

# West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Hayfield, 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 West Council Meeting in July

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

**WELCA Chair(s):** July – Deb Schuck

**Altar Guild:** July – Jane Estby, Sheryl Wohlers

**Acolytes:** Ushers are covering

**Reader:** July 5 – Sandy Iverson (*also the Comm. Help*)

**Ushers:** Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

**Deacon:** July - Sheryl Wohlers

**Stewardship:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Open in Summer

## 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

### WEST: JULY WELCA SPECIAL EVENT

Our WEST WELCA outing will be **July 8 at 11:00 am at Pizza Ranch in Stewartville. Men are welcome too!** Please inform Sharon or Nancy by July 6 if you are able to join us or would like to carpool from the chapel.

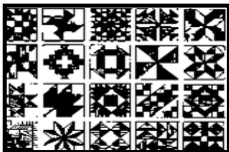
### WATERING OF WEST ST. OLAF CEMETERY FLOWERS



**Do you need someone to take care of your cemetery flowers this summer?** My name is **Kendyl Beyer** and I'm a West St. Olaf member. I would like to help keep your

flowers blooming all summer. I will water twice a week (*or as needed*) for the months of June, July, and August for \$40 per gravesite. Contact at: 507-884-8627 [kendylbeyer28@gmail.com](mailto:kendylbeyer28@gmail.com)

### 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.

**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.

## 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
	>>>>	<i>Date WEST folks should inform Sharon or Nancy if attending the lunch (this Wednesday)</i>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch <u>Secretary back working</u>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	11:00 am	<b><u>West WELCA special outing!</u></b> <u>Lunch at Stewartville Pizza Ranch &amp; the men are welcome too!</u>
<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> <u>No admission fee. Lunch \$7: BBQ, chips, salad, and bars. ALL welcome!</u>
<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

**July 13 (Mon.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office  
*NO meeting of West council in July*

**July 16 (Thur.):** 9am-Noon Pastor at office

**July 17 (Fri.):** ----- Pastor's day-off  
**July 19 (Sun.):** 8:30 am West worship, Communion  
 9:30 am West coffee  
 10:00 am East worship, Communion &  
 Baptism of Thea Yngsdal  
 East coffee after church  
**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

**West Prayers:** Family of Betty Bjornson (*sister of Ardean Bjornson – her funeral will be a later date*), Wilma Kylo, Mary Brandt, Cassie Beaver (*granddaughter of Joy*), Grace Seeger (*cousin of Gail Laxen*), Sterling Larson, 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 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*).

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

**PASTOR Paul Thompson:** (*Call before driving to office*)

**Cell Phone:** 507-273-8504 **Email:** [pthomp821@gmail.com](mailto:pthomp821@gmail.com)

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OR by appointment (*Day off-work is Friday*)

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**OUR WEBSITES:** [eaststolaf.org](http://eaststolaf.org) OR [weststolaf.org](http://weststolaf.org)

**JANITORIAL SVC WEST:** Steve Schuck 507-951-9718

### COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Pres.: Greg Brandt: [gregHbrandt@gmail.com](mailto:gregHbrandt@gmail.com) or 507-272-0217

Vice President: Dave Peterson: 507-421-7579

Head Deacon, Sheryl Wohlers: 507-365-8816 or 507-259-5974