

A watercolor illustration of sunflowers and greenery. The top half features two large sunflowers with dark brown centers and bright yellow petals, surrounded by green leaves and smaller yellow flowers. The bottom half is a mirror image of the top. A central yellow banner with a dark red border contains the text.

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# ***HOSANNA HERALD***

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



Dear Beloved of Hosanna,

Grief is an experience that most of us will be forced to deal with at one time or another. It is not something we choose and yet it is a part of life. Grief impacts us in a variety of ways: the death of a loved one, a life-altering medical diagnosis, death of a pet, the impact of life transitions – child going off to college or moving away, retirement, selling your home to move to a senior living community, the loss of a job... the list can go on and on.

This fall we will be offering an opportunity for Hosanna members and friends called ***The Sacred Journey of Grief***. This is a time for us to gather and support one another as we journey through our own grief and loss. During our time together, we will experience scripture, acknowledge how grief impacts our bodies, minds *and* souls, learn some strategies that may help us as we make this journey, acknowledge some of the speed bumps in grief and those who choose to, will have opportunity to share parts of their story.

***Please consider joining Dave Wilcox and I as we facilitate this group. Beginning September 21, we will spend 7 Sunday evenings, gathered as individuals in a community of faith on this sacred journey together.***

Pastor Krista

**Q/A -**

*Is this for me?* My spouse died 15 years ago, and I am still grieving? **Yes**, there is no timeline. You are welcome to come as you are without judgment.

*Is this for me?* I am caring for a loved one with a terminal illness or a progressive degenerative disease. **Yes**, you are very welcome. Caring for a loved one in this situation, you may be finding yourself in anticipatory grief or grieving the loss of declining health.

*Is this for me?* I tend to be quiet in groups and don't particularly like to share in groups. Can I come and not share? **Yes**. We will strive to create an environment that gives opportunities for you to share but also the space to just be and interact as you feel comfortable.





# The Sacred Journey of Grief

Join us as we  
gather along the  
journey of  
grief and loss

Sundays  
6-8 PM  
beginning  
September 21



Recent BLESSING BUCKS  
have gone to:

\*\* Camp Victory

\*\*The Landing

\*\*Kerr County, Texas Flood Relief

\*\*a neighbor in need

***Since February 2023,  
\$20,515.88 in BLESSING BUCKS  
has been shared with the community !!***



# SAVE THE DATES

## HILLTOPPERS

**Tuesday, August 12 at Noon**

**Call Julianne Jahn by Friday, August 8 to make your reservation  
507-202-9752**

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**Sunday, August 24**

**POTLUCK PICNIC and WHEELS UP on the NEW Parking Lot  
after worship**

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**RALLY SUNDAY**  
**Sunday, September 7**

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**God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday**  
**September 14**

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**Hosanna Fall Rummage Sale**  
**Saturday, September 20 8AM-1PM**

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**New Member Class**  
**Saturday, September 20 9 - 11 AM**

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**SACRED SPACE: THE GRIEF JOURNEY**  
**Sundays 6 - 8 PM, September 21 - November 2**



***The POTLUCK PICNIC that got postponed in June  
is rescheduled for:***

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 AFTER WORSHIP**

***Please plan to join us and bring your best potluck dish to share.***

***Picnic will be in the Gathering Area***

**AND**

***KIDS: BRING YOUR WHEELS***

***(bikes, trikes, skateboards, scooters, roller blades or skates!)***

***(and helmets) to use on the NEW PARKING LOT!!***

***Assistance with set-up and take-down is needed.***

***Sign up in the weekly HLC's or on the bulletin board in the Narthex.***



**American  
Red Cross**

## Blood Drive Update

Hosanna Lutheran Church is partnering with the Red Cross  
to host our next blood drive on

**Monday August 4th from 1pm to 6pm.**

*Appointment times can be scheduled directly on the Red Cross website by  
searching blood donation sites (select Hosanna Lutheran)*

***Volunteers are important to run a successful drive.***

There is a sign-up sheet available on the church bulletin board. You can  
contact Lisa Nordman at lnordman@charter.net or  
(507) 254-2063 with questions or to sign up. If you would like more  
information on the American Red Cross or have questions about donating  
blood, please refer to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

Thank you for considering participating in this opportunity.

**Save the Date**

***Hosanna will host the next  
Red Cross blood drive  
on Monday, October 13th***







Mark your calendar for  
Sunday, September 14th, 2025  
for our annual day of service,  
"God's work. Our hands."

"God's work. Our hands." is a wonderful way for people of different abilities and ages to work alongside one another. On this day we bear witness to the love and concern God's people have for one another. We, as a congregation, do this work every day - loving our neighbors and improving our communities.

Bins will be in The Narthex for the following service projects that could use your support in collecting specific items in advance:

### ***School Kits for Lutheran World Relief -***

*\*It would be appreciated if these items could be donated by Sunday, September 7th*

#### ***Items Needed (per kit):***

FOUR - 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper, solid color covers only

ONE -30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

ONE - pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

FIVE - unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

FIVE - black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

ONE - box of 16 or 24 crayons

ONE - 2 ½" eraser

#### ***\*Important notes -***

***\*\*Please give new items only.***

***\*\*Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.***

***\*\*Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.***



## **Pine Island Baby Closet -**

Children ages 0-15 months

The main focus will be donations for:

Diapers and Formula

(check out prices on Amazon, Sams Club, Costco)

Any sizes and brand names are appreciated,

and donations may be brought in up until the day of GWOH's Sunday.



