

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

Sept. 6, 2026: Creation in Christ (Sunday)

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. *Fall hours begin in Sept. (see below).*

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER (Fall Hours Begin)



WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Sept.

BOTH: JAM at 10:00 am at WEST (RALLY DAY 09/20 & West has NEW MEMBER DAY & RALLY LUNCH)

(also West coffee)

EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Sept. (*coffee follows*)

BOTH THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Sept. – Meghan Ohman

Deacon: Sept. – Terry Zieman

Readers: Sept. 6 – Mary Madson

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 1st Sun. - Quilting Sisters

READINGS: Sept. 6, 2026 – Creation in Christ (Sunday)

INTRODUCTION: *Since the seventh century, September 1 has symbolized the day of the creation of the world in the Byzantine tradition and has been the opening feast of its liturgical year (known as the Feast of the Indiction), in parallel with Rosh Hashanah marking the Jewish New Year. Creation in Christ celebrates the ongoing creation of the world in and through Christ, who sustains, unites, and holds all created things. We hear today of the triune God who creates all things: sun and moon, shining stars, sea monsters,*

creeping things and flying birds – and, yes, even human beings. God-in-Christ still takes care of all things and invites us to join in as caretakers of God's good creation.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a: *At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

PSALM: Psalm 148

SECOND READING: Acts 17:22a, 24-28: *In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

GOSPEL: John 1:1-5: *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

L.L. PIZZA PARTY & FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS!!

>> Luther League PIZZA PARTY at 6:00 pm THIS Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the West Chapel

>> Followed by the FIRST CLASS for Confirmation at 7pm.

THANK YOU!

MANY THANKS to East St. Olaf for the use of your beautiful church for the sixth annual Taste of Norway celebration on August 23. Special thanks to Jane Williams for helping with the skit, and to Brian Mueller for directing cars to parking places. Many others helped to make the event a success for more than 130 visitors.

~ Norman Senjem, secretary, Saint Olaf Heritage Association ~

NEW DAY FOR THE EAST WOMEN'S MEETINGS

Women of East will now meet after church on the 2nd Sunday each month Sept. thru Dec. (so our next meeting is Sept. 13) It is our hope, this change will enable more women to participate.

QUILT SHOW AT TRINITY LUTHERAN HAYFIELD

Trinity Lutheran of Hayfield invites everyone to their special quilt show on **Sat., September 19 from 1:00-2:15pm – followed by a dessert reception.** Nationally-recognized award-winning quilter, Tamara Carter, along with her husband and co-presenter, Joe Gaines (of the Choctaw Nation) will share quilts inspired by Indigenous American history, culture, and lifeways in an educational and inspirational program. *Free of charge and open to the public.*

EAST SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES

September 20 is RALLY DAY fun at West church, for all parish JAM/Sunday school families.



RALLY DAY TIMELINE:

9:00 am - West worship/Comm. (backpack blessing)

10:00 am – JAM begins a new year with a Bounce-House! *Also West coffee hour.*

11:00 am – Pulled pork lunch for JAM Rally Day and West New Member Day

HELP FOR EARTHQUAKE IMPACTED, IN COLUMBIA

On August 10, 2026, a 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck western Colombia, in the Chocó department. A second earthquake of 4.4 magnitude struck the same region on August 20. *As of August 20, 319 people have died, 4,506 have been injured, and 260 remain missing.* Although the Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO) was not impacted, they immediately engaged ministry partners to address both immediate and emergent needs of all who are suffering from this natural disaster. **Your gifts to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Colombia fund (SEMNSynod.org/GiveCo) will be directed to IELCO so that they can provide food, fresh water, diapers, and other emergent needs** as they continue to engage earthquake survivors with on-the-ground "first response" and spiritual care.

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(08/23 and 08/30/2026) Current \$3,219. Benevolence \$145.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	9:00 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u>
	10:00 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	11:00 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u>
		<i>East coffee after church</i>
Monday:	>>>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED-</u> Labor Day
Tuesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	1:00 pm	West WELCA meeting <i>Host- Breanna Estby, Study- Pastor Paul</i>
	6:00 pm	<u>Luther League PIZZA PARTY at the West Chapel</u>
	7:00 pm	<u>FIRST CLASS for Confirmation</u>
<u>>>> Pastor vacation Sept. 10 - Sept. 14 <<<</u>		
Sun. (09/13)		<u>BOTH: Rev. Jim Rushton & Organist Jeneane</u>
	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	<i>West coffee (West donated school supplies are due)</i>
	11:00 am	East worship
	After church	<u>East Women's meeting at church</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 15 (Tue.)	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 16 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at WEST
<u>>>> Pastor vacation Sept. 17 - Sept. 19<<<</u>		
Sept. 19 (Sat.):	10am-3pm	<u>EAST RESERVED</u> by Amy S. for bridal shower for Haley B.
	NOON	<u>DEADLINE to submit info/reports for next newsletter</u>
Sept. 20 (Sun.):		<u>IAM Rally Day! & New Member Day at WEST</u>
	9:00 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u>
	10:00 am	<u>IAM classes begin!</u> <i>West coffee</i>

11:00 am West has lunch for Rally Day & for
New Member Day

11:00 am East worship, Comm.

>>> Pastor vacation Mon., Sept. 21 <<<

Sept. 22 (Tue.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch

10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Sept. 23 (Wed.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch

7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at WEST

Sept. 27 (Sun.): 9:00 am West worship

10:00 am JAM classes / also West coffee

11:00 am East worship

Sept. 29 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

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NEWSLETTER DAY at office

(9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)

Sept. 30 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at WEST

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

**HEGRE'S SWEDISH MEATBALL SUPPER - ONLY
TAKEOUT & CURBSIDE PICKUP ORDERS**

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 from 4:00-7:00pm – CASH OR
CHECK ONLY... at 51939 Hwy 56 Blvd. Kenyon, MN 55946
[Meals at \$18 each – they are adult sized portions.]

Call ahead or text orders are recommended by Friday, September 18
and will guarantee meals – Call or text to Beth at 507-330-4996.

Drive Up meals available the day of the supper until food is
gone. Picnic tables will be outside for anyone to use. Please stay
in line until reaching the cashier on the side of the church.

MENU: Swedish Meatballs, Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Coleslaw, Corn, Cranberries, Dinner Roll and
Apple Dessert.

**FIRST LUTHERAN BLOOMING PRAIRIE
LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER**

MEAL IS Saturday, October 10 with 11am, Noon, or 1pm
seatings: RESERVATIONS & PREPAYMENT REQUIRED.

\$28 per meal (children 5 years and under are free).

TICKET SALES BEGIN on Monday, September 21 at 10am – Reserve & Pay Online at flcbp.flocknote.com OR by Phoning During Office Hours: 507-583-6621.

OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN ROCHESTER FAIR-TRADE MARKET: Our Savior’s Lutheran Church Rochester would like to once again invite you to our 18th Annual Fair-Trade Market on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2026. *Hours: Friday, Oct. 2nd, 3-7pm, Saturday, Oct 3rd, 9am-4pm and Sunday, Oct 4th, 10am-1pm.*

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EAST Prayers: Jim Olson, Linda K., (friend of Pat Nelson), Keith Roeder (friend of Audrey Carlson), Salem (cousin of Keaton DeCook), Todd Pyfferoen, Kathy B., 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); and in Army Basic Training: Dawson Meier.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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JANITORIAL SVC EAST: Becky Wilbourne 507-923-5845

COUNCIL CONTACT INFO: **ALL area codes are (507)**

EAST: President: Randy Robinson: 923-0479

Gary Kearns: 206-3158 or 254-5285

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