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# HOSANNA HERALD

*"As a Christian family of faith, we are gathered to grow and sent to serve"*





Dear Hosanna Family,

As 2023 wraps up and we look forward to 2024, we also look forward to the possibilities and hope that the new year will be a better year than the last. Many people choose to use the New Year as a time to set goals for self or family improvement. Each year, when I pause to set my goals or intentions for the New Year, I like to reflect on Howard Thurman's poem, *The Work of Christmas*.

### ***The Work of Christmas***

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.  
- Howard Thurman*

You may notice one tree in the gathering space that will stay up a little longer into Epiphany this year. It is a tree to remind us that, indeed, the work of Christmas begins at the manger.

On that tree, there are stars with Overland Elementary needs written on them. You are encouraged to take part in supporting Overland Elementary as part of Hosanna's 'living out the work of Christmas' in tangible ways, by taking a star and bringing that item back to Hosanna to then be delivered to Overland.

So, beloved of God, the work of Christmas doesn't end with the babe in the manger.

It begins! Let it begin with us!

Peace!  
Pastor Krista





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## **FAMILY PROMISE**

Hosanna has continued its involvement with Family Promise Rochester, whose mission is to support families experiencing homelessness. In November, Hosanna furnished a basket for their silent auction fundraiser held in conjunction with the annual choir concert. Lisa Nordman, Kristen Anderbeck, Priscilla Buchholtz and Beth Wiegand attended and enjoyed the music and fellowship. Next year we hope for a larger group!

In February, Erin Sinwell, Executive Director for Family Promise will be coming to Hosanna. She will tell us more about the program and the exciting changes coming in 2024.

Beth Wiegand

### ***Recent BLESSING BUCKS went to:***

**\*\* Salvation Army Dental Clinic**

**\*\* a family having medical issues, so they could purchase Christmas gifts**

**\*\* a family in need**

**\*\***

**SEEKING  
to  
BLESS**

**Blessing Bucks began in late February.**

**To date, \$5,768.87**

**has been shared with the community !!**





One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to say THANK YOU for your love, support, cards and prayers during the past year and especially this Christmas season. I'm thankful for ALL of you!

May 2024 be a blessing to us all.

Pastor Krista

## *The Meaning of the Snowflake*

Every new snowflake comes to the earth  
as a picture of our Saviour's birth,  
because they are sent from up above  
and remind us of God's care and love.  
Each one is so intricate and small  
because Christ sees the details of us all,  
and just as two are never the same  
He knows and calls us each by name.  
Snowflakes gently cover the world in white  
and hide what's unlovely from our sight,  
showing us how He covers our sin  
and gives us His grace when we come to Him.  
So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind  
and in every bit of white may you find  
a reason to celebrate anew  
and a reminder of His love for you.

*By Holly Gerth*

*©DaySpring.com*

***CHRISTMAS Decorations will be taken down  
January 7 after worship.  
Any help would be appreciated!***



# Hosanna Sunday School

Sunday School classes will resume

Sunday, January 7th

Class start time is 10:15AM

**January 7** - Jesus begins His ministry

**January 14** - The parable of the sower

**January 21** - Jesus heals an outcast

**January 28** - A woman healed, a girl raised

**February 4** - Jesus sends the twelve



Hosanna's Sunday School will be taking offering during the music time of Sunday School.

Each month, one of the classes will choose where they would like the S.S. offering to go.

This is just another way of Hosanna's outreach into the community!

