East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

November 22, 2026: Christ the King

Confirmation/Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Rev. Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING:



If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook (*on the stand in the narthex*). Note that worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER



WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Nov.
JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)
EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Nov. (*East coffee follows*)

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild
Altar Guild: Nov. – Meghan Ohman
Deacon: Nov. - Meghan Ohman
Reader: Nov. 22 – check schedule
Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed
Coffee Servers: 4th Sun. - OPEN - contact Marylin

READINGS: Nov. 22, 2026: Christ the King

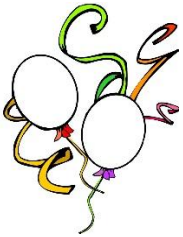
INTRODUCTION: *On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24: *Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*
PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23:*In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46: *Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.*

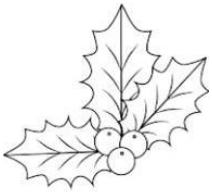
TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME & GO OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION!



Everyone is invited to join Jana Thompson in celebrating two momentous events: Her 60th BIRTHDAY and RETIREMENT!!!
It's a "come & go" OPEN HOUSE
Friday, December 4 from Noon thru 4:00 pm at 430 12th Street NW, Byron.

HOLIDAY PALOOZA CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR: EAST ST. OLAF



Saturday, December 5, 2026
9:00am – 2:00pm: All welcome!
Local Crafters & Vendors!
Baked Goods, Candles, Flower arrangements, Christmas Items, Cookbooks & more!
If you would like to sell your wares, tables are $30.
Contact Amy Schwarz if interested: amy.jorgenson23@gmail.com
Lunch Menu: Hotdishes, dinner rolls, coffee, & hot cocoa bar
Price: Free will donation

DECEMBER MISSION: "All Things Cozy Tree" for Youth



This year, there is still a need at ***180 Degrees Emergency Youth Shelter*** on Bamber Valley Road. This shelter is a 12-bed facility for teens and provides the basic items for teens in need, along with counseling for youth and families, and support for school success.

Our Mission: Provide clothing donations for these teens!

> Clothing is needed in sizes 10/12 to 2X (male and female).
> Tags of clothing needs are on the Christmas Tree in the Narthex. *You can also make a donation on their website, directly to 180 Degrees.*
> **Donations will be collected from Nov. 20 thru Dec. 21 at East St. Olaf**. *Tuesday, Dec. 22 items will be delivered to the 180 Shelter. Please consider a gift under our Mission Tree for a young person who is truly in need.*

HAYFIELD TRINITY QUILTERS AND WELCA BAZAAR
Saturday, December 5 from 8:30am-11:30 am
Goodies, Crafts & Quilts. Rolls & Coffee
ALSO Saturday, December 6 (AFTER Messiah Concert)

BEAUTIFYING OUR SANCTUARY



If you'd like to donate a poinsettia, we will recognize it in the Christmas Eve bulletin. **Please inform one of the following people by Mon. Dec. 14 (*specify who the plant is from and whom it's in memory-of*).**

WEST: *Sheryl Wohlers (507-365-8816 or 507-259-5974)*
EAST or WEST: *Email Gina at eastwest@kmtel.com*

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?
If you are willing to do scripture readings, please sign up at the lectern by the communion book. Thank you.

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:
(11/08 & 11/15/2026) Current $7,390.82 and Benevolence $25.
CORRECTION: A month or so ago there was a notice of $10,000 donated for the parking lot reseal - actually $12,000 was donated.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	**BOTH DECORATING for CHRISTMAS!!**	
	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM practice program (*also West Volunteer Appreciation coffee) WEST decorates church for Christmas- all helpers needed!*
	11:00 am	East worship (*coffee after church*)
	After church	***EAST decorates church for Christmas- all helpers needed!***
Tuesday: 10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch	
	>>>>	**NEWSLETTER DAY at Office**
Wednesday:	------	**NO class** for Confirmation-holiday
Thursday:	------	OFFICE CLOSED – Thanksgiving
Friday:	9:00 am	West WELCA decorates chapel for Christmas (men's help welcome)
	--------	Pastor's day off
Sun. (11/29)	Rev. Jim Rushton preaching at both	
	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	JAM practice program (*also West coffee)*
	11:00 am	East worship (*coffee after church*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 30 (Mon.): -------- Pastor vacation day

DECEMBER 2026 (*Pastor Paul retires end of Dec.*)
EAST EARLY at 9:00 am for Dec. (*East coffee after church*)
BOTH JAM at 10:00 am at West (*also West coffee*)
WEST LATE at 11:00 am for Dec.
>> JAM Christmas program is at WEST, on December 13.
>> Christmas Eve Candlelight Svc: WEST 4:00 pm, EAST 6:00 pm

>>> NOTE: Pastor Paul on vacation Dec. 1 thru Dec. 5 <<<

Dec. 1 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	Noon	East Circle 4 meeting
Dec. 2 (Wed.):	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
	____	**NO** Class for Conf (pastor vac)
Dec. 3 (Thur.):	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
Dec. 4 (Fri.):	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
	Noon-4:00pm	**"Come & Go" OPEN HOUSE** for Jana Thompson's 60th Birthday & her Retirement!! Everyone welcome!
Dec. 5 (Sat.):	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
	9AM – 2 PM	**EAST HOLIDAY PALOOZA, a Vendor & Craft Fair and a Lunch** ***Everyone is invited to attend!***
Dec. 6 (Sun.):	>>>	*Note: West chapel is reserved*
	9:00 am	East worship, Communion ***NO MEETING*** *for East Women*
	10:00 am	JAM at West – NO coffee at West
	11:00 am	West worship, Communion… *and Deadline to donate for the West Christmas Mission family*
	5:00 pm	ADVENT by CANDLELIGHT at West St. Olaf – meal after worship
Dec. 8 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Dec. 9 (Wed.):	10:30 am	WEST WELCA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & POTLUCK (men are welcome too)
	6:00 pm	**Luther League teens** wrap gifts for Christmas Mission family (at chapel)
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West
Dec. 13 (Sun.):	9:00 am	East worship, Coffee follows
	10:00 am	JAM at West – also West coffee
	11:00 am	JAM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM at West
Dec. 14 (Mon.)	>>>>	**JOINT COUNCIL Meeting @ West** *6:00 pm – Individual meetings* *7:00 pm – Joint meeting*
Dec. 15 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch

Dec. 16 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	**DEADLINE to submit info** for the next newsletter
	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at West

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EAST Prayers: Tom Myhre, Sr., 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), John (cousin of Pat Nelson), Sylvia Torstenson, and John Heydt (brother of Pat Nelson); Serving in our military: Dalton Mansfield, Dawson Meier (completed Basic, starting AIT training).

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