***A GWOH's mailing will be sent out in August with information on all of the planned service projects.***

If you have any questions, please contact: Terri Ashworth (507)251-6042

Email: [outreach@hosannalutheran.org](mailto:outreach@hosannalutheran.org)

Members of the GWOH's team: Terri Ashworth, Kelly Gangelhoff, Rachel Gray, Mandi Mora, Lisa Nordman, Lukas Phillips, Jodi Solum, Nancy Wales, & Beth Wiegand

***Thank you for your Generosity and Support!***

### **REQUEST FROM THE QUILTERS !**

*Hosanna's Quilters are requesting the following:*

*\*large yardage\**

*\*top sheets - any size\**

*\*king or queen fitted sheets\**

***ALL can be ANY color or print.***

PLEASE assure that these items are in GOOD CONDITION

***THANK YOU!!***

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

**JUNE 2025**

#### **Income/Expense Comparison**

##### **General**

<b>2025</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Budget	\$ 34,329	\$205,974
Income	\$ 35,586	\$201,154
Expense	\$ 28,746	\$173,077
Net Income	\$ 6,840	\$ 28,077





Hosanna Families!

Come and enjoy popcorn, time with friends, and an animated family movie sharing the power of all voices, big or small!

Our Movie Night will be held in the Hosanna Gathering Space on **July 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.**



*You are welcome to bring blankets and pillows.  
All treats will be provided! See you then!*



## Hosanna Sunday School

Hosanna's Sunday School will begin on **Sunday, September 7th.**

This first Sunday of Sunday School, Rally Sunday, will be a day of games, treats, and reconnecting from the summertime!

We invite all 3-year-olds through 8th graders to come hear and read impactful stories of love, generosity, and peace, while also participating in music, arts, and hands on activities.

***We will gather each Sunday from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.***

## Confirmation



Hosanna's confirmation programming will begin **Wednesday, September 17th,** with an informational/get to know you session.

The confirmation program invites all 7th and 8th grade youth to participate.

**Stay tuned for more information!**







***ONE MORE Phone-free Youth Night  
at the Larsen's House  
6321 Somersby Ct NW.***

For current middle and high school youth.  
Bring your own beverage and bring a snack to share.  
We'll have inside games, outside games, and a campfire.

***August 6 7-9 pm:***

***Swimming and Kayaking at Dirksen's***

for middle school and high school youth (and their families).

All youth must wear life jackets.

Bring a water bottle and snack to share.

***August 10th 1-3pm***

***(Rain Date: August 17)***

**RSVP to Kari Larsen 507-261-0327**

**Address: 3322 Lake Street NW**



**Overland Volunteer Program**



Hosanna Lutheran is again partnering with Overland Elementary School this fall to provide Overland's students with reading and other learning opportunities during the school week.

If you have any questions, new partnership ideas, or would like to become involved in this volunteer program, please contact Lukas Phillips at [lukas.phillips@hosannalutheran.org](mailto:lukas.phillips@hosannalutheran.org).

*Overland Elementary has been very grateful for our partnership!  
Thank you!*





\*SAFE = Services in Asia for Family Education

## Do you:

- ☒ Have a passport?
- ☒ Like working with children?
- ☒ Want to spend early January at the beach in Thailand?
- ☒ Desire to see families serving in full-time ministry across Asia thrive?

Volunteers are needed to travel to Thailand this January and help in the Children's Program at SAFE\*'s annual Family Education Conference.

**When: January 5th-9th, 2026 (arrive by January 4th, leave on January 10th)**

**Where: A beachside resort in Thailand (more details will be given later)**

**What: Being part of a team that provides programming for children ages 0-12**

This is a unique opportunity to help these children:

Get to know others growing up in Asia.

Access activities otherwise not available to them.

Experience group project-based learning.

Participate in art-based projects (drama, music, movement, visual art).

Training and materials are provided.

Please contact Kristen Anderbeck if you are interested.



## HOSANNA'S STEPHEN MINISTRY

Did you know Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through difficult times?

We are men working with men and women working with women. We are non-judgmental and our work is confidential.

Whatever the problem, you do not need to face it alone.



Contact Pastor Krista, Dave Wilcox or Les Leamons to see if a Christian Care Giver is the right person to walk through this with you.



# Youth Fundraiser: Gertens Fall Mums



Hosanna's youth will be having an on-line Gertens Fall Mum Fundraiser the month of August. Deck out your landscaping and home with beautiful fall mums and plants. 30% of the sales will go toward the Hosanna youth programs and future mission trips. Starting August 1<sup>st</sup> a link will be provided via Hosanna's HLC Tuesday emails or hard copies of the order form will be at church, so you can begin your shopping. Plants are to be delivered to Hosanna on September 18, 2025. You will also be able to purchase Gertens gift cards as part of this fundraiser.



## Hosanna Fall Rummage Sale

**One person's excess is another person's treasure!!**

Hosanna's Annual Rummage Sale will be **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**.

We are accepting donations now until Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Donations are being stored in the youth room of Hosanna.

We will **not** accept exercise equipment,  
computer equipment or TVs.

***If you have any questions, please contact Barb Schepp at  
barbaraschepp64@gmail.com.***

## Rummage Sale Volunteer Opportunities

Hosanna's rummage sale is a fundraiser for Hosanna's youth ministries. In order to have a successful event, we need volunteers! This is a short-term commitment, and we make it fun! You can volunteer by clicking on the link below.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Barb Schepp at barbaraschepp64@gmail.com

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8A723AAFA7-57628890-volunteer>





# COUNCIL MEMBERS

## COUNCIL ADVOCATES

*Discipleship: Kari Larsen*

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

*Fellowship: Kristen Anderbeck*

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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.

*Outreach: 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.

*Support: Randy Helling*

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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: Karla Weis/Rachel Gray*

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

## ADVISORY MEMBERS

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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  
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507-285-0092**

**On-line Giving may be found at:**

**<https://hosannalutheran.org/give/>**