

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW - Byron, MN

February 1, 2026: 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Jim Rushton

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.

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS

 To verify if there is a cancellation for a church service or church activity, please check: KTTC TV (channel 10 news); or online at www.kttc.com and click on the tab for WEATHER - then click on Closings and Delays. Decisions are made by council presidents with the pastor.

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY



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

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

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

>>> ASH WEDNESDAY: Both at WEST 7:00 pm Wed., Feb. 18:

>>> LENT Supper & Worship: Both at EAST Feb. 25 with a 6:00 pm supper by East Circle 4; and 7:00 pm worship

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Feb. - Danny Zieman

Deacon: Feb. - Jane Williams

Reader: Feb. 1 - Emma Giere

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 1st Sun. - Quilting Sisters

READINGS: Feb. 1, 2026 – 4th Sun. after Epiphany

INTRODUCTION: *Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.*

FIRST READING: *Micah 6:1-8: With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.*

PSALM: Psalm 15

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 1:18-31: According to the world’s standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.*

GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:1-12: Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

If you are willing to do scripture readings in February, please sign up at the lectern where we sign for communion. *Thanks!*

MEETING FOR WOMEN OF EAST

Our next meeting is **Saturday, February 14**, in the East St. Olaf Dining Room at 10:00 am (we will continue to meet the 2nd Saturday of each month). *All women who are members of East are part of our group - please stop in. We would LOVE to hear your ideas and spread some godly fun in our congregation and our community!*

VALENTINE'S SUNDAY AT EAST

Sun., February 15 after East church service: Join us after our worship service, for some Love, Affection, and Fellowship!! WELCA is serving some Valentines Day fun! Stop in and visit.

SERVERS FOR EAST LENTEN SUPPERS:

Feb. 25: Circle 4 serving Lenten meal.

March 11: Sarah Circle serving Lenten meal.

March 25: Council Members serving Lenten meal.

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(01/25/2026) Current \$960 and Benevolence \$50.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

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

TODAY	8:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> (<i>coffee after</i>)
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u> THEN
	11:30 am	WEST annual meeting with potluck dinner following!
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>East council meeting</u>
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	Both: Confirmation at West
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	_____	Pastor's day off-work
Sun., (02/08)	8:30 am	East worship (<i>coffee after</i>)
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	West worship, Install Officers & Baptism of Walker Jervis

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Feb. 9 (Mon.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
7:00 pm	West Council meeting

Feb. 10 (Tue.): 10:00 am	East quilting/ sack lunch
Feb. 11 (Wed.): 7:00 pm	Both: Confirmation at West
Feb. 12 (Thur.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Feb. 13 (Fri.): _____	Pastor's day off-work
Feb. 14 (Sat.): 10:00 am	<u>East WELCA meeting at church</u>
Feb. 15 (Sun.): 8:30 am	East worship, Comm. <u>after church</u> <u>East invited for Valentine Fun</u> <u>hosted by East WELCA women</u>

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Gary Braaten (*dad of Jenni Braaten Winch*), Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Keith Roeder (*friend of Audrey Carlson*), Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), Pat Raasch (*friend of Becky Brakke*), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., Orillie Iverson, 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*).

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