

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

March 22, 2026: Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 CANCELATIONS



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 MARCH

>> BOTH have Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays



WEST EARLY at 8:30 am for Mar. (coffee 9:30 am)

JAM at 9:30 am at West for all students, also West coffee

EAST LATE at 10:30 am for Mar. (coffee follows)

>> Final Lenten soup supper and worship is this Wed., at EAST

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: Mar. – Darlene Myhre & Sonya Mansfield

Deacon: Mar. - Terry Zieman

Reader: Mar. 22 – Randy Robinson

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 4th Sun. – Circle 4

READINGS: Sunday, March 22, 2026: 5th Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION: *In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or*

living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14: Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

PSALM: Psalm 130

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11: For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45: Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAST SERVERS FOR FINAL LENTEN SUPPER:

This Wed., March 25: Council Members serving Lenten meal.

LUTHER LEAGUE: PIZZA & SLEEPOVER AT CHAPEL!!!



Luther Leaguers: Join us this Friday, March 27 at 6:00 pm. Pizza supper provided.

>Please bring: 1.) your own bedding (sleeping bag, blankets, pillow 2.) a snack to share.

Breakfast provided in the morning as well.

Pick up time between 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

RSVP to Alli at 507-398-7769 if you would like to attend.

LILIES TO BEAUTIFY OUR ALTAR FOR EASTER



If anyone wishes to donate/share their Easter lily/lilies at church “*in-memory of*” and/or “*in-honor of*” someone... please inform Gina Moser that you plan to bring one, by March 23, (or at West: Sheryl Wohlers: 507-259-5974), if you would like it listed in the Easter bulletin. *Please drop-off lilies at your church the day before Easter.*

JAM EASTER EGG HUNT ON PALM SUNDAY (March 29)



Next Sunday at 9:30 am JAM kid’s will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt – so bring your basket or a bag!! NOTE: *Luther League teens are needed to hide eggs & help hold palm fronds that day.*

SPRING DINNER: EAST & WEST BOTH WELCOME!!! ON PALM SUNDAY (Next Sunday: March 29)



10:30 Worship at East,
then at 11:30 Dinner Starts.

East & West are both welcome!!

MENU: Ham and Scalloped Potatoes,
Veggies, Fruit, & Dessert

Cost: \$10.00 per person, \$6 for 12 and under
Hosted by Circle 4 at East St Olaf

SUPPORT FOR FOOD SHELVES: Thru April 6, 2026

Stretch Your Donation: Financial donations go further due to access to food banks and discount purchasing programs, allowing food shelves to purchase items that are most needed in Hayfield. *Currently feeding 400-500 families per month!*

MAIL CHECKS TO:

Cedar Creek Church (write Food Pantry in memo)
PO Box 224
Hayfield, MN 55940

THRIVENT DESIGNATIONS:

Thrivent “Choice Dollars” from 2025 can still be directed until March 31, by calling 800-847-4836. When prompted, say

“Thrivent Choice”. Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

WOMEN’S ZUMBRO RIVER CONFERENCE “SPRING EVENT”: Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Zumbro Lutheran Church
624 Third Ave. SW Rochester, MN 55902

Event Schedule:

9-9:30 am: Registration, Coffee & Displays

9:30 am: Program & Worship (Speaker: Pastor Shelley Cunningham)

12:00 pm: Lunch

>Registration Deadline: Friday, April 10 (Cost \$15): Talk to your church’s WELCA leaders regarding registration, and/or if any women have plans to ride together.

REACHING OUT WITH COMPASSION: Please bring a love offering for Zumbro’s Food Pantries. Items needed: Tuna or chicken pouches, ramen noodle cups, creamy peanut butter, Hormel “Compleats” shelf-stable microwave meals, and boxes of instant oatmeal packets.

WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?

If you are willing to do scripture readings, please sign up at the lectern where we sign the communion book. *Thank you.*

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(02/15/26) Current \$1,400.

(02/22/26) Current \$500.

(03/01 & 03/08/26) Current 4,225, Benevolence \$550, and Reimbursement \$582.06.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19th each month.

