

# East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

July 5, 2026: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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.*



## SCHEDULE FOR JULY

**WEST EARLY at 8:30 am** for July (coffee at 9:30 am)

**EAST LATE at 10:00 am** for July (coffee follows)

**JOINT Worship 10am July 12 at WEST - fellowship following**

>> NO East Council Mtg, NO East WELCA mtg, NO Circle 4

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild**

**Altar Guild:** July - Dawn Evjen

**Deacon:** July - Terry Zieman

**Reader:** July 5 - check signup sheet

**Acolytes:** Ushers are covering

**Coffee Servers:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. – Quilting Sisters

## READINGS: July 5, 2026: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**INTRODUCTION:** *The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

**FIRST READING:** Zechariah 9:9-12: *The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of*

God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

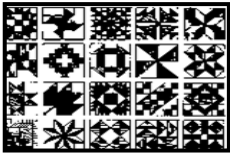
PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a: *Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30: *Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**QUILT SHOW AT EAST ST. OLAF IN JULY! (Save the date)**



Sat., JULY 11, 2026 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**The community is invited to attend!!**

*Free Admission. East Quilter's items for sale too!  
Lunch available \$7: BBQ, chips, salads, bars.*

**The Quilters of East St. Olaf are asking all East Members to grab those beautiful quilts out of your closets; and display their love and history! You can drop them off anytime Sun., JULY 5-Fri., JULY 10. Place them in the overflow area in the Sanctuary. When the show is done, you can pick them up again there.**

**GOOD EARTH VILLAGE:** There are still plenty of ways for you and your family to be part of what is happening at Good Earth Village this summer and beyond. MORE DETAILS AT <https://goodearthvillage.org/summer-programs/>

Got more than one camper? Use code SIBLING2026 for 25% off.  
Sending your camper to more than one session? Use code MULTI2026 for 25% off.

### **WILLING TO READ SCRIPTURES?**

If you are willing to do scripture readings this summer, 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!*

## **HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK**

*Deadline for the newsletter info by the 19<sup>th</sup> each month.*

<b>TODAY:</b>	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Communion</u>
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:00 am	East worship, <u>Communion</u> <i>East coffee after church</i>
<b>Monday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/ sack lunch <u>Secretary back working</u> <b><u>NO meeting</u></b> for Circle 4 <b><u>NO meeting</u></b> of East council in July
<b>Thursday:</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>Friday:</b>	-----	Pastor's day-off
<b>Saturday:</b>	10am-2pm	<b><u>EAST ST. OLAF QUILT SHOW!!</u></b> <i><u>No admission fee. Lunch \$7: BBQ, chips, salad, and bars. ALL welcome!</u></i>
<b>Sun. (07/12)</b>	10:00 am	<b><u>JOINT WORSHIP at WEST,</u></b> <i>followed by Fellowship</i>

## **COMING UP AT EAST & WEST**

<b>July 13 (Mon.):</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office <i>NO meeting of West council in July</i>
<b>July 14 (Tue.):</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/ sack lunch
<b>July 16 (Thur.):</b>	9am-Noon	Pastor at office
<b>July 17 (Fri.):</b>	-----	Pastor's day-off
<b>July 19 (Sun.):</b>	8:30 am	West worship, <u>Communion</u>
	9:30 am	<i>West coffee</i>
	10:00 am	East worship, <u>Communion &amp;</u> <b><u>Baptism of Thea Yngsdal</u></b> <i>East coffee after church</i>

July 20 (Tue.): NOON

DEADLINE to email info for the  
August edition of newsletter

>> JULY 20 thru JULY 26 Pastor Paul is on vacation! <<

### 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*).

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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### COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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