

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

August 10, 2025: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Reverend Paul Thompson

Organist: Jeneane Rushton

## **WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:**

If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook (in narthex).

*Worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.*



## **AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

*WEST 8:30 am worship with coffee after church*

*EAST 10:00 am worship with coffee after church*

>>> JOINT SERVICE 10am Aug. 17 in WEST church

>>> Taste of Norway: August 24 from 2-4pm in EAST church

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

**Note:** Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

**Altar Guild:** Aug. – Gena Cahill

**Deacon:** Aug. - Terry Zieman

**Reader:** Aug. 10 – Jen Briske

**Acolytes:** Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

**Coffee Servers:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. — Sarah Circle

## **READINGS: August 10, 2025: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**INTRODUCTION:** *Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning – to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

**FIRST READING:** *Genesis 15:1-6: God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

**PSALM:** Psalm 33:12-22

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16: *Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

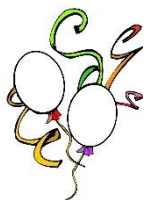
GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40: *Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOTE: Pastor Paul will be on vacation Aug. 11 thru Sept. 1: FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES please contact Reverend Kristen Anderson of Trinity in Hayfield. Phone: (320) 290-1625 or [kanderson@trinityhayfield.com](mailto:kanderson@trinityhayfield.com) or the church office phone: (507) 477-2248.**

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to the East St Olaf Quilters for the nice homemade quilt and the graduation party. It is so appreciated by us graduates. Thank you! ~ Dawson Meier ~

### 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE ~ This Sat., Aug. 16



Everyone is invited to attend the **60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary OPEN HOUSE for Gene & Sharon Gulbransen** at the West chapel this Saturday, August 16 from noon to 3:00 pm. *Come share this very special day with the Gulbransen's!*

### VBS WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!



Join us for VBS, Saturday, August 23 until Sunday, August 24 at the West St. Olaf chapel. Check-in time is 3-3:30pm Saturday. We'll provide dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. JAM and Luther League kids are all welcome! Feel free to bring a friend! (If kids are not yet in third grade and want to sleep over, we ask that a parent stay over with them.) **PLEASE RSVP by email or text message:** [WestStOlafJAM@gmail.com](mailto:WestStOlafJAM@gmail.com) or text to 507-206-9839.

**A TASTE OF NORWAY EVENT:** The annual *Taste of Norway* celebration will be held **Sunday, August 24, 2:00 to 4:00 pm in East St. Olaf Church.** It kicks off with a skit, “*Once Upon a Parsonage*”, at 2:15 pm, and continues with a hymn-sing, led by Hosanna, a local quartet. Tours of the Tverberg Log House follow, with home-made Norwegian pastries and other treats in the lower level. *This event is free and open to the public sponsored by the St. Olaf Heritage Association.*

### **NEW SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS FALL!!!**

At the June joint council meeting, the joint council voted to try a new year-round schedule beginning in SEPTEMBER (though starting times will still rotate monthly, between the two churches). STARTING IN SEPTEMBER:

>EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 am (Sept. at East – coffee always after)

>>> JAM at 9:30 am (RALLY DAY is Sept. 14 at West, along with New Member Reception at West)

>LATE SERVICE at 10:30 am (Sept. at West, coffee at 9:30 am)

**EAST MEMBERS:** If you know of anyone who would like a get a card from East St. Olaf, please contact Jane Williams (507) 271-2272 (Talk or Text). *Help us share a blessing!*

### **EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:**

(08/03/2025) Current \$1,730 and Benevolence \$200.

## **HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK**

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 am	West worship <i>West coffee after service</i>
	10:00 am	East worship <i>East coffee after service</i>

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<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	<u>West council meeting</u>
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<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	6:30 pm	<u>East church council meeting</u>
<b>Wednesday</b>	>>>>	<b>NO meeting</b> for West WELCA-vac
<b>Saturday</b>	-----	<i>West chapel RESERVED all day</i>
	Noon-3:00 pm	<b>60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary OPEN HOUSE</b> <b><u>for Gene &amp; Sharon Gulbransen</u></b> <b>at the West chapel. All welcome!</b>
<b>Sun. 08/17</b>		<i>Rev. Jim Rushton preaching</i>
	10:00 am	<b><u>JOINT SERVICE</u></b> in West church, <i><u>with coffee/goodies following</u></i>

### COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

<b>Aug. 19 (Tue.)</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	<u>Deadline to submit newsletter info</u>
<b>Aug. 23 (Sat.)</b>		<b><u>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS!!!</u></b>
	3-3:30 pm	<b>CHECK-IN TIME</b> for the VBS <b>Sleepover at WEST St. Olaf</b> (for <i>all East/West students</i> )
<b>Aug. 24 (Sun.)</b>		<i>Rev. Jim Rushton preaching</i> <b><u>VBS KIDS are served breakfast</u></b>
	8:30 am	West worship/ <u>communion</u>
	10:00 am	East worship/ <u>communion</u>
	2-4:00 pm	<b><u>TASTE OF NORWAY event in</u></b> <b><u>East Church – coffee/goodies after</u></b> <b><u>(the public is welcome too)</u></b>
<b>Aug. 26 (Tue.)</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
<b>Aug. 28 (Thur.)</b>	>>>>	<b><u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u></b> <i><u>(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:35-collate)</u></i>
<b>Aug. 30 (Sun.)</b>		<i>Rev. Jim Rushton preaching</i>
	8:30 am	West worship – <i>coffee after church,</i> <i><u>and West officers plan Fall Bazaar</u></i> <i><u>during the coffee hour</u></i>
	10:00 am	East worship – <i>coffee after church</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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**SECRETARY: Gina Moser:** (*Call before driving to office*)  
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Send all emails for Gina to both of her email addresses.  
**Office Hours:** Tues. & Thursdays 10:00 am-Noon

**OUR WEBSITES:** [eaststolaf.org](http://eaststolaf.org) OR [weststolaf.org](http://weststolaf.org)

**JANITORIAL SVC EAST:** Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

## COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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