

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, MN

October 25, 2026: Reformation Day

Holy Communion

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 after church*)

>> RETIREMENT DINNERS: West on 11/08 and East on 11/15

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Oct. – Margaret Senjem, Sandy Iverson

Altar Guild: Oct. – Jane Estby, Sheryl Wohlers

Acolytes: Oct. 25 – Brayden Peterson , Austin Palmersheim

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Oct. - Debbie Schuck

Reader: Oct. 25 – Debbie Schuck

Stewardship: 4th Sunday – Church Council

READINGS: Oct. 25, 2026: Reformation Day / Confirmation

INTRODUCTION: *Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism,*

we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34:

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

PSALM: Psalm 46

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28:

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36:

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY: AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Congratulations and God's blessing to the young men and women who are affirming their faith today.



May God guide their lives and bless them with wisdom.

WEST ST. OLAF:

Reese Lucinda Hazelman: Daughter of Clay & Ashley Hazelman

Godparent: Pariss Hazelman

Verse: Psalm 37:4: Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Benjamin Joseph Laxen: Son of Will & Gail Laxen

Godparents: Felicia Kenyon, Patrick Laxen

Verse: Psalm 91:9-10: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

Lauralee Shae Olson: Daughter of late mother, Dawn Olson

Godparents now Parents: Eric & Missy Olson

Verse: Romans 8:18: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

Kaleb Mathew Palmersheim: Son of David & Jamie Palmersheim

Godparents: Andy & Katie Masching

Verse: Isaiah 41:10: Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

Cole Adam Twaddle: Son of Andrew & Jenny Milligan.

Godparents: Crystal Narveson, Jason & Rebekah Twaddle, Jessie Twaddle

Verse: Mark 9:24: Lord, I believe. Help mine unbelief.

VOTING-MEETING REGARDING OUR PARSONAGE



NEXT SUN., November 1, there will be a brief “voting-meeting” at each church regarding our parsonage and what we will do with it (right after each church’s worship service).

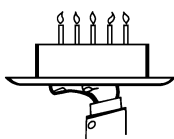
>>>> SO BE SURE TO SIGN the communion

book TODAY or on Nov. 1 to be eligible to vote – that is, IF you have not yet signed it this year already (as you need only sign the communion book one time each year and contribute to the church, to be eligible). Voting will be by ballot, and per our constitutional requirements for eligible voters – see below.

WEST Bylaw C8.02c: Members shall be classified as follows:

c. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this Congregation.

80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (Next Sun., Nov. 1)



Come help us celebrate Larry Himle's 80th birthday, during West's 10am coffee hour next Sun., November 1. Larry is requesting that there be no cards/no gifts. Birthday cake and accompaniments will be provided. *Hosted by Larry's family.*

WEST APPRECIATION / RETIREMENT DINNER!!!



95th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (Sun., Nov. 15)



Join Us in celebrating
Joy's 95th Birthday!
Sunday, November 15, 2026
1:00-4:00 p.m. West St. Olaf Chapel

WEST APPRECIATION COFFEE & DECORATE CHURCH



On Sunday, November 22 West is celebrating **Volunteer Appreciation Day!** Thank you to people of all ages who volunteer at West St. Olaf to get things done.



Enjoy a special coffee hour as we THANK YOU for another wonderful year! Church at 9:00am, JAM, **Appreciation Coffee hour and church decorating for the Christmas season at 10:00am.**

WEST ST. OLAF ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT



Advent by Candlelight will be Sunday, December 6 at West St. Olaf, beginning at 5:00 pm for punch and fellowship, followed by the service at 6:00 pm, then dinner will immediately follow. **Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for hostesses, food committee, and other volunteers needed. Please sign up!**

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

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY	<u>BOTH: CONFIRMATION DAY!</u>
	9:00 am East worship, <u>Communion</u> & <u>CONFIRMATION DAY</u> (East coffee after church)
	10:00 am JAM at West (also West coffee)
	11:00 am West worship, <u>Communion</u> & <u>CONFIRMATION DAY</u>
Tuesday:	10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday:	7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at West
Thursday:	>>>> <u>NEWSLETTER DAY at Office</u>
Friday:	----- Pastor's day off
Sun. (11/01):	>>>> <u>VOTING MEETINGS about Parsonage:</u> <u>after each church service!!!</u>
	9:00 am West worship, <u>Communion</u> <u>After church: WEST Parsonage Voting Meeting!</u>
	10:00 am JAM at West (also West coffee) <u>and</u> <u>80th Birthday Party for Larry Himle</u>
	11:00 am East worship, <u>Communion</u> <u>After church: EAST Parsonage Voting Meeting!</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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10:00 am	JAM practice program <i>(also West Volunteer Appreciation coffee)</i> <u>WEST decorates church for Christmas- all helpers needed!</u>
11:00 am	East worship <i>(coffee after church)</i>
After church	<i>EAST decorates church for Christmas- all helpers needed!</i>
Nov. 24 (Tue.): 10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
>>>>	<u>NEWSLETTER DAY at Office</u>
Nov. 25 (Wed.): -----	<u>NO class</u> for Confirmation
Nov. 25 (Wed.): -----	<u>OFFICE CLOSED - Thanksgiving</u>
Nov. 27 (Fri.): 9:00 am	<u>West WELCA decorates chapel for Christmas (men's help welcome)</u>
-----	Pastor's day off
Nov. 29 (Sun.):	<u>Rev. Jim Rushton preaching at both</u>
9:00 am	West worship
10:00 am	JAM practice program <i>(also West coffee)</i>
11:00 am	East worship <i>(coffee after church)</i>
Nov. 30 (Mon.): -----	Pastor vacation day

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2026 (Pastor Paul retires)

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.

DATE FOR JAM Christmas Program is Sun., Dec. 11

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

WEST Prayers: Family of Roger Mestad (brother of Virginia Iverson), Norman Senjem, Wilma Kyllö, Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (granddaughter of Joy), Grace Seeger (cousin of Gail Laxen), Julie (sister of Carma. B.), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (friend of Pat Nelson), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugelback, Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Gloria & Boyd Pew, Cindy & Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (nephew of Carma B.). Serving in our military: Jack Kenyon (nephew of

Will & Gail Laxen), Erika Smith (granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson).

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR WEBSITES: eaststolaf.org OR weststolaf.org

JANITORIAL SVC WEST: Steve Schuck 507-951-9718

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

WEST: Pres.: Greg Brandt: gregHbrandt@gmail.com 272-0217

Vice President: Dave Peterson: 421-7579

Head Deacon, Sheryl Wohlers: 365-8816 or 259-5974