

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

Sept. 13, 2026: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Jim Rushton Organist: Jeneane Rushton

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



WEST EARLY at 9:00 am for Sept.

BOTH: 10:00 am JAM Rally Day at WEST on Sept. 20, and

West has NEW MEMBER DAY & RALLY LUNCH)

(also West coffee at 10:00 am)

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. 13 – Bruce Peterson

Acolytes: Ushers cover, if no acolyte listed

Coffee Servers: 2nd Sun. – Sarah Circle

READINGS: Sept. 13, 2026 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION: *In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21: *After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

PSALM: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12: *This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35: *When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Sunday school families.



RALLY DAY TIMELINE:

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

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

11:00 am – Rally Day Lunch of Pulled Pork.

EAST CONTRIBUTIONS:

(Sept. 6, 2026) Current \$13,477.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	<u>BOTH: Rev. Jim Rushton & Organist Jeneane</u>	
	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	West coffee
	11:00 am	East worship
	After church	<u>East Women's meeting at church</u>
Tuesday:	10:00am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at WEST
<u>>>> Pastor vacation Sept. 17 - Sept. 19<<<</u>		
Saturday:	10am-3pm	<u>EAST RESERVED</u> by Amy S. for bridal shower for Haley B.
	NOON	<u>DEADLINE</u> to submit info/reports for next newsletter
Sun., (09/20)	<u>JAM Rally Day! & New Member Day at WEST</u>	
	9:00 am	West worship, <u>Comm.</u>
	10:00 am	<u>JAM classes begin!</u> West coffee
	11:00 am	West has lunch for Rally Day & for New Member Day
	11:00 am	East worship, <u>Comm.</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>>>> Pastor vacation Mon., Sept. 21 <<<</u>		
Sept. 22 (Tue.):	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Sept. 23 (Wed.):	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
>>>>		<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at office</u> (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)
Sept. 30 (Wed.):	7:00 pm	BOTH: Confirmation at WEST

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.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL COUNTRY STORE at 73297 310th St. Racine, MN

Thursday, October 1, 4-7:00 PM Dine in or carry out: Pulled
Pork and Turkey Sandwiches, Salads, Homemade Pies. PRICE:
Adults: \$12. Kids 10 & Under: \$4. *Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Rugs,
Cookbooks.*

**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: Uncle Ray, (uncle of Becky Brakke), 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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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

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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