

# HOSANNA HERALD

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"AS A CHRISTIAN FAMILY OF FAITH, WE ARE GATHERED TO GROW AND SENT TO SERVE"



## ***Sunday September 14th, "God's work. Our hands." Recap!***



Thank you, Hosanna for your willingness to give your time and support to make "God's work. Our hands." a successful day of worship, fellowship and service! Everyone's dedication and compassion allowed us to continue to fulfill our mission of sharing the love of Christ as we continue to serve and connect with people in our church, local communities and around the world.

Pastor Krista's sermon, the second in the Faith in Film sermon series, focused on clips from "The Lion King". The scene of Rafiki (the royal family's spiritual guide) holding up Simba's son was a visual representation of the "Circle of life". It is a powerful message of hope and remembering who we are and the lineage we came from. It symbolizes the importance of keeping God at the center of our lives and remembering His promises of eternal life.

Thank you, Hosanna family and friends for using your hearts, hands, and feet to complete the following service projects:

96 Six-Can-Soup packages were assembled and will be given to families in need. Thank you to Neil and Beth Wiegand for their leadership on this project and for the use of a Thrivent grant. Thank you to Bob and Lisa Nordman for their assistance, also.

Hosanna's garden was busy with many hands picking an abundance of tomatoes, carrots, squash, peppers, and cucumbers. The garden produce is delivered to The Jeremiah Project, Community Food Response (CFR), next Chapter Ministries, and set out at Hosanna's Pantry. Thank you to Lukas for making the connection and delivering produce to these important organizations. Thank you to Dave Wall and Alice and Andre Kub for their leadership on this project and also to the Community Garden Team who works so diligently to ensure a bountiful harvest every year.

76 School Kits for Lutheran World Relief were assembled. Students receive these school kits all over the world. They are an essential part of what they need to continue their education and return to the normalcy of a regular school routine especially in times of crisis. Thank you to Nancy Wales for her leadership on this project and for the use of a Thrivent grant in purchasing additional items to make complete kits. Supplies left over will be given to Overland Elementary for students to use.

7 dozen cookies were baked and will be available to families visiting Hosanna's monthly food pantry in September. Thank you to Mandi Mora and family for taking the lead on this project.

3 Fleece Blankets were tied together and will be donated to Paws & Claws to provide warmth and comfort. Thank you to Lukas for his leadership on this project.





25 Do-It-Yourself Bee Watering Stations were painted and assembled which provide safe, accessible fresh water for bees to drink, helping them with hydration, regulating hive temperature, and diluting honey for consumption. Thank you to Lukas for his leadership on this project and for the use of a Thrivent grant.

70 "Thinking of You/Day Brightener" cards were created for individuals staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. The 70-room house provides essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare. Thank you to Jodi Solum for taking the lead on this project.

Pine Island Baby Closet, Methodist Church, Pine Island, MN - Thank you to those who brought in donations of diapers and formula for children 15 months and under. Thank you to Kelly Gangelhoff for taking the lead on this project and for applying for a Thrivent Grant which was greatly appreciated in purchasing additional items.

## **October Service Opportunities...**

*Sign up is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex*

### **The Landing, MN**

*Monday, October 6th:*

*Please consider volunteering your time to help serve dinner from 4:30pm-7pm at The Landing.* Groups are invited to come in to serve, then clean up following a meal that is planned and prepared by The Landing MN. Groups of 3-4 are best and we ask that no more than 6 participate. Volunteers must be 18 yrs or older. Contact Terri Ashworth for more information. Outreach@hosannalutheran.org or 507-251-6042

*Monday, October 13th from 1pm -6pm.*

Please consider signing up to donate blood. One unit of safe blood can save up to three lives. It takes just an hour to donate, but the impact can last a lifetime! Refer to the American Red Cross website for more information. <https://www.redcrossblood.org> This is a wonderful fellowship opportunity as well! Volunteer your time at the check in table or canteen and have fun visiting with other volunteers and the clients. Contact Lisa Nordman for more information. Inordman@charter.net or 507-254-2063

Thank You to...

Everyone who brought in donations, Allison DeRaad for her administrative assistance, Kelly Gangelhoff for making project signs, Paul Anderson for making coffee and lemonade, Everyone who helped setup and takedown.

AND to the GWOH's Team:

Terri Ashworth, Rachel Gray, Mandi Mora, Lisa Nordman, Lukas Phillips, Jodi Solum, Nancy Wales, and Beth and Niel Wiegand

***"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands—yes, establish the work of our hands".***

***Psalm 90:17***













## ***Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Minutes September 11, 2025***

Attendance: Rob Larsen, Kari Larsen, Terri Ashworth, Kristen Anderbeck, Paul Solum, Paul Anderson, Alice Kub, Karla Weis, Pastor Krista, Lukas Phillips.

Call to Order by Rob at 6:32pm

Opening Devotion – Terri “No Peace or Know Peace”. When you feel that there is “no peace” in the world, we need to “know” where our peace comes from.

Congregational Comments - None

Approval of September agenda, August Meeting Minutes, and financial statements. Discussion: \$56,000 is available in Capital Campaign Funds and almost \$292,000 has been received so far. That is half of the overall goal after only one year, with an overall plan of three years. Amazing!

### **Old Business**

#### *Capital Campaign update:*

- Memorial Garden Project: Some delays due to obtaining materials. The hope is to get it repaired soon.
- Capital Campaign mailers: They are being edited and refined. The plan is to send them out in October. Personal statements of contributions will be included.

### **New Business**

- Approval of a private teacher of violin lessons to rent a room at Hosanna.
- Annual Meeting Planning: January 25 with the pre-meeting on January 18.

### **Advocate Reports**

- *Outreach* (Terri) – God’s Work. Our Hands. is this Sunday. We are still looking for three adults to serve a meal at the Landing on October 6 from 4:30-7.
- *Discipleship* (Kari) – Backpack blessing was well attended, “Bring Your Wheels” parking lot blessing was a success, Bible studies have started back up again, Rally Sunday and High School Huddle happened last Sunday, and confirmation classes kicked off this past Wednesday with 4-6 new confirmands starting. Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) will be on October 26 for 8 youth.
- *Worship* (Rachel/Karla) – September 21 will be our last Sunday with the Davis’s leading Grace Team. We will be thanking them for their 10 years of leadership that Sunday.



- *Support (Randy)* – The properties committee is gathering ideas for the fire suppression system updates, HVAC needs and roof repairs. It has been decided that the sanctuary window panel replacement project will be saved for next year.
- *Fellowship (Kristen)* – The parking lot blessing potluck was well attended. Empty Nesters and Hill Climbers is starting up. Parents and Prayer will meet on Sunday, September 21 after the service. Hill Toppers enjoyed a speaker from Community Food Response. Family-friendly movies will be shown at Hosanna on Saturday nights (6-8 pm) ahead of talking about Faith in Film the next Sunday morning, now through October 11th.

## Staff Reports

- *Faith Formation*- Our first Hosanna Confirmation Mentor Night will be October 8th. September 27th: Southeast Minnesota NAMI Walk at Cascade Lake Park. Joe Desannoy and Lukas have tentatively planned to clean and replace damaged birdhouses at Good Earth Village on Saturday, October 4th. The confirmation students will be making birdhouses during confirmation class on September 17th. They are welcome to keep their houses, otherwise they will be donated to Good Earth Village.
- *Pastor* - Worship Sermon Series Faith in Films are underway. New Member Class and Welcoming New Members will be September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The Sacred Journey of Grief begins September 21<sup>st</sup>. Three-year-olds and third graders will receive Bibles on September 28<sup>th</sup>. All Saints Sunday is November 2.

Adjournment at 7:41pm by Rob

Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 9th at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Kari Larsen

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

**AUGUST 2025**

### **Income/Expense Comparison**

#### **General**

| <b><u>2025</u></b> | <b><u>AUGUST</u></b> | <b><u>YTD</u></b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Budget             | \$ 34,329            | \$274,632         |
| Income             | \$ 23,469            | \$245,071         |
| Expense            | \$ 30,261            | \$235,411         |
| Net Income         | \$ ( 6,792)          | \$ 9,660          |



Dear Beloved of Hosanna,

Fall is here! The crisp breeze, colored trees, and the activities of fall all bring me back to memories of my time as a Bible camp counselor and fall retreats. Fall retreats were the best! For the counselors, it was a time to reconnect after working the summer together and then returning to school and a time to hang out with some of favorite campers and their pastors.

Campfires are always wonderful, but fall campfires had a special magic. The nights seemed darker, the crunch of the leaves, the smell of the apple cider, the sweetness of s'mores ... community gathered in the light and warmth of the fire - all a reminder of God's presence among us.

We would gather around the campfire for a short message and lots of songs. One of our favorite messages was an all-group activity. We would hand out wintergreen lifesavers and tell the kids not to put them in their mouths right away and then we would have them crunch the lifesavers between their teeth and watch for something... there would be little sparks...

The darkest nights were the best nights for this lesson because those nights allowed the sparks to really shine...

And then we would sing the camp song, "Pass It On" (yes, I know I am dating myself but, bear with me).

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it  
You spread His love to ev'ryone, You want to pass it on*

*I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found  
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountain top! I want my world to know!  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on!*

Beloved... as we turn on the news and interact with others in the world, it may feel heavy and dark. In baptism, we are called, claimed, equipped, and sent into this world to let our lights shine. To let the light of Christ shine through our lives.

The cool thing about when you get 100 kids together around the campfire chopping on lifesavers... is the sparks that twinkle all around the campfire.

Remember our lights, *individually*, may only feel like a spark, but *together*, ***we can create light - to warm a world so in need of God's love.***

***Pass it on beloved... pass it on!***

Pastor Krista







COLOR YOUR FALL WITH KINDNESS.

Give blood.