## Confirmation Class

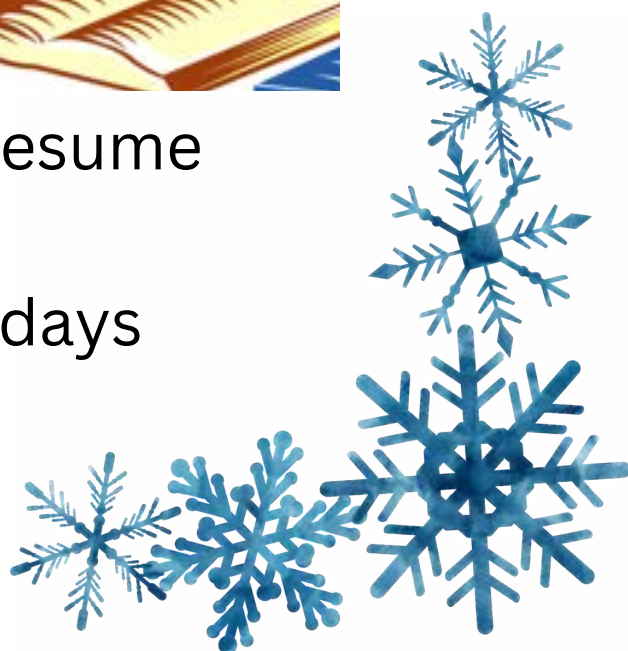


Confirmation Classes resume

January 3, 2024

We will meet Wednesdays

5:30PM-7:00PM





# Overland Elementary Outreach



During the month of January, Hosanna members will be given the opportunity to share our gifts with the community of Overland Elementary. Located in the fellowship area, Hosanna members will be invited to visit the Overland Giving Tree decorated in beautiful blue ornaments and silver stars.

Each silver star contains a need expressed by the school. *These needs range from healthy snacks to new articles of clothing, such as winter gear.* Please feel free to take an ornament off of this tree and return it to Hosanna with your donation by January 31.

Thank you for your kindness as we support youth in great need! All donations can be brought to the giving tree all throughout January.

**Hosanna will continue its tradition of celebrating First Communion for our 5th grade families in March.**

**More information will be sent to families in late January.**

**First Communion Retreat - February 24th, 2024  
First Communion Sunday - March 24th, 2024**





# CHRISTMAS AT HOSANNA



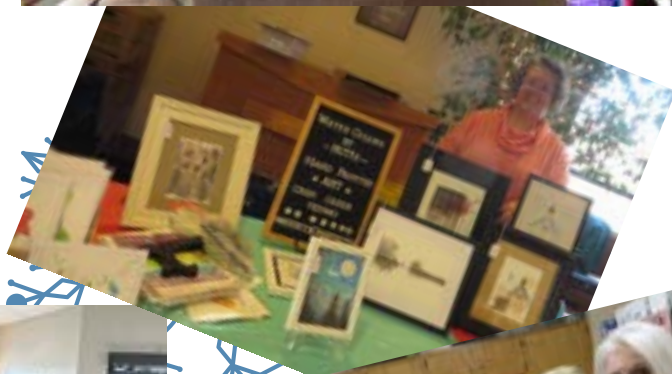


# CHRISTMAS AT HOSANNA





MORE CHRISTMAS AT HOSANNA





# ***BE PART OF THE VILLAGE***

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

Choir Rehearsal	Every Wednesday Evening	7 PM
Pillowcase Ministry	Monday, January 8	10 AM
Hilltoppers Lunch	Tuesday, January 9	NOON
Hannah Bible Study	Wednesday, January 10 & 24	1 PM
Men's Bible Study	Friday, January 12 & 26	7:30 AM
Miriam Bible Study	Friday, January 12	10 AM
Sitter Service	Friday, January 12	6 - 10 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Saturday, January 13	9 AM
Quilters	Thursday, January 18	9 AM
Women, Wine and Word <i>at Tilda's Pizzeria</i>	Thursday, January 18	7 PM
Book Discussion	Saturday, January 20	9 AM

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT:**  
**JANUARY 12, 6:30 PM**  
**FIVE WEST**  
**PLEASE RSVP TO**  
**KARI LARSEN**  
**[(507) 261-0327]**  
**SO WE CAN PLAN**  
**ACCORDINGLY.**

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## WANTED:

PEOPLE WHO LIKE WORKING WITH KIDS,  
DESIRE TO ESCAPE WINTER IN MN, AND  
CAN TRAVEL ACROSS THE SEAS



There is a need for volunteers to fly to Thailand and “love on” missionary kids in February 2024. While their parents will be attending a family conference February 26-March 1, kids ages 0-17 will be having their own learning and fun times led by caring volunteers. Could one of them be you? Training and materials, hotel accommodations, and numerous meals during conference week will be provided.

