

# HOSANNA HERALD

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



Dear Beloved of Hosanna,

Holy Week is upon us.

As a pastor, Holy Week is my favorite part of the liturgical year. The services during Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter, teach us an important truth about faith and life. The narrative of Holy Week reminds us that death comes before resurrection – and the joyful proclamation of “He is risen!” comes after Jesus’ triumphant entry, last supper and teaching of the disciples, His betrayal, and crucifixion.



You are invited to take part in “Holy Week” at Hosanna. During this week, we remember the events of the last week of Jesus’ life. Many worship services and traditions have been created to do so.

***What is Palm Sunday?***

On the Sunday before Easter, we remember Jesus’ triumphant march into Jerusalem. The disciples and crowds cut branches from the trees and threw their cloaks and coats onto the road, to show they believed Jesus was the fulfillment of God’s promise to restore a Jewish king to the throne. After the “Hosannas!”, we enter into the passion narrative.

*Our Palm Sunday service is Sunday, March 29 at 9 AM  
with Palm Sunday Breakfast sponsored by the youth after worship.*

***What is Maundy Thursday?***

On the Thursday before Easter, we remember Jesus’ last supper with the disciples and His washing of their feet. The word “*maundy*” likely comes from the Latin “*mandatum*,” meaning “*commandment*,” from John 13:34: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.”

*Our Maundy Thursday service is Thursday, April 2 at 6:30PM  
and our daytime Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service is Friday, April 3 at 10:30.*  
Both of these services will hold space for communion, traditional readings and hymns.

***What is Good Friday?***

On the Friday before Easter Sunday, we remember Jesus’ betrayal, arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death. This is usually the most solemn service of the Christian year, with low light and mournful music. This worship service focuses heavily on Scripture readings and songs and does not usually include communion.

*Our Good Friday experiential service is Friday, April 3 at 6:30PM  
where you will be invited to immerse yourself into the Good Friday narrative.*

***What is Easter Sunday?***

Easter Sunday is the culmination of the season of Lent and the joyous proclamation of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. Easter services are joyful and celebratory.

*Our Easter Sunday services will take place on Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 and 10:30 AM.*

Please plan to join your Hosanna family for the many opportunities for worship and fellowship during Holy Week.

Pastor Krista



*You are invited to*  
**Katherine Strum's**  
**Junior Vocal Recital**  
**April 11, 2026 at 2:00 PM**  
**Luther College**  
**Jensen-Noble Hall**  
**in the Noble Recital Hall**



Recent BLESSING BUCKS have gone to:

- \*\*a neighbor who is missing work due to a brain tumor**
- \*\*help create Easter baskets for a community event**
- \*\*help stock Mayo High School's resource room**
- \*\*a friend who has been recently diagnosed with Stage 4 stomach cancer**



**Since February 2023,**  
**\$ 27,952.71 in BLESSING BUCKS**  
**has been shared with the community !!**

## Hosanna's Community Garden



The sun is shining and we are starting to plan the 2026 season of growing at Hosanna's community garden. The west side of our property has homed our community garden that provides fresh produce to Hosanna's pantries and many other non-profit organizations in the community.

Planting will begin in May, so look for more details and dates in the May newsletter and weekly HLC email.

Contact for this outreach is Barb Schepp at [barbaraschepp64@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraschepp64@gmail.com)





# ***Hosanna's 4th Annual Chili Competition benefitting Hosanna's pantries & CFR***

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Feed and Competition was held on Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This event raised **\$2,252** for Hosanna's food pantries and Rochester's Community Food Response.

Many thanks to all who supported this event!

### ***CHILI COMPETITION WINNERS:***

*Karla Weis - Traditional Chili*

*Daniel Nordman and Mary Scott - Non-Traditional Chili*

*Joshua Boss - Fan Favorite*

*Elim Johanson - Most Creative*



### ***Chili Competition Judges:***

*Kevin Wald*

*Paul Solum*

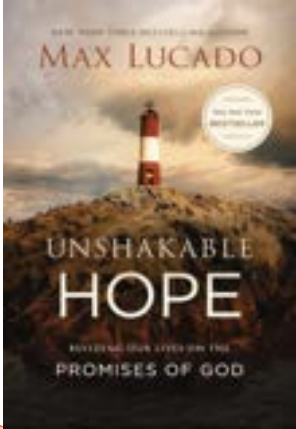
*Pastor Krista*

*Lukas Phillips*



**Not able to attend worship?**

**Go to Hosanna's Website - [www.hosannalutheran.org](http://www.hosannalutheran.org) -  
and click on **SUNDAY WORSHIP LINK**  
in the top right corner of the home page.**



**WOMEN GROWING TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY**

*Unshakable Hope* by Max Lucado will be our next study.

We will meet Thursdays (April 16 and 30, May 14 and 28)  
at Mosbo's house at 6:30 PM.

The exception will be the very first night, which will be  
Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 due to Holy Week.

*Give blood.*

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.

**American Red Cross**



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**The next Blood Drive at  
Hosanna will be held on  
Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
from 1 - 6 PM.**

***HILLTOPPERS***

**Tuesday, April 14 at Noon**

**Call Julianne Jahn by Friday, April 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.

**April 5th- Easter Sunday (No Sunday School)**

**April 12th- Easter Egg Hunt**

**April 19th- Jesus Commissions the Disciples**

**April 26th- Peter Heals**



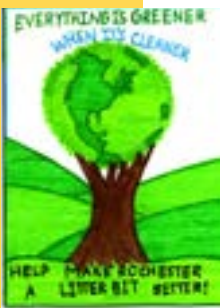
*For April, the Sunday School is giving all its Sunday School offerings to ELCA Disaster Relief to support communities inflicted with natural and war disasters.*

## Sunday School Seed Planting- Part #1



***Thank you for the Palm Sunday food donations!***

We are truly blessed to have such generous people at Hosanna Lutheran!



## Helping Rochester Look A "Litter Bit Better"

***The Rochester Litter Bit Better program has now opened its spring 2026 registration.***

In the spirit of caring for creation and living in community, Hosanna Lutheran members will have the opportunity to join me for a time of collecting litter by Hosanna Lutheran and along 57th Street.

***The city's clean-up program will run April 25th through May 3rd.***

To date, this program has removed **177 tons of litter from the environment.**

If you are interested in picking litter, please contact me at [lukas.phillips@hosannalutheran.org](mailto:lukas.phillips@hosannalutheran.org).

Stay tuned for more information!



# "LET'S HELP BOX OUT HUNGER!"

**"Let's Help Box Out Hunger!"  
which will run through 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, Powdered Milk, Soup Mixes (Ramen), