West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, 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

WELCA Chair(s): Nov. – Nancy Gulbransen
Altar Guild: Nov. – Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson
Acolytes: Nov. 22 – Felix Laxen
Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers
Deacon: Nov. – Sheryl Wohlers
Reader: Nov. 22 – Sheryl Wohlers
Stewardship: 4th Sunday – Church Council

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

TODAY APPRECIATION COFFEE & DECORATE CHURCH

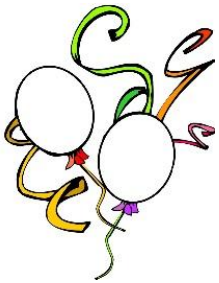


Today, November 22, West is celebrating **Volunteer Appreciation Day!** Thank you to people of all ages who volunteer at West St. Olaf to get things done.



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

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.

WEST CHRISTMAS MISSION



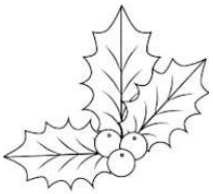
We are adopting a family of 4 children and a Mom and Dad for our Christmas mission. There are tags on a tree in the entry of the church with their needs. **Please have your gifts here by Dec. 6.** *If you choose not to wrap them, the Luther League youth will wrap them on Dec. 9.* Please attach the tag to the gift. There are boxes in the church and chapel to place your gifts. This is a Thrivent Action team mission. Thank you for your generosity.

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!***

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

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*

ACOLYTE SIGN UP:
Just a reminder to students of Confirmation Classes: Please go online to sign up to acolyte – *so the church secretary can look up the schedule to list in the bulletins:*
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5AD22A1FAC34-66334905-septdec#/

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

WEST Prayers: Wilma Kyllo, Mary Brandt, Grace Seeger (cousin of Gail Laxen), David Thoe, Ashley Hazelman, Linda K., (friend of Pat Nelson), Russ Skov, Carma Bjornson, Joy Beaver, Kathy B., Aloma Eastlee, Dawn Hugeback, 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).

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