

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 4th Sun. - OPEN - contact Marylin

READINGS: August 23, 2026 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6: *Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end*

PSALM: Psalm 138

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8: *In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20: *At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: TASTE OF NORWAY ANNUAL CELEBRATION!!!



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 TODAY from 2:00-4:00 pm**

at EAST St. Olaf. *This event is 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.

QUILT SHOW AT TRINITY LUTHERAN HAYFIELD

Trinity Lutheran of Hayfield invites everyone to their special quilt show on **Sat., September 19 from 1:00-2:15pm - followed by a dessert reception.** Nationally-recognized award-winning quilter, Tamara Carter, along with her husband and co-presenter, Joe Gaines (of the Choctaw Nation) will share quilts inspired by Indigenous American history, culture, and lifeways in an educational and inspirational program. *Free of charge and open to the public.*

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

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

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(08/09 and 08/16/2026) Current \$2,441 and Benevolence \$50.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	8:30 am	East worship
	9:00 am	West coffee
	10:00 am	West worship
	2 – 4:00 pm	<u>TASTE OF NORWAY at EAST</u> <u>Everyone is invited!!!</u>
Monday:	9-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Thursday:	9-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u> <u>(9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)</u>
Friday:	_____	Pastor's day off-work
Sun. (08/30)	8:30 am	East worship
	9:00 am	West coffee
	10:00 am	West worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Sept.

BOTH: JAM at 10:00 am WEST (RALLY DAY 09/20 &
West NEW Member Day & LUNCH) (also West coffee)

EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Sept. (coffee follows)

Sept. 1 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting
	Noon	Circle 4 meeting/sack lunch
	>>>>	<u>JOINT COUNCIL at EAST</u> 6:00 pm – Individual meetings 7:00 pm – Joint council meeting

>>> Pastor vacation Sept. 2 – Sept. 5 <<<

Sept. 6 (Sun.): 9:00 am West worship, Comm.

10:00 am *West coffee*

11:00 am East worship, Comm.

Sept. 7 (Mon.): >>> OFFICE CLOSED- Labor Day

Sept. 8 (Tue.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch

10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Sept. 9 (Wed.): 6:00 pm Luther League PIZZA PARTY at the West Chapel

7:00 pm FIRST CLASS for Confirmation

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); and in Army Basic Training: Dawson Meier.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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COUNCIL CONTACT INFO: ALL area codes are (507)

EAST: President: Randy Robinson: 923-0479

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