

# West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Hayfield, MN

April 26, 2026: Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

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 APRIL**



**EAST EARLY at 8:30 am** for Apr. (*coffee follows*)

**JAM at 9:30 am** at West for all students, also West coffee

**WEST LATE at 10:30 am** for Apr. (*coffee 9:30 am*)

## **THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US**

**WELCA Chair(s):** Apr. – Sharon Gulbransen

**Altar Guild:** Apr. – Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem

**Acolytes:** Apr. 12 – Brayden Petersen

**Reader:** Apr. 12 – Debbie Schuck

**Ushers:** Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

**Deacon:** Apr.: Debbie Schuck

**Stewardship:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – JAM (or B.O.E.)

## **READINGS: Apr.12, 2026 ~ Second Sunday of Easter**

**INTRODUCTION:** *In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.*

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32: *After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

PSALM: Psalm 16

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9: *This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.*

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31: *The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**>>> Pastor Paul has vacation starting this Wednesday, April 15 through April 25.**

**FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES** please contact  
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### **LUTHER LEAGUE APRIL EVENT THIS WEDNESDAY!**

We are signed up to serve at the Ronald McDonald House this **Wednesday, April 15 - this will be in place of confirmation.**

**Students are asked to sign up with Alli at 507-398-7769 ahead of time, as she needs to register all attendees in advance.** The time frame is 4-8:00 pm (with the meal being served at 6).

### **RING FOUND AT EAST CHURCH AFTER EASTER**

A ring was found at the East church after the Easter service.

If it is yours, please email the church office to identify it, at [eastwest@kmtel.com](mailto:eastwest@kmtel.com) or call and leave a message 507-365-8222.

**WOMEN'S ZUMBRO RIVER CONFERENCE "SPRING EVENT": Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Zumbro Lutheran Church  
624 Third Ave. SW Rochester, MN 55902**

**Event Schedule:**

9-9:30 am: Registration, Coffee & Displays

9:30 am: Program & Worship (Speaker: Pastor Shelley Cunningham)

12:00 pm: Lunch

**>>Registration Deadline was on April. 10.**

REACHING OUT WITH COMPASSION: Please bring a love offering for Zumbro's Food Pantries. Items needed: Tuna or chicken pouches, ramen noodle cups, creamy peanut butter, Hormel "Compleats" shelf-stable microwave meals, and boxes of instant oatmeal packets.

**HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK**

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

*Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19<sup>th</sup> each month.*

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 am	EAST worship ( <i>coffee after church</i> )
	9:30 am	JAM at West, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	WEST worship
<b>Monday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	<u>West council meeting</u>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch

**>>> Pastor has vac/days-off Apr. 15-Apr. 25 <<<**

**Wednesday: 4 - 8:00 pm LUTHER LEAGE serves supper  
at Ronald McDonald House!!  
(this is in place of class)**

**Sun. (04/19) Reverend Jim Rushton preaching at both**  
8:30 am EAST worship, communion  
*East coffee after church*  
9:30 am JAM at West, also West coffee for  
West Graduate Recognition!  
10:30 am WEST worship (NO comm today)

## COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

- Apr. 20 (Mon.):** 7:00 pm Deadline to submit info for the May issue of newsletter
- Apr. 21 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
- Apr. 22 (Wed.):** >>>> NO confirmation class (pastor vac.)
- Apr. 25 (Sat.):** >>> **BOTH: Zumbro River Conference "Spring Event" at Zumbro Luth of Roch.:** 8am-9:30 Check-in, Coffee  
9:30 am - Prayer/Worship  
Noon - Lunch served
- April 26: (Sun.)** 8:30 am EAST worship  
*East coffee after church*
- 9:30 am JAM at West, *also West coffee*
- 10:30 am WEST worship, **Communion** it's "First Holy Communion"

## TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**West Prayers:** Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (*granddaughter of Joy*), Grace Seeger (*cousin of Gail Laxen*), Sterling Larson, Jeff Thoe, Julie (*sister of Carma. B.*), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*), 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.*). erving in our military: Jack Kenyon (*nephew of Will & Gail Laxen*), Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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