

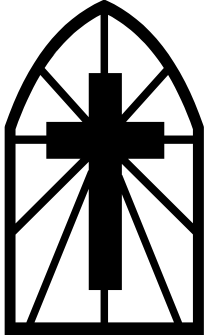


JUNE & JULY 2025 HAPPENINGS

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June & July Worship Schedules

JUNE

WEST 8:30 am worship with coffee after church

EAST 10:00 am worship with coffee after church

>> **JOINT SERVICE June 15 at 10:00 am in WEST church**

JULY

EAST 8:30 am worship with coffee after church

WEST 10:00 am worship with coffee after church

>> **JOINT SERVICE July 20 at 10:00 am in EAST church**

OFFERINGS: Our congregational councils ask you to prayerfully continue your financial support for your church. Please be sure to make your check out to “West St. Olaf Lutheran Church” or “East St. Olaf Lutheran Church” and mail to...

West members mail to: Dave Peterson 25378 720th St., Hayfield, MN 55940

East members mail to: Bryan DeCook at 7583 80th Ave. SW, Stewartville, MN 55976

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



The name *Shaddai* appears 48 times in the Bible, seven times as “El Shaddai”, which is usually translated, “God Almighty.” The origin and meaning of “Shaddai” are obscure, and a variety of hypotheses have been put forward, and no one agrees with any one definition. Scholar Ernst Knauf suggested a meaning that I like, that “El Shaddai” means “God of the Wilderness” and originally would not have had a doubled “d”. In this theory, the word is related to the Hebrew word “śadé” meaning “the (uncultivated) field”, the area of hunting.

Summer is a season when many people get away from their daily routines and go on vacation. Jana and I will be gone for a while in August, for example. Growing up, my family liked to go camping, getting away from town and getting out into the woods and fields that do not exist in the asphalt and concrete of a city. The upper Midwest is filled with parks and campgrounds where people can actually be a part of nature, smelling trees and flowers, hearing birds and seeing animals that stay away from urban areas.

God has blessed us with a marvelous world to enjoy. I miss seeing the faces of our members who are out on summer Sundays, and appreciating all God has made. But I pray those who are our amid unspoiled nature see the hand of God in all they see and hear and smell.

Whether you spend your summer near or far, on the road or at home, God will be with you, granting you grace, life, and unending love.

With lasting joy,

Pastor Paul Thompson

Membership Updates, WELCA News, Serving Schedules

MEMBERSHIP INFO

BAPTISM EAST ST. OLAF
Twins Barrett Dean Swanson and Brody Allen Swanson were given the rite of Holy Baptism on May 25, 2025 at East St. Olaf Church. Their parents are Nick & Kelsey Swanson. Rev. Paul Thompson officiated. God bless Barrett and Brody!

EAST WELCA & EVENTS

JUNE: East Worship at 10:00 am

- 3 Tu 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 7 Sa 10:00 E-WELCA t Meeting
- 8 Su 11:00 Father's Day Brunch (
- 9 M 6:00PM JOINT Council-West
- 10 Tu 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 15 Su 10:00* Joint service-WEST
- 17 Tu 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 24 Tu 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch

JULY: East Worship at 8:30 am

*No Council Meeting in July

*No E-WELCA Meeting in July

- 15 Tu 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch
- 18, 19, 20 Treasure Sale during the Byron Good Neighbor Days
- 20 Su 10:00 Joint worship-EAST
- 29 Tu 10:00 Quilting/Sack Lunch

WEST WELCA NEWS

Our summer is here and we are blessed with the beauty of the changing seasons. We hope you will have safe travels, some fun family time and find time to relax and enjoy the great outdoors.

Our June WELCA meeting is on the 11th at 1 PM at the chapel. We are looking forward to Norm Senjem sharing with us about the history of the parsonage. Men are welcome too. We will serve pie and ice cream after his talk.

Our July outing has not yet been determined so you will have to watch

the bulletins at church for details. Suggestions are welcome.

We thank Sharon Gulbransen and Cindy Senjem for organizing the Memorial Day coffee at West. Thank you to those who worked and brought food that day. We appreciate the Hayfield Legion coming to West each Memorial Day.

We also thank Donna Larsen and Cindy Senjem for serving on altar guild in May. Our June chairperson is Sally West; and Gail Laxen in July. Altar guild women are Jane E. and Sheryl W. in June; and Donna L and Cindy S. during July.

Have a wonderful summer.
Sharon and Nancy



Summer is nearly upon us!
What a wonderful time of year:
Blue skies with puffy clouds,
Lawns with grass so green!
Warm lakes in which to swim,
Trails we can hike or ride a bike.
Garden produce to tend to and
Then watch it grow... and eat it.
God gives us so much beauty!
We are blessed beyond measure!



SERVING SCHEDULES

WEST—JUNE

Ushers: Pete D. organizes
Deacon: Debbie Schuck
Altar Guild: Jane E, Sheryl W
Acolytes: 1: Ben L, Isabelle C
8: Ben L, Kaleb P.
15: Ben L.
22 & 29: none listed online

WEST—JULY

Ushers: Pete D. organizes
Deacon: Sheryl Wohlers
Altar Guild: Cindy S, Donna
Acolytes: None listed online

Stewardship at West:

- 1st Sun. – Luther League
- 2nd Sun. – JAM or B.O.E
- 3rd Sun. – WELCA or the Heritage Association
- 4th Sun. – Council
- 5th Sun. – Council

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EAST—JUNE

Acolytes: Ushers covering
Altar Guild: Marilyn Carlson, Audrey Carlson
Deacon: Terry Zieman

EAST—JULY

Acolytes: Ushers covering
Altar Guild: Dawn Evjen
Deacon: Mary Madson
East Coffee Servers:

JUNE

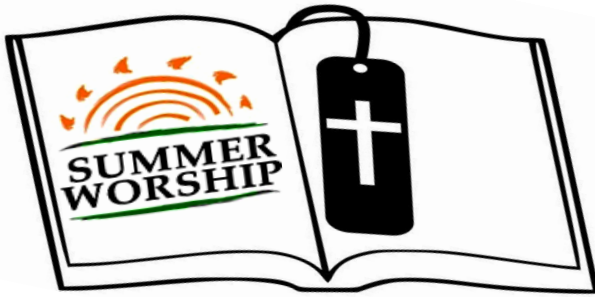
- 1st Sun.— Quilting Sisters
- 2nd Sun.— East WELCA
- 3rd Sun.— Heritage @ WEST for Joint Worship
- 4th Sun.— Circle 4
- 5th Sun.— Sarah Circle

East Coffee Servers:

JULY

- 1st Sun.— Quilting Sisters
- 2nd Sun.— Sarah Circle
- 3rd Sun.— Heritage @ EAST for Joint Worship

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! JOINT SUMMER HAPPENINGS!



Watch future newsletters and church bulletins for "Taste of Norway" details

JUNE 2025

Regular services: West at 8:30 am, East at 10:00 am

JOINT SERVICE June 15—10:00 am inside West church

JULY 2025

Regular services: East 8:30 at am, West at 10:00 am

JOINT SERVICE July 20—10:00 am inside East church

AUGUST 2025

Regular services: West at 8:30 am, East at 10:00 am

JOINT SERVICE August 17—10:00 am inside West church

VBS: See details in 'box ad' just below this ad.

"Taste of Norway" Watch August newsletter and church bulletins for details.



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. 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 or text to 507-206-9839.**

WOMEN OF EAST MAY MEETING



Women of East: We met on Saturday, May 10. New Member Sunday was May 4, and a group quickly got that put together. Mothers Day was May 11, and the egg bake will be made here. The men's group is all signed up to serve! May 18 we celebrated 3 of our graduates, Teagon, Dawson, and Justice. Congrats to them! June 8 is celebrating Father's Day, and we'll do that with a BBQ Dinner. Our next big event is the Treasure Sale at The Salem Town Hall. Posters will be made, and it needs to go into the newsletter for June, as there is no July Newsletter. Marilyn Carlson is leading this committee. Talk and planning are starting to take place for the Lutefisk Supper. This will be a huge undertaking, and we are looking for volunteers to step up and help teach the next group. Amy and Dawn are leading this committee. Our next meeting is Saturday, June 14. There is no meeting in July. Have a very blessed summer! All women of East St Olaf are welcome to come and join in the planning and work of the church. There are some big jobs, and there are some small jobs, but there is always someplace to contribute a little time and ideas!

EAST FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

**Father's
Day
Brunch**

Father's Day will be celebrated June 8 at East St Olaf. 10:00 Service and 11:00 Meal. BBQ, Potato Salad, Chips, Brownies and Ice Cream will be served. *We are holding our celebration one week early, as the "real" Father's Day is the joint service at West.*



Do you have treasures that you don't need anymore? Items that have shared a life with you, but now could use a new home? Consider donating or consigning items for the East St Olaf Rummage Sale this July. ***This is a church-wide fundraiser. We are renting the Salem Town Hall during Good Neighbor Days and will have two rooms there.***

DONATION Room (Right)	CONSIGNMENT Room (Left)
<p>These items are donated by you and if purchased, all money will go to East St Olaf.</p>	<p>These items will be marked with a price by you, and 25% of the purchase price will go to East St Olaf. The rest will be paid to you.</p>

- >> Drop-off and Set-up is Thursday, July 17, 2:00-8:00PM
- >> Sale is Friday, July 18, 8:00AM-6:00PM
- >> Sale is Saturday, July 19, 8:00AM – 2:00PM,
- >> Note: Half Price in Donated Room 12:00-2:00PM.
- >> Pick-Up is Saturday, July 19, 2:00-4:00PM
- >> Clean Up 4:00-6:00PM (All items left will go to Goodwill).

See next page for more information.

EAST TREASURE SALE: More Information

**Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with the sale. This is a church-wide fundraiser for East St Olaf. Proceeds go to the General Fund, and it's a lot of fun!
Many hands make light work!**

THURSDAY 7/17	JOB	NUMBER NEEDED
First Shift 1:00 – 4:00PM Second Shift 4:00 – 8:00PM	Get the rooms ready, start taking in items and organizing them.	First Shift: Need about 4-5 people. Second Shift: Need 6-8 People. Could use some strong guys.
FRIDAY 7/18		
First Shift 7:00AM- 12PM Second Shift 12PM- 4:00PM Third Shift 4:00PM-8:00PM	Help Customers Handle the Cash Record the Sales	First Shift: 6-8 People Second Shift: 4-6 People Third Shift: 4-6 People
SATURDAY 7/19		
First Shift 7:00AM- 12PM Second Shift 12PM- 4:00PM (2:00-4:00 PM) Third Shift 2:00-6:00PM	Help Customers Handle the Cash Record the Sales Second Shift Help with sales and Pick Up. Third Shift Help with pick up and load trailer. Clean.	First Shift: 4-6 People Second Shift: 6-8 People Third Shift: 6-8 People, Could use some strong guys during this time.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church, or you can call Jane Williams (507)271-2272 or email at jawilliams5240@gmail.com to sign up.

We would LOVE to have you for whatever time works. You can also double up on a shift if you can spare more time. We will not be serving lunch during the sale. So workers can bring their own lunch, but snacks and drinks will be provided.

If you are planning on bringing larger items, or something worthy of advertising, please let Marilyn, Amy, or Jane know. We are working with the Byron Good Neighbor Days for advertising, and the Dodge County Independent.

JUNE Birthdays East

- 1 Mark Brandt
- 5 Adam Clement
- 5 Kailey Peterson
- 7 Michael Bale
- 7 Eric Yngsdal
- 8 George Evjen
- 8 Krista DeCook
- 13 Gerald Bale
- 13 Katherine Carstensen
- 15 Adrianna Clement
- 16 Shirley Distad
- 17 Ronald Yngsdal
- 17 Victoria Strain
- 24 Patricia Nelson

Happy Birthday!



- 25 Lori Rand
- 26 Andrew Distad
- 26 Emma Pyfferoen
- 26 Hazley Pyfferoen
- 27 Michael Nelson
- 28 Landon Bauer

JUNE Birthdays West

- 1 Cole Twaddle
- 2 Jeff Berge
- 2 Troy Stoppel
- 2 Wyatt Naylor
- 5 Gloria Brown
- 8 Cindy Senjem
- 9 Carlon Thompson
- 10 Sharon Gulbransen
- 10 Miranda Steinfadt
- 11 Ardella Bamlet
- 12 Greta Tiegen
- 13 Jacob Keckhafer
- 14 Annika Larson
- 17 Laura Johnson

- 18 Susan Christopherson
- 18 Adrien Dahle
- 19 Gregory Thoe
- 19 Chase Jervis
- 20 Wade Gulbransen
- 22 Denice Beaver
- 22 Matthew Kaehler
- 23 Clarence Dahle
- 24 Jana Hiam
- 24 Hannah Masching
- 25 Randy Johnson
- 26 Kalli Skov-Flatt
- 26 Austin Palmersheim
- 26 Anya Bjornson
- 28 Ruth Keckhafer

OUR BIRTHDAY LISTS: If you are not on our birthday lists in the monthly newsletter and you wish to be listed, please email our church secretary, Gina, at eastwest@kmtel.com

JULY Birthdays East

- 1 Jacob Baier
- 4 Marion Yngsdal
- 5 Luke Evjen
- 7 Terry Zieman
- 9 John Myhre
- 9 Dylan Rand
- 10 Steven Senjem
- 10 Anne Kearns
- 18 Gregory Rud
- 21 Hans Herness
- 22 Rita Distad
- 24 Triston Koehler
- 24 Tate Olson

Happy Birthday!



- 26 Doug Bakken, Jr.
- 27 Gaile Fritts
- 29 Nora Finseth
- 29 Elmer Jorgenson

JULY Birthdays West

- 1 Dawn Steinfadt
- 2 Kenneth Wohlers
- 3 Alli Horejsi
- 3 April Christopherson
- 5 James Larson
- 5 Alissa Ahrens
- 6 Craig Steinfadt
- 6 Ike Estby
- 8 Camille Lechnir
- 8 Jeremy Mott
- 9 Emma Jervis
- 11 Catrina Fjerstad
- 13 Bryna Rabebl

- 13 Kjetil Aasen
- 14 Marilyn Skov
- 14 Julie Borland
- 16 Darian Dahle
- 20 Erin Beaver
- 21 Virginia Iverson
- 23 Kurt Orning
- 25 Joseph Arett
- 26 Janet Sutton
- 26 Brian Beyer
- 27 Janice Narveson
- 29 Gene Gulbransen
- 29 Ashlee McDonnah
- 30 Trudy Mulugeta
- 31 Jeffrey Thoe
- 31 Lane Austin

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 am WEST Worship/ Comm. <u>West coffee after svc in-honor of 90th birth- day Gloria B.</u></p> <p>10:00 am EAST Worship/Comm., <i>East coffee after svc</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 am East Quilt/sack lunch</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Gina VAC Pastor: day-off</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Gina VAC</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Gina VAC</p> <p>8:30 am WEST Worship <i>West coffee after svc</i></p> <p>10:00 am EAST Worship—then <u>Father's Day Brunch after church</u></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Gina VAC</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p> <p><u>JOINT Council Meeting @ West 6pm—individual 7pm—joint mtg.</u></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Gina VAC</p> <p>10:00 am East Quilt/sack lunch</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Gina VAC</p> <p><u>WEST WELCA EVENT: 1:00 pm @ Chapel—Norm Senjem will share Parsonage history. Men are welcome! Pie & ice cream served afterward.</u></p>	<p>12</p> <p>Gina VAC</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Gina VAC Pastor: day-off</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Gina VAC</p> <p>10:00 am <u>Women of East meeting at church, in basement (all East women are invited)</u></p>
<p>15</p> <p>Gina VAC</p> <p>10:00 am <u>JOINT WORSHIP in WEST church... with coffee & fellowship after the service.</u></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Gina VAC</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch</p> <p><i><u>Gina back at work</u></i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pastor day-off</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 am WEST Worship/ Comm. <i>West coffee after svc</i></p> <p>10:00 am EAST Worship/Comm., <i>East coffee after svc</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p> <p>NO printing of a newsletter in the month of June.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pastor day-off</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30 am WEST Worship <i>West coffee after svc</i></p> <p>10:00 am EAST Worship <i>East coffee after svc</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am-Noon Pastor office</p>					

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 <u>NO meeting for East Council in July</u>	2	3 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	4 Pastor: day-off <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> Happy Independence Day!	5
6 8:30 am EAST Worship/ <u>Comm.</u> East coffee after svc 9:00 am West coffee 10:00 am WEST Worship/ <u>Comm.</u>	7 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	8	9 <u>WEST WELCA SPECIAL OUTING</u> (watch church bulletins for details)	10 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	11 Pastor: day-off	12 <u>No meeting for East WELCA in July</u>
13 8:30 am EAST Worship East coffee after svc 9:00 am West coffee 10:00 am WEST Worship	14 9:00am-Noon Pastor office <u>7:00 pm WEST Council meeting</u>	15 10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch	16	 2-8pm East drop off & set-up at the Salem town hall, for the Treasure Sale 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	 8am-6pm at Salem town hall: EAST TREASURE SALE!!! Pastor day-off	 8am-2pm at Salem town hall: EAST TREASURE SALE!!! 2-4pm is time to pickup any unsold items
20 10:00 am <u>JOINT WORSHIP in EAST church...</u> with coffee & fellowship after the service.	21 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	22 7:00 pm <u>DEADLINE to submit info for the next newsletter</u>	23	24 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	25 Pastor day-off	26
27 8:30 am EAST Worship/ <u>Comm.</u> East coffee after svc 9:00 am West coffee 10:00 am WEST Worship/ <u>Comm.</u>	28 9:00am-Noon Pastor office	29 10:00 am East Quilting/sack lunch	30	30 <u>NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY at office</u> 9:10 am print 9:20 am fold 9:30 am collate/tape		

EAST OFFERINGS (May 4 and 11, 2025) Current \$1,685. (May 20, 2025) Current \$962.

EAST COUNCIL MINUTES East St. Olaf Council did not have a meeting in May.

WEST COUNCIL MINUTES: May 12, 2025

Devotions by Pastor Thompson

Special presentation from Norman Senjem of the St. Olaf Heritage Association regarding the history of the parsonage.

Minutes were read by Pastor Thompson (and approved).

The Treasurer's Report was received (and approved).

The Board of Education Report was read. The 2024-2025 JAM year concluded on May 4. Students and teachers celebrated with bowling and pizza at Mony's in Hayfield. Planning has begun on VBS, which will be August 23-24. JAM will serve coffee on August 10.

Deacons' Report

Cards were sent to those over 90 years of age, as well as expressions of support for those in need.

Confirmation photos need to be placed in the frame in the Chapel. A gift for Tina Bagauouette was discussed

A Spring Cleaning Sale has been scheduled for May 18 after church.

Becky Wilbourne will continue cleaning until the end of May.

Memorial Day serving has been arranged.

Gina requests that all items for the June/July Newsletter be turned in by May 20.

Mervis Keckhafer died on May 9. Services for her are pending.

There will be a Coffee Hour for Gloria Brown in honor of her 90th birthday on June 1.

Trustees

The Chapel painting has been completed. The entry area of the Church has also been painted.

The steeple has been power-washed.

Greg Brandt will work on the columns at the Chapel.

Old Business

The changes to the boundaries of the Parsonage and the Tverberg Cabin are being undertaken.

Discussion was held as to the inspection of the parsonage and possible asbestos removal. The possibility of the Parsonage Committee paying was suggested. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the removal of the Parsonage required further discussion at the Joint Meeting in June. It was also felt that the Heritage Committee and the Parsonage Committee should attend the Joint Meeting.

Greg Brandt reported on the search for a new insurance carrier. Church Mutual informed him that the policy cancellation was in error. Greg was able to get some quotes on future coverage. In an effort to possibly reduce costs, the possibility of reducing the amount of coverage to be purchased was discussed. The offer from Spectrum Insurance in LaCrosse, WI. was moved, seconded, and approved.

New Business

An individual has been parking behind the church on a regular basis. He's been approached about this, but continues in this activity. The Sheriff has been notified.

The meeting adjourned with the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: June 9 JOINT Council meeting at West. St. Olaf

Submitted by Pastor Thompson

WEST ST. OLAF FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

April 16-May 15, 2025

Date		Current
20-Apr	Offering	\$ 2,384.00
27-Apr	Offering	1,135.00
4-May	Offering	1,265.00
11-May	Offering	<u>2,020.00</u>
Subtotal		\$6,804.00
Other Current Income:		
	1st. Q Reconcili-	
20-Apr	ation	955.45
20-Apr	NMDonation	140.00
27-Apr	Coffee Hour	<u>40.00</u>
Subtotal		\$ 1,135.45
Total Current Income		<u>\$ 7,939.45</u>

Date		Benevolence
	Offering	
	Offering	
	Offering	
	Offering	
Subtotal		<u>\$0.00</u>
Other Benevolence Income:		
20-Apr	Easter Donation	\$ 225.00
27-Apr	Easter Donation	50.00
Subtotal		<u>275.00</u>
Total Benevolence Income:		<u>\$275.00</u>

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

April 16, 2025-May 15, 2025

Current Account	3/16/2025-4/15/2025
Beginning Balance	\$ 21,400.66
Income	\$7,939.45
Total Income	\$ 29,340.11
Expenses	\$11,994.03
Supplies	\$0.00
Utilities	\$359.67
Total Expenses	\$12,353.70
Ending Balance	\$ 16,986.41
Benevolence Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 520.34
Income	\$275.00
Total Income	\$ 795.34
Expenses	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 795.34

West St. Olaf: Do you need someone to care for your cemetery flowers this summer?



My name is **Kendyl Beyer** and I'm a West St. Olaf member. I would like to help keep your flowers blooming all summer. I will water twice a week (*or as needed*) for the months of June, July, and August for \$30 per gravesite.

Contact me at: 507-884-8627 or kendylbeyer28@gmail.com

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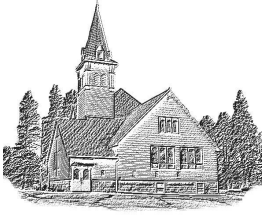
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