

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

October 18, 2026: 21st 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 (*on the stand in the narthex*). Note that worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER



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

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

WEST LATE at 11:00 am for Oct.

BOTH: CONFIRMATION DAY is next Sun, Oct. 25th

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Oct. – Margaret Senjem, Sandy Iverson

Altar Guild: Oct. – Jane Estby, Sheryl Wohlers

Acolytes: - Oct. 18 - open

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Oct. - Debbie Schuck

Reader: Oct. 18 – Debbie Schuck

Stewardship: 3rd Sunday – WELCA

READINGS: Oct. 18, 2026 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7: *The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's*

exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10: *Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22: *After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS ABOUT ST. OLAF PARSONAGE:

>>> **TODAY East and West will each hold a "parsonage informational meeting"** *(these meetings will be right after each worship service – with both council presidents being present).*

>>> **THEN on NOV. 1, there will be a "voting-meeting", regarding the parsonage; at each church (right after each worship service). Voting will be by ballot, and per our constitutional requirements for eligible voters.**

CLARIFICATION ON MAKING LEFSE & DONUTS!!!



West women, we hope you can join us for two lefse and donut making days *(to sell at our Fall Bazaar)*).

LEFSE MAKING & DONUT MAKING: will be in Sharon Gulbransen's garage at home, this Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 9am AND again this Thursday, Oct. 22 at 9am.

IMPORTANT! DROPPING OFF WEST BAZAAR ITEMS:

The Chapel will be open to bring in your baked goods & other items for the bazaar (for pricing), this Friday, Oct. 23 from 5:00-6:30pm; then again at 8:00am on Saturday morning.

FALL BAZAAR AT WEST ST. OLAF!!!



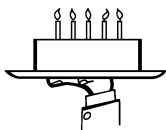
Everyone is invited to WEST St. Olaf FALL BAZAAR on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9:00am thru 11:30am. There will be Lefse, Rosettes, Krumkake, Donuts, Baked Goods, Crafts, and Quilts to buy. **And as always, a delicious brunch:** Bacon & egg lasagna, fruit, sweet breads, orange juice/coffee. **Adults: \$10,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

NEXT SUNDAY: COFFEE HOUR



Next Sunday, Oct. 25 is Confirmation Day, so we hope everyone can join us for 10am coffee hour to congratulate our Confirmands (and we are sure to have extra visitors too).

80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (Sun., Nov. 1)



Come help us celebrate Larry Himle's 80th birthday, during West's 10am coffee hour on Sunday, November 1. Larry is requesting that there be no cards/no gifts. Birthday cake and accompaniments will be provided. *Hosted by Larry's family.*

95th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (Sun., Nov. 15)



Join Us in celebrating
Joy's 95th Birthday!
Sunday, November 15, 2026
1:00-4:00 p.m. West St. Olaf Chapel

WEST ST. OLAF ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT



Advent by Candlelight will be Sunday, December 6 at West St. Olaf, beginning at 5:00 pm for punch and fellowship, followed by the service at 6:00 pm, then dinner immediately following. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for hostesses, food committee, and other volunteers needed. Please sign up!

SAVE THE DATE: WEST APPRECIATION DINNER!!!



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*).

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY >> Informational Meeting(s) about Parsonage:

Right after each church service!

9:00 am East worship (NO communion)

After church: PARSONAGE INFO MEETING

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

11:00 am West worship (NO communion)

After church: PARSONAGE INFO MEETING

Tuesday: 9:00 am West Lefse & Donut Making Day at Sharon G.'s home garage

10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

>>>> **DEADLINE to submit info for next newsletter**

Wednesday: 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West and Conf. PHOTOS at both churches

Thursday: 9:00 am West Lefse & Donut Making Day at Sharon G.'s home garage

Saturday 9:00-11:30am WEST FALL BAZAAR/BRUNCH!
Everyone is invited to the Bazaar!!

Oct. 25 (Sun.): BOTH: CONFIRMATION DAY!
9:00 am East worship, Communion & CONFIRMATION DAY
(East coffee after church)
10:00 am JAM at West (also West coffee)
11:00 am West worship, Communion & CONFIRMATION DAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 NOVMEBER

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

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)

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

WEST Prayers: Judy Jones, Wilma Kyllö, 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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