*For more information, contact Kristen Anderbeck.*



## HILLTOPPERS

Anyone, 55 or older, is invited to join Hilltoppers  
for lunch on

***Tuesday, January 9 at NOON.***

A catered lunch will be provided for a suggested cost  
of \$12-\$15 per person.

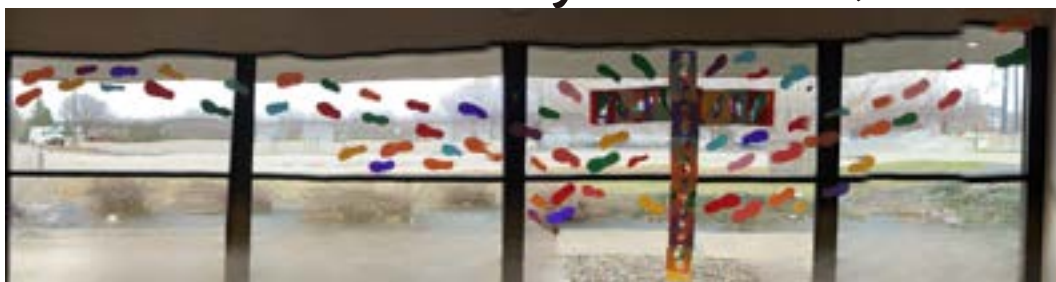
***If you are interested in joining us in January,  
please call the office (507-285-0092) or***

**Julianne Jahn  
(507-202-9752) by  
Friday, January 5  
to make your  
reservation.**





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**GATHERED TO GROW and SENT to SERVE**

*Thank you*  
from Hosanna's Pantry

To everyone who helped bake cookies, organize the cookie plates and helped work at our Christmas Hosanna's Pantry – **a big THANK YOU!** We served 54 families and shared Christmas blessings with them along with the food we provided. It was a wonderful, warm morning.

For all the dedicated Hosanna's Pantry volunteers during 2023: you really made a difference in the lives of the families we served. ***There were 549 families who came to Hosanna and our volunteers worked 757 hours this year.*** Thank you!

Barb

**REMINDER:**

The indoor and outdoor pantries are always in need of non-perishables, all year round. **THANK YOU** for being conscious of food insecurities in our community.





**Happy New Year!** It's hard to believe this is my last month as Hosanna Council President. I am truly grateful for the experience. Here are some things I am most thankful for:

**\*\*Your executive committee** – Ryan Chadwick and Joe Desannoy. They care deeply about Hosanna and provide thoughtful guidance to me and the entire council.

**\*\*Your council advocates** – Barb Schepp, Kari Larsen, Lisa Nordman, Terri Ashworth, Randy Helling, Amy Johnson, Laurie Maidl. Our advocates are passionate, committed, and innovative, continuing to help us live out our mission in powerful ways.

**\*\*Your financial team** – Paul Anderson and Alice Kub. They work hard to make sure we have the funds necessary to do our ministry and we pay our bills on time.

**\*\*Your Pastor** – Pastor Krista Strum. She thoughtfully and creatively shepherds our faith community, helping us grow in our faith and relationship with God, caring for our faith family, and providing leadership and guidance to our staff and advocates.

**\*\*Your Hosanna staff** – Allison DeRaad, Lonnie Oeltjen, Adrian Johnson, Lukas Phillips. They work tirelessly behind the scenes to assure we are supported and have the necessary resources to live out our mission.

**And YOU!** Our amazing faith family. I am so grateful for all the support and guidance you provided me with during this past year and for the ways you support our ministries.

As I look forward to this coming year, I am excited about Hosanna's future under Ryan's leadership and direction. More exciting things are coming in 2024.

Finally, I believe that God doesn't always call the equipped but equips the called. I'm glad I took the chance and said yes to this experience. This coming year, I hope you will consider doing the same. There are so many ways to get involved in our faith community. Some take a little time commitment, some a bit more. All provide us an opportunity to serve, grow, and connect with others, our community, and with God.

