

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

October 11, 2026: 20th Sunday 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.

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER



EAST EARLY at 9:00 am for Oct. (*East coffee after church*)

BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)

WEST LATE at 11:00 am for Oct.

BOTH: CONFIRMATION DAY will be OCT. 25

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Oct. – Gena Cahill

Deacon: Oct. - Meghan Ohman

Reader: Oct. 11: Brian Mueller

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 2nd Sun. - Sarah Circle

READINGS: Oct. 11, 2026 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9: *After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death – which in ancient Canaan*

was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone – will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

PSALM: Psalm 23

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9: *Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14: *Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: CONFIRMATION RECOGNITION!

East members, please join us after church TODAY, Oct. 11, for Confirmation Recognition Coffee with cake, for our 2026 Confirmand, Ady Pyfferoen. *God bless Ady, in taking this step in her faith journey!*

MEETINGS ABOUT ST. OLAF PARSONAGE:

>>> East and West will each hold a "parsonage informational meeting", NEXT SUNDAY, October 18 *(these meetings will be right after each worship service - with both council presidents being present at both churches).*

>>> THEN there will be a "voting-meeting", regarding the parsonage on Sunday, November 1, at each church (right after each worship service).

EAST MEMBERS:



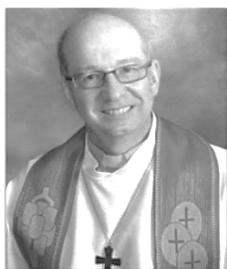
We are POSTPONING two big events!!! Our Fundraiser Raffel with Potluck Brunch AND ALSO the East Meatball Dinner are BOTH POSTPONED and BEING MOVED INTO 2027! Due to so much going on this fall, we are postponing our FUNDRAISER RAFFLE (likely to be in late April) and our MEATBALL DINNER (to take place in February).

FALL BAZAAR AT WEST ST. OLAF – ALL WELCOME!!!



Everyone is invited to **West St. Olaf FALL BAZAAR** on **Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9:00am thru 11:30am**. There will be Lefse, Rosettes, Krumkake, Donuts, Baked Goods, Crafts, and Quilts to buy. **And as always, a delicious brunch:** Bacon & egg lasagna, fruit, sweet breads, orange juice/coffee. **Adults: \$10, Children ages 5-12: \$4, children 5 & under are free.**

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!

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 MEMBERS: If you know of anyone who would like a get a card from East St. Olaf, please contact Jane Williams (507) 271-2272 (Talk or Text). Help us share a blessing!

PRAYER UPDATES:

Please email our church secretary if you have prayer updates... whether someone to add to our prayer list or if someone is now doing well and can be removed.

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(Sept. 13, 20, & 27 of 2026) Current \$3,719.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	9:00 am	East worship, <u>then after church Confirmation Recognition Coffee with Cake, for Addy Pyfferoen</u>
	<u>After church</u>	<u>Meeting for Women of East</u>
	10:00 am	<u>L.L. & JAM CRAFT DAY!</u> (<i>West coffee hour</i>)
	9:30 am	WEST Confirmand Recognition
	11:00 am	West worship

>>> Oct. 11 - Oct. 13: Pastor Paul at Theological Conference

Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	9:00 am	West WELCA meeting, <i>Host-Jane Estby, Study-Pastor Paul</i>
	>>>	<u>NO class for Conf. (due to MEA)</u>

Sun. (10/18): >> Informational Meeting(s) about Parsonage: Right after each church service!

9:00 am	East worship (<u>NO</u> communion)
<u>After church:</u>	<u>PARSONAGE INFO MEETING</u>
10:00 am	JAM at West (<i>also West coffee</i>)
11:00 am	West worship (<u>NO</u> communion)
After church:	PARSONAGE INFO MEETING

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 20 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	>>>>	<u>DEADLINE to submit info for next newsletter</u>
Oct. 21 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West
Oct. 24 (Sat.):	9:00-11:30am	<u>WEST FALL BAZAAR/BRUNCH!</u> <u>All are welcome to attend bazaar!</u>
Oct. 25 (Sun.):		<u>BOTH: CONFIRMATION DAY!</u>
	9:00 am	East worship, <u>Communion & CONFIRMATION DAY</u> (<i>East coffee after church</i>)
	10:00 am	JAM at West (<i>also West coffee</i>)
	11:00 am	West worship, <u>Communion & CONFIRMATION DAY</u>

Oct. 27 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
 Oct. 28 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West
 Oct. 29 (Thur.): >>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at Office**
 (9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:40-collate)

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2026

WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Nov.

BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)

EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Nov. (*East coffee after church*)

Nov. 1 (Sun.): >> **VOTING Meetings about Parsonage:**

right after each church service!

9:00 am West worship, Communion

After church: PARSONAGE VOTE MEETING

10:00 am JAM at West (*also West coffee with*
80th Birthday Party for Larry Himle)

11:00 am East worship, Communion

After church: PARSONAGE VOTE MEETING

(*East coffee after church*)

OTHER AREA EVENTS

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE: GOOD GIFTS GALA

This Thur., October 15, 2026 at Rochester Golf & Country Club
 3100 Country Club Rd. SW Rochester. Join us for an inspiring
 evening of dinner, auction, community, and generosity in
 support of the life-changing ministry of Good Earth Village.
 What to expect: A delicious dinner and fellowship, silent and
 live auctions, live entertainment, special guests, and an
 inspiring program. Learn more and buy tickets at
<https://goodearthvillage.org/good-gifts-gala/>

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EAST Prayers: 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), Dalton Mansfield (in military), John (cousin of Pat Nelson), Sylvia Torstenson, and John Heydt (brother of Pat Nelson); and Dawson Meier (completed Basic, starting AIT).

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