TODAY	8:30 am	West worship
	9:30 am	JAM classes, <i>also West coffee</i>
	10:30 am	East worship
Monday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch

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Wednesday:	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Lenten supper @ EAST</u> <i>(supper by East Council members)</i>
	7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Lenten Worship @ EAST</u>
Thursday:	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
	>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u> <i>(9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)</i>
Friday:	_____	Pastor's day off-work
	6:00 pm	<u>LUTHER LEAGUE SLEEPOVER</u> <u>& PIZZA @ CHAPEL</u> – bring a snack to share & bedding items
Sun. (03/29)		<u>PALM SUNDAY</u>
	8:30 am	WEST worship (<u>NOT</u> comm.)
	9:30 am	<u>JAM Easter Egg Hunt at WEST...</u> <i>(LL teens deeded to help with egg hunt & hold palm fronds)</i>
	10:00 am	EAST worship, (<u>NOT</u> comm.)

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Mar. 30 (Mon.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

Mar. 31 (Tue.): 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
>>>> **Deadline to designate Thrivent**
“Choice Dollars”

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

EAST EARLY at 8:30 am for Apr. (coffee follows)

JAM at 9:30 am at West for all students, also West coffee

WEST LATE at 10:30 am for Apr. (coffee 9:30 am)

NOTE: West Easter worship starts 30 minute earlier, at 10am.

Apr. 2 (Thur.): 9am-Noon Pastor at office

7:00 pm **BOTH: MAUNDY THURSDAY**
service at EAST, with communion

- Apr. 3 (Fri.):** 7:00 pm **BOTH: GOOD FRIDAY**
service at WEST
- April 5 (Sun.): EASTER! HALLELUJAH! HE IS RISEN!**
>> No JAM classes, No coffee hour at either church
>> NOTE: West worship begins 30 minutes earlier on Easter
- 8:30 am EAST worship, communion
10:00 am WEST worship, communion
- Apr. 6 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Apr. 7 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
Noon East Circle 4 meeting-bring lunch,
treats will be provided.
6:00 pm East council meeting
- Apr. 8 (Wed.):** 1:00 pm West WELCA meeting in Hayfield
at The Villa (*hosts: Sally West and Nancy Peterson*)
7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at WEST
- Apr. 9 (Thur.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
- Apr. 10 (Fri.):** _____ Pastor's day off-work
>>> *Deadline for women to register for the Zumbro Conf. "Spring Event"*
- Apr. 11 (Sat.):** 10:00 am East Women's meeting at church
- April 12: (Sun.)** 8:30 am EAST worship
East coffee after church
9:30 am JAM at West, *also West coffee*
10:30 am WEST worship
- Apr. 13 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office
7:00 pm West council meeting
- Apr. 14 (Tue.):** 10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
- Apr. 15 (Wed.):** >> **Pastor on vac/days-off Apr. 15-Apr. 25**
4 to 8:00 pm LUTHER LEAGE serves supper
at Ronald McDonald House
- April 19: (Sun.)** *Reverend Jim Rushton preaching at both*
8:30 am EAST worship, communion
East coffee after church
9:30 am JAM at West, *also West coffee for*
West Graduate Recognition!

10:30 am	WEST worship (<i>NOT comm today</i>)
Apr. 20 (Mon.): 7:00 pm	<u>Deadline to submit info for the May issue of newsletter</u>
Apr. 21 (Tue.): 10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Apr. 22 (Wed.): >>>>	<u>NO confirmation class (pastor vac.)</u>
Apr. 25 (Sat.): >>>	<u>BOTH: Zumbro River Conference "Spring Event" at Zumbro Luth of Roch.:</u> 8am-9:30 Check-in, Coffee 9:30 am - Prayer/Worship Noon - Lunch served
April 26: (Sun.) 8:30 am	EAST worship East coffee after church
9:30 am	JAM at West, also West coffee
10:30 am	WEST worship, <u>Communion</u> it's <u>"First Holy Communion" of Grasyn Hiam, Grant Palmersheim</u>
Apr. 27 (Mon.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
Apr. 28 (Tue.): 10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Apr. 29 (Wed.): 7:00 pm	<u>BOTH: Confirmation at WEST</u>
Apr. 30 (Thur.): 9am-Noon	Pastor at office
>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at OFFICE</u> (9:10-print, 9:25-fold, 9:40-collate)

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: Linda K., (*friend of Pat Nelson*), Keith Roeder (*friend of Audrey Carlson*), Salem (*cousin of Keaton DeCook*), 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*).

Church contact information on next page >>>

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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