With Gratitude,  
Catherine





# Hosanna's December 2023 Council Meeting

December 7, 2023

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Meeting called to Order by Ryan at 6:34pm.

*Congregational Comments* – Request for a list of names of Saints in the bulletin for All Saints Sunday.

Approval of December Agenda, November Council Meeting Minutes and November Financial Reports.

## Old Business

*Stewardship* – November's stewardship drive could be the start of a yearlong focus. 68 pledges have been received so far. Pledges have exceeded previous stewardship campaigns. A variety of "payment" types have been used.

*Budget* – The 2024 budget is larger than 2023's. There were additional moneys added to the Funded Depreciation line item.

*Council Recruitment* – Nomination Committee was selected and approved.

## New Business

The *Annual Meeting Preview* will be January 14, Annual Meeting will be January 21. Both will take place after worship.

*Red Cross Shelter* – The Red Cross has updated their mission and are requesting shelters that would be supported by their own team. Only select people would allow access to the building. Hosanna can accept requests based on building availability.

## Advocate Reports

*Outreach* – The Red Cross blood donation was successful again. The next Red Cross blood donation is March 18, 2024. Payments have been made to the groups that Hosanna supports, including missionaries.

*Properties* – The furnace was repaired instead of replaced. A new water heater was installed. Cement was poured in the parking lot near the west entrance. Energy consumption should be down so utility payments may decrease.

*Fellowship* – \$2,500 raised from the Christmas Bazaar. A widower's support group will begin but meet outside of Hosanna.

*Discipleship* – A free little library is organized and operating. The Sunday School Christmas program is coming together. The Advent activity was enjoyed by all. Sunday School teachers have been flexible to help with covering needs.

*Worship* – The first Wednesday Advent worship was very well attended.

## Staff Reports

*Faith Formation* - Meetings with Family Promise and Overland Elementary have been held, to review their needs. Overland will be supported through a Giving Tree in January. The Christmas Program is coming together nicely. Confirmation Camp planning is already taking place!

*Pastor* - Advent season is in full swing. Upcoming events of Christmas Eve services and Promises of Hope discussed. Preparation has already begun for Lent and Summer.

Adjournment at 7:44 pm by Ryan

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 11 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Joe Desannoy

## ***Treasurer and Financial Secretary Report***

**NOVEMBER 2023**

### **Income/Expense Comparison**

#### **General**

<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Budget	\$32,607	\$358,677
Income	\$23,217	\$322,327
Expense	\$32,758	\$302,293
Net Income	\$ (9,541)	\$ 20,034



# 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

## COUNCIL ADVOCATES

*Discipleship: Kari Larsen*

*discipleship@hosannalutheran.org*

The ministry of growing disciples through the education of children, youth and adults in the congregation shall be the focus of this advocate.

*Fellowship: Barb Schepp*

*fellowship@hosannalutheran.org*

The ministry of caring for the members of our congregation through spiritual, emotional, physical and social support of both members and visitors is the focus of this advocate.

*Support: Randy Helling*

*support@hosannalutheran.org*

This advocate will help develop and support committees/teams that will carry out the work required for our church to function in the areas of property, business and finance, memorials and trusts and personnel.

*Worship: Laurie Maidl/*

*Amy Johnson*

*worship@hosannalutheran.org*

The spiritual life and growth of our congregation through liturgy, music and stewardship shall be the focus of this advocate.

*Outreach: Lisa Nordman and*

*Terri Ashworth*

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The ministry of sending our members out to serve and care for our world and promoting Hosanna's presence through local community and global ministries shall be the focus of this advocate.

## ADVISORY MEMBERS

*Treasurer: Alice Kub*

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*Financial Secretary: Paul Anderson*

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Senior Pastor: Krista Strum,*

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*President: Catherine Davis*

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*President Elect: Ryan Chadwick*

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*Secretary: Joe Desannoy,*

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**Thank you** for keeping Hosanna in your prayers and for remembering your church with your financial support in these times. Your kindness and steadfast love has not gone unnoticed. **Contributions** may be mailed to:

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2815 57th St NW  
Rochester MN 55901  
507-285-0092**

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