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



Not able to attend worship?

Check in the Saturday *Worship at Hosanna* email for a ZOOM link
or contact Allison by the Friday prior (before 3 PM)
and she can send you the link.

Dear Beloved of Hosanna,

Thank you – really does not say enough for the gratitude and appreciation my family and I have for **ALL** of you.

I am so thankful for all your support – your visits, kind and encouraging words, food, your presence and prayers. My dad said many times how grateful he was for all the love and care you shared with all of us.

Thank you to all who helped with dad's funeral – planning, set-up/tear down, serving, and welcoming those who attended the funeral.

To the choir, oh, the choir... thank you for your beautiful song – the message and your voices provided the message of hope, comfort and peace for our grieving souls.

The most precious gift you gave me was the gift of time. Thank for allowing me the time to spend some very precious moments with my family. My family and I will always cherish those days and the grace you gave me.

I am truly blessed to be a member of a such a loving and supportive church family.

I am SO grateful for each one of you!

Pastor Krista



LENT begins February 18

Ash Wednesday Worship at 6:30 PM

Lent was originally a season for new converts to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Christianity. As *Sanctified Art* crafted this series, they studied what was central to Jesus' life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—all of which are meant to be very good news for us all.

Jesus' words are easily distorted and sanitized in our modern world. Following Jesus leads to a richer, more expansive life, but it's not necessarily comfortable. Jesus' ministry can be described as "radical" which comes from the Latin word "radicalis," meaning "root" or "ground." Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our roots. Emulating Jesus and embodying his teachings should ground us in who God created us to be. Can we be "good news" people in a world too often burdened by bad news?

This Lent, let us remember that the good news really is good news. It is joyful—like fine wine saved for celebration. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tastes like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. The good news is alive in the world.

We hope this series will provide fertile ground for conversation and worship, rooting our hearts and lives in the expansive goodness of God. This Lent, let the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. May the good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good.



Meet Paul Solum - Incoming Council President

First off, I want to thank my wife, Jodi, in advance, for all her patience and understanding.

I look forward to being your Council President for this year, working *for* the congregation, and working *with* the council, staff and Pastor Krista.

I have deep roots in the Rochester area, and I have grown up as a member of the ELCA. If you have questions or concerns, I may not be able answer them, but I know I will be able to get you going in the right direction. I look forward to hearing from you.

I know with the Capital Campaign projects, we have a busy year ahead, but it will be awesome to see the progress. I want to thank Rob Larsen and Ryan Chadwick for their guidance and a special thanks to David Mosbo, our President Elect.



COUNCIL MINUTES - January 8, 2026

Attendance: Rob Larsen, Kari Larsen, Paul Solum, Randy Helling, Alice Kub, Lukas Phillips, Karla Weis, Paul Anderson, Joe Desannoy.

Call to Order by Rob at 6:38pm

Approval of January agenda, December Meeting Minutes and December Financial Statements.

Discussion – 2025 was financially a good year. Money was transferred to Funded Depreciation for the first time in about five years. The balance is now about \$45,000. If there are funds left after the capital campaign is complete, they could be moved to Funded Depreciation by a council motion. Discussion led to a suggestion. In the future-if funds are left over from the capital campaign, they should be moved to Funded Depreciation.

Old Business

**Capital Campaign update - received as of last month: \$348,535.68.

New Business

**Officer Nominating Suggestions.

**Budget Discussion- Housing Allowance Approval

**Funded Depreciation Approval

**Make note of SE MN Synod Donation amount (ELCA Benevolence Fund) of \$15,000.

**Yearly Audit completed by Alice Kub and Billie Young. There were no surprises.

**Pre-Annual Meeting is on January 18, Annual Meeting is on January 25.

Advocate Reports

Outreach -written report

Discipleship – **Contact information is being updated in Breeze. **The Christmas Eve decorations were appreciated. **Bible studies are going well.

**The Faith Formation Committee will be meeting Thursday, January 15.

**There may be an opportunity for the youth to go ice skating. **The youth will sell sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday to raise funds. **There will probably be egg bake served for Palm Sunday.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Report		
DECEMBER 2025		
Income/Expense Comparison		
General		
2025	DECEMBER	YTD
Budget	\$ 34,239	\$411,953
Income	\$ 42,348	\$374,377
Expense	\$ 54,872	\$375,117
Net Income	\$ (12,524)	\$ (740)



Worship – **Lent begins February 18 with Ash Wednesday. **At this time there are no plans for Lenten soup suppers to take place.

Support – **Three new toilets were installed. **The west handicap door is not operating properly. It may be due to the cold temperatures. **The snow removal crew is not keeping up with Hosanna's needs. A new company is needed, and the fee will likely increase. **The compressor for the fire suppression system will need to be replaced earlier than projected. Funds are available from the capital campaign are available for the replacement. **LED lightbulbs are replacing old bulbs in the sanctuary. The lightbulbs and other changes may get Hosanna into a lower class for fees. **Progress is expected this spring on the Memorial Wall.

Fellowship – written report.

Staff Reports

**There may be a lock in during February. **Lukas will meet with a Family Service representative to organize volunteer opportunities with the youth. **Youth will be planting starter seeds in Sunday School again. **A new copier and operating contract is coming and it probably won't be a large change in price.

