East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

November 1, 2026: All Saints Day

Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:

If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook (*on the stand in the narthex*). Note that worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Nov.
JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)
EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Nov. (*East coffee after church*)

>> *RETIREMENT DINNERS: West on 11/08 and East on 11/15*

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US
Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild
Altar Guild: Nov. – Meghan Ohman
Deacon: Nov. - Meghan Ohman
Reader: Nov. 1 – Adyson Pyfferoen
Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed
Coffee Servers: 1st Sun. - Quilting Sisters

READINGS: Nov. 1, 2026: All Saints Day
INTRODUCTION: *All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.*
FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17: *The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked*

in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.
PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3: *A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*
GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12: *In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY VOTING-MEETING ABOUT OUR PARSONAGE

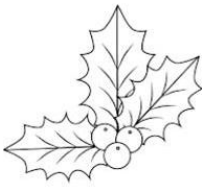
TODAY, November 1, there will be a brief "voting-meeting" at each church regarding our parsonage and what we will do with it (right after each church's worship service).
>>> SO BE SURE TO SIGN the communion book TODAY to be eligible to vote – that is, IF you have not already signed it this year *(as you need only sign the communion book one time each year* ***and*** *contribute to the church, to be eligible).* ***Voting will be by ballot, and per our constitutional requirements for eligible voters – see below.***
EAST Bylaw C8.02c: ***Members shall be classified as follows****:*
c. Voting members are confirmed members, who, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this Congregation.

LIVER & ONION SUPPER at Hayfield Legion/Village Pub
put on by the Sons of the American Legion Post 330
Meal is THIS Saturday, November 7, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm
All you can eat liver and onions (meatball alternative). The meal also includes mashed potatoes, gravy, Ida's special corn, homemade bread, and ice cream. COST: FREE WILL DONATION (***cash, check, or Venmo payments accepted***).

SAVE THE DATE: EAST RETIREMENT DINNER!!!

East St. Olaf
Retirement Appreciation
Lunch for
Pastor Paul & Jana
Sunday, November 15, 2026
11:00am Worship, then Noon Lunch
Wishing you the best!

HOLIDAY PALOOZA CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR: EAST ST. OLAF



Saturday, December 5, 2026
9:00am – 2:00pm: All welcome!
Local Crafters & Vendors!
Baked Goods, Candles, Flower arrangements, Christmas Items, Cookbooks & more!

If you would like to sell your wares, tables are $30.
Contact Amy Schwarz if interested: amyjorgenson23@gmail.com
Lunch Menu: Hotdishes, dinner rolls, coffee, & hot cocoa bar
Price: Free will donation

BEAUTIFYING OUR SANCTUARY

If you'd like to donate a poinsettia, we will recognize it in the Christmas Eve bulletin. **Please inform one of the following people by Mon. Dec. 14 (*specify who the plant is from and whom it's in memory-of*).**
EAST or WEST: *Email Gina at eastwest@kmtel.com*

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?
If you are willing to do scripture readings in November, please sign up at the lectern by the communion book. Thank you.

PRAYER UPDATES:
Please email our church secretary at **eastwest@kmtel.com** if you have prayer updates (*whether someone to add to our prayer lists or if someone is now doing well and can be removed*).

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:
(Oct. 18 & Oct. 25, 2026) Current $2,760 and Benevolence $75.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	**>>>> VOTING MEETINGS about Parsonage: after each church service!!!**	
	9:00 am	West worship, Communion
	After church:	WEST Parsonage Voting Meeting!
	10:00 am	JAM at West (*also West coffee)*
	11:00 am	East worship, Communion
	After church:	**EAST Parsonage Voting Meeting!** (*East coffee after church*)
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	Noon	Circle 4 meeting
	6:00 pm	East council meeting
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West
Friday:	--------	Pastor's day off
Sun. (11/08):	Day of WEST RETIRMENT DINNER	
	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM at West (*also West coffee)*
	After church:	WEST Appreciation Dinner for Pastor Paul & Jana!!!
	11:00 am	East worship: Hymn-Sing (*East coffee after church*)
	After church:	**East WELCA meeting**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 9 (Mon.):	7:00 pm	West Council meeting
Nov. 10 (Tue.):	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Nov. 11 (Wed.):	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	West WELCA meeting
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West
Nov. 13 (Fri.):	--------	Pastor's day off

Nov. 15 (Sun.): **Day of EAST RETIREMENT DINNER!!!**

9:00 am West worship, Communion
10:00 am JAM at West (*also West coffee)*
11:00 am East worship, Communion
Noon **EAST Retirement Dinner for Pastor Paul & Jana!!!**

Nov. 17 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
7:00 pm **DEADLINE to submit info** *for Dec. newsletter – it will be published before Thanksgiving*

Nov. 18 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West

Nov. 20 (Fri.): -------- Pastor's day off

Nov. 22 (Sun.): **BOTH: DECORATING for CHRISTMAS!**

9:00 am West worship
10:00 am JAM practice program (*also West Volunteer Appreciation coffee) WEST decorates church for Christmas- all helpers needed!*
11:00 am East worship (*coffee after church*)
After church ***EAST DECORATES CHURCH for Christmas- all helpers needed!***

Nov. 24 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
>>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at Office**

Nov. 25 (Wed.): ------ **NO class** for Confirmation

Nov. 25 (Wed.): ------ OFFICE CLOSED – Thanksgiving

Nov. 27 (Fri.): 9:00 am West WELCA decorates chapel for Christmas (men's help welcome)
-------- Pastor's day off

Nov. 29 (Sun.): **Rev. Jim Rushton preaching at both**

9:00 am West worship
10:00 am JAM practice program (*also West coffee)*
11:00 am East worship (*coffee after church*)

Nov. 30 (Mon.): -------- Pastor vacation day

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2026 (Pastor Paul retires)
EAST EARLY at 9:00 am for Dec. (*East coffee after church*)
BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)
WEST LATE at 11:00 am for Dec.

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EAST Prayers: Lori Peterson, Tom Myhre, Sr., 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), John (cousin of Pat Nelson), Sylvia Torstenson, and John Heydt (brother of Pat Nelson); Serving in our military: Dalton Mansfield, Dawson Meier (completed Basic, starting AIT training).

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