

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

July 26, 2026: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Jim Rushton

Organist: Jeneane Rushton

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 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 at 10am August 9 at EAST - fellowship following

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): July – Deb Schuck

Altar Guild: July – Jane Estby, Sheryl Wohlers

Acolytes: Ushers are covering

Reader: July 26 – Gail Laxen

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: July - Sheryl Wohlers

Stewardship: 4th Sunday – Church Council

READINGS: July 26 2026: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12: *Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.*

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39: *These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52: *Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of*

heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: Pastor Paul is on vacation thru today:

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES please contact

Pastor John Weisenberger of St. John's Kasson:

Phone: 507-475-2156. Email: pastorjohn@stjohnskasson.org

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Elizabeth "Betty" Bjornson (*sister of Ardean Bjornson*), will be **Saturday, August 8** at 11:00 am (visitation at 10am), at West St. Olaf. Blessed be her memory.

TASTE OF NORWAY ANNUAL EVENT!!!

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 on August 23 from 2:00-4:00 pm at the EAST St. Olaf Church.** *This event 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.*

WEST ST. OLAF SCHOOL KIT MISSION



WELCA is collecting school supplies again for Lutheran World Relief. There are boxes in the chapel and church to place your donations (due by Sept. 13) – the list is on top of the collection boxes and will also be in the August newsletter. Thank you. *This is a Thrivent Action Team project.*

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*).

PRAYER UPDATES:



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

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

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

TODAY: >> Pastor Paul is on vacation thru today <<

*Rev. Jim Rushton is preaching
Jeneane Rushton is organist*

8:30 am West worship

9:30 am West coffee

10:00 am East worship

East coffee after church

Monday: 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Tuesday: 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Thursday: 9am-Noon Pastor at office

>>>>> **NEWSLETTER DAY at office**
(9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:35-collate)

Friday: ----- Pastor's day-off

Sun. (08/02) 8:30 am East worship & Communion

9:00 am West coffee

10:00 am West worship & Communion

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Aug. 3 (Mon.) 9-Noon Pastor at office

Aug. 4 (Tue.) 10:00am East quilting/sack lunch

6:00 pm EAST Council meeting

Aug. 6 (Thur.) 9-Noon Pastor at office

Aug. 7 (Fri.): _____ Pastor's day off-work

Aug. 8 (Sat.) >>>>>

10:00 am

11:00 am

West RESERVED (church & chapel) for memorial service

Visitation for Elizabeth Bjornson

Memorial service for Elizabeth "Betty" Bjornson

Aug. 9 (Sun.) 10:00 am

JOINT worship at EAST church, with fellowship following

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Wilma Kylo, Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (*granddaughter of Joy*), Grace Seeger (*cousin of Gail Laxen*), , Julie (*sister of Carma. B.*), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria & Boyd Pew, Cindy & Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma B.*). Serving in our military: Jack Kenyon (*nephew of Will & Gail Laxen*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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