Adjournment by Rob at 7:45 pm.

Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12th-6:30pm



**RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

SAVE THE DATE:

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be

Monday, March 16 from 1 - 6 PM.





Hosanna's 4th Annual Chili Cook-off & Feed benefitting Minnesota Food Share

**Sunday March 22, 2026
4:30-6:30 PM**

In keeping with Hosanna's tradition of outreach, Hosanna will be hosting our 4th Annual Chili Cookoff on Sunday March 22nd.

We will hold the public chili feed and silent auction from 4:30 - 6:30 PM.

We are looking for chili cook-off participants, day-of volunteers and silent auction donations to make this even a success.

Sign up links are below.

Silent Auction donations: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8A723AAFA7-61750742-hosannas>

Chili Cook off Volunteer <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8A723AAFA7-61750740-chili>

Chili Competitor Sign Up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8A723AAFA7-61813227-hosanna>

Recent BLESSING BUCKS have gone to:

**a cousin's stepson needing medical care

**a co-worker who recently had a baby and whose husband is in cancer treatments

**Olmsted County Law Enforcement K9 unit, for protective vests



**Since February 2023,
\$26,253.98 in BLESSING BUCKS
has been shared with the community !!**



HILLTOPPERS
Tuesday, February 10 at Noon
Call Julianne Jahn by Friday, February 6 to make your reservation:
507-202-9752

STEPHEN MINISTRY *by the* NUMBERS

HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Active
Stephen Ministers:

Barb Anderson
Sinde Finnegan
Ray Ashworth
Sandy Henslin
Tina Livingston
Lisa Nordman
Kim Senst
LeFay Uttecht
Janet Walsh
Beth Wiegand
Les Leamons
David Wilcox

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Year Anniversary.
Hosanna Lutheran Church
enrolled in Stephen Ministry on January 13, 1996.

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**Stephen
Ministry
Leaders:**

Pastor Krista
Les Leamons
David Wilcox



From The Stephen Ministry St. Louis office:

Our records show that on January 13, 1996, Hosanna Lutheran Church enrolled in Stephen Ministry. So, all of us at Stephen Ministries want to congratulate you on the **30th anniversary of your Stephen Ministry!**

Milestones like these show the enduring power of
“Christ caring for people through people,”
so it’s always wonderful to see congregations reach them.”

To learn more about our Stephen Ministry, contact Pastor Krista, Les Leamons or Dave Wilcox.





"LET'S HELP BOX OUT HUNGER!"



1 in 9 people in Minnesota have limited or uncertain access to adequate food. Rising food costs and inflation are drastically affecting families, friends, co-workers, and neighbors who have never needed to access charity food before. More people than ever are turning to food shelves for support, and the truth is, food banks are strained to keep up with the increased need. *As the largest grassroots fundraiser in the state, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together people, community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help nearly 300 food shelves statewide.*

Hosanna Lutheran will be supporting this initiative through its campaign **"Let's Help Box Out Hunger!"**
which will run March 1st - April 5th, 2026.

You are encouraged to bring in non-perishable boxed foods such as Rice (white and brown) Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Noodles and Rice Mixes like Hamburger Helper, Powdered milk, Soup mixes (Ramen), Pancake mixes, Cereals (hot & cold) Cookies, Crackers, etc.

Boxes will be available to put items in as well as envelopes for monetary donations.

All of the food collected and monies raised will go directly to support our food pantries.



"Let's Help Box Out Hunger!"
Together





"Souper" Bowl Sunday - Helping Hosanna's Food Pantries

On Sunday February 8th, let's celebrate the Super Bowl with a **CAN of SOUP** or two!!

There will be two bins in the Narthex for the two NFL teams who are in the Super Bowl. We will know the two teams on Sunday, January 25, 2026, after the AFC and NFC Championship games.

Bring in one or more cans of soup and put them in the bin of the team YOU THINK is going to win Super Bowl 60!

The bins will be set by Monday, January 26th, so you will have two weeks to bring in cans of soup.

ALSO, wear your favorite team's apparel on Sunday, February 8th!

It will be a fun way to help replenish our food pantries, see which team bin ends up with the most soup cans, and if **YOUR** prediction is right!



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.

February 8th - Transfiguration

February 15th - Jesus and The Rich Man

February 22nd- Jesus heals an outcast



  For February, the Sunday School is giving all its Sunday School offerings to ELCA Disaster Relief to support communities inflicted with natural and war disasters.

Celebrate the Super Bowl with a
Sub Sandwich...Or Two!





On February 7th, Hosanna Youth will be filling orders for sub sandwiches in celebration of the Super Bowl.

This is a youth fundraiser to help fund the
ELCA Youth Gathering!

These sub sandwiches will be made by our youth on February 6th and distributed on February 7th after worship.

Thank you for supporting our kids!





Overland Elementary Outreach



During the month of February, 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 February 28th.

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

Hosanna Confirmation Service Night!



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/Jodi Solum

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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.

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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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Rochester MN 55901

507-285-0092

On-line Giving may be found at:

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