

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW - Byron, MN

January 4 2026: Second Sunday of Christmas
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 (except for January- each year the schedule stays the same as December was).

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS

 To verify if there is a cancelation 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 JANUARY (same as Dec. was, each year)



EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Jan. at West, coffee 9:30 am)
JAM at 9:30 am at West for all students, also West coffee
LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Jan. at East, coffee follows)
Watch for info on Annual Meetings & Potluck Dinners!

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

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Altar Guild: Jan. - check sign-up sheet

Deacon: Jan: Meghan Ohman

Reader: Jan 4 - see sign-up sheet

Acolytes: Ushers covering, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 1st Sun. - Quilting Sisters

READINGS: Jan. 4, 2026 - Second Sunday of Christmas

INTRODUCTION: *Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14: *God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.*

PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14: *In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18: *John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAST WELCA MEETING



Our next WELCA meeting will be January 10 at 10:00 am at church. *We will be planning for next year, so come with your ideas!* Many hands make light work!

TIME TO THINK ABOUT YEAR-END REPORTS



Just a reminder to everyone: **It's time to start thinking about year-end reports:** Check with your church's auditor to find out the Jan. deadline to turn in your reports for auditing. [*The church secretary always wants audited reports turned in to her, by Jan 15 for EAST and by Jan. 22 for WEST (send earlier if they are done & audited). Thank you!*]

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	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u>
	9:30 am	JAM class; <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u> (<i>coffee after</i>)
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:20-fold, 9:30-collate)
	10:00 am	East quilting
	6:00 pm	<u>EAST council meeting</u>
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	Confirmation – both at West
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Friday:	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Saturday:	10:00 am	<u>East WELCA meeting at church</u>
Sun. (01/11)	8:30 am	West worship
	9:30 am	West's Heritage Day Coffee
	10:30 am	East worship (<i>coffee after</i>)

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Jan. 12 (Mon.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	7:00 pm	WEST council meeting
Jan. 13 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting
Jan. 14 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	Confirmation – both at West
Jan. 15 (Thu.):	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	NOON	<u>DEADLINE to give EAST audited reports to the church secretary</u>
Jan. 16 (Fri.):	-----	Pastor's day off-work

Jan. 18 (Sun.):	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u>
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship, <i>(coffee after)</i>

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Sue Senjem, 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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