**Blood Drive**  
**Rochester Hosanna**  
**Lutheran Church**

Common Area  
2815 57th St NW  
Rochester, MN

**Monday, October 13, 2025**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



Contact Lisa Nordman with questions: (507) 254-2063 or [lnordman@charter.net](mailto:lnordman@charter.net)

***HILLTOPPERS***



**Tuesday, October 14 at Noon**  
**Call Julianne Jahn by Friday, October 10**  
**to make your reservation**  
**507-202-9752**



# Hosanna Sunday School

Please join us **each Sunday from 10:15 to 11:00 AM**  
for Hosanna's Sunday School!

Below, you will find the lesson topic for each week.

October 5<sup>th</sup> - Love the Lord Your God

October 12<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Follows Naomi

October 19<sup>th</sup> - David Becomes King

October 26<sup>th</sup> - The Kingdom Divided



## God's Work Our Hands Fun!



Members of the Hosanna family engaged in making bee/pollinator watering stations, helping pollinators to perform their everyday functions!

25 watering stations were made during God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday.

Three tied blankets were also made to support the pets at Paws and Claws of Rochester.





# 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!*

## Birdhouse Cleaning at Good Earth Village Bible Camp!



Join us on **October 4<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 4 PM** as we visit Good Earth Village to clean and care for the Bible Camp's birdhouses in their prairie.

We invite you to bring your work gloves and wear long pants! This will be a great way to help support Good Earth Village and their wildlife.





# ***Lukas and The Lorax***

***My name is The Lorax.  
I speak for the trees.***

**Jeremiah Program  
Rochester**

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## **SHOUTOUT ALERT!**

We want to give a special thanks to Lukas from [Hosanna Lutheran Church](#) for his weekly drop off of fresh seasonal veggies for our JP families to enjoy! We are so appreciative for their continued support and generosity. 💚





## ***It's October, and Christmas is coming!***

Well, maybe not right away, but October is the time for learning Christmas songs in our music ministries.

### ***Hosanna's multigenerational Christmas Program will be held during worship on December 14.***

Sunday school kids will be learning the songs for the program every Sunday during our music time and the adult choir will be working on their music every Wednesday evening at 7pm.



*If you or your child is interested in participating in the Christmas program, reach out to*

*Adrian (adrian.johanson@hosannalutheran.org) or*

*Lukas (lukas.phillips@hosannalutheran.org).*

***We need singers of all ages as well as logistical support.***

## **Hosanna's Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 6 9AM-2PM**

Hosanna will be hosting our  
***3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.***

*We are looking for craft vendors for the bazaar.*

If you or someone you know would like to sell their craft items, please contact Barb Schepp at [barbaraschepp64@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraschepp64@gmail.com)

*We will also be accepting gently used Christmas decorations for the bazaar.*

These items can be dropped off at Hosanna.

There is an area in the basement for them.

If you are able to assist with the bazaar or donate baked goods, please click on the link below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8A723AA>

[FA7-58954014-hosanna](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8A723AA)



## ***Thank you for your leadership, Catherine!!***

We miss you already!!

On behalf of the Worship team, we want to acknowledge Catherine Davis, a very special leader of the Grace team at Hosanna for the past 9 + years, and her husband Jon Davis as the pianist. Their last service of leading worship with us at Hosanna was in July.

The musical talents shared for the contemporary services were always uplifting and inspirational and sharing their gifts with Hosanna has been such a blessing!! While we weren't able to host a farewell in person for them, we genuinely want to wish them godspeed in everything they do.

Catherine and Jon, we wish you peace and grace as you go forward in new musical endeavors. We hope you continue to share your amazing God-given talents with others to let God's light shine through everything you do!!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for sharing your extraordinary talents with us here at Hosanna these past 9 years!!







SEEKING  
to  
BLESS

Recent BLESSING BUCKS  
have gone to:

**\*\*purchase underwear and shoes for Gibbs Elementary School**

**\*\*HOOAH - Helping Out Our American Heroes**

**\*\*Parent Share Parent Group that organized a fundraiser for one of the children killed at Annunciation Church in Minneapolis**

**\*\*Camp Companion**

***Since February 2023,  
\$22,312.86 in BLESSING BUCKS  
has been shared with the community !!***

## You Are Not Alone

Many of us go through times when we feel isolated or spiritually distant- even from God. The causes for this can be any of a number of life's different speed bumps- like an illness, the aging process, or just not feeling as close to Him as we once felt. The issue can generate an acute feeling of being alone.

There are many Biblical verses that remind us that we are never really alone. God is always present in our lives, providing support through our Christian community and His promises. We can draw some comfort from His Word. I like Isaiah 41:10 [*"Fear not, for I am with you"*]. God is with us in every stage of our life. But how do we get from knowing this to feeling His presence in our life?

Galatians 6:2 says: *"Carry each other's burdens and, in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."* This verse highlights the importance of sharing our concerns with other Believers. The Hosanna Stephen Minister is trained to do this- walk with you on your journey back to where you want to be in your relationship with Him, providing support and guidance along the way.

Les Leamons



# 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: 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*

*outreach@hosannalutheran.org*

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*

*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: 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

*Treasurer: Alice Kub*

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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: **Hosanna Lutheran Church**  
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**Rochester MN 55901**  
**507-285-0092**

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