

West St. Olaf Lutheran Church

70640 260th Avenue – Hayfield, 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: JAM at 10:00 am at WEST, *(also West coffee)*

Sept. 20: Rally Day, Blessing of Backpacks at West & New Member Day/Rally Day 11am Lunch at West

EAST LATE at 11:00 am for Sept. *(coffee follows)*

BOTH THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

WELCA Chair(s): Sept. – Nancy Peterson, Mary Brandt

Altar Guild: Sept. – Mary Brandt, Sandy Iverson

Acolytes: Ushers covering

Ushers: Pete Danielson organizes volunteers

Deacon: Sept. – Sheryl Wohlers

Readers: Sept. 13 – Gail Laxen

Stewardship: 2nd Sunday – JAM (or B.O.E.)

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.*

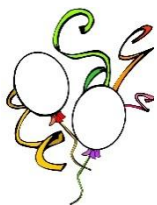
GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35: *When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

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. *Free of charge.*

RALLY DAY & WEST NEW MEMBER DAY



Join us Sun., September 20 for Rally Day fun & West New Member Day!!! During worship pastor will bless school backpacks and welcome Nancy Thoreson as a West new member. **After church & coffee hour,** all are invited to a delicious lunch of **pulled-pork sandwiches, salads, and bars. Yum!!!**

*This is co-sponsored by Thrivent. **Free will offering will go to JAM for operating expenses.*** **RALLY DAY TIMELINE:**

9:00 am - West worship/ Comm. (bless backpacks, and receive and welcome our new member)

10:00 am – JAM BEGINS a new year with a BOUNCEHOUSE!
Also West coffee hour.

11:00 am – Lunch served for Rally Day & New Member Day!!

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous donations to the school kit mission for Lutheran World Relief. We have 35 kits packed and ready to be delivered. *We surpassed our goal of 25 kits.*

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

TODAY BOTH: Rev. Jim Rushton & Organist Jeneane

9:00 am West worship

10:00 am West coffee

11:00 am East worship

After church East Women's meeting at church

Tuesday: 10:00am East quilting/sack lunch

Wednesday: 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at WEST

>>> Pastor vacation Sept. 17 - Sept. 19<<<

Saturday: 10am-3pm EAST RESERVED by Amy S.
for bridal shower for Haley B.

NOON DEADLINE to submit info/reports
for next newsletter

Sun., (09/20) JAM Rally Day! & New Member Day at WEST

9:00 am West worship, Comm.

10:00 am JAM classes begin! West coffee

11:00 am West has lunch for Rally Day & for
New Member Day

11:00 am East worship, Comm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> Pastor vacation Mon., Sept. 21 <<<

Sept. 22 (Tue.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch

10:00 am East quilting/sack lunch

Sept. 23 (Wed.): 9:00 am West quilting/sack lunch

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

>>>> NEWSLETTER DAY at office
(9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:40-collate)

Sept. 30 (Wed.): 7:00 pm BOTH: Confirmation at WEST

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

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 fclcbp.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,
Cookbooks, Rugs.*

**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

WEST Prayers: Judy Jones, Wilma Kylo, 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 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

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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