

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

February 1, 2026: 4th Sunday after Epiphany
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.

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)

>>> TODAY: WEST ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK

(We'll have our meeting first, then enjoy potluck dinner)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Feb. – Sandy Iverson

Altar Guild: Feb. – Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem

Acolytes: Feb. 1 – Cole Twaddle, Lauralee Olson

Reader: Feb. 1 – Norman Senjen

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Feb.: Carma Bjornson

Stewardship: 1st Sunday – Luther League

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

TODAY: WEST ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK!!

WEST Annual Meeting is TODAY after worship, then we'll enjoy our potluck dinner following the meeting. *We hope you can join us for our meeting and fellowship.*

WEST WELCA FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Our WELCA calendar booklets will be completed soon; but the February schedule is as follows:

FEBRUARY

Chairperson: Sandy Iverson

Altar Guild: Donna Larsen, Cindy Senjem

Feb. 10 – 9:00am Quilting / Sack lunch *continued....*

Feb. 11 – 9:00am Quilting / Sack lunch
1:00PM West WELCA Meeting – Host: *Cindy Senjem and the study is by Pastor Paul*

Feb. 18 – 7:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY worship at WEST

Feb. 24 – 9:00am Quilting / Sack lunch

Feb. 25 – 9:00am Quilting / Sack lunch
6:00 pm *Soup Supper at EAST church*
7:00 pm *Lenten worship at EAST church*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

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	<u>WEST annual meeting with potluck dinner following!</u>
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	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, <u>Install Officers & Baptism of Walker Jervis</u>

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Feb. 9 (Mon.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
7:00 pm	<u>West Council meeting</u>
Feb. 10 (Tue.): 9:00am	West quilting/ sack lunch
Feb. 11 (Wed.): 9:00am	West quilting/ sack lunch
1:00 pm	West WELCA meeting
	<i>Host-Cindy S., Study-Pastor Paul</i>
7:00 pm	Both: Confirmation at West
Feb. 12 (Thur.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office

Feb. 13 (Fri.): _____	Pastor's day off-work
Feb. 15 (Sun.): 8:30 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u>
9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
10:30 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u>

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

West Prayers: Sterling Larson, Jeff Thoe, Julie (*sister of Carma B.*), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Amber Haley (*Todd and Denice Beaver's daughter*), 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*), Patrick Reynolds (*grandson of Sue Hyland*), Erika Smith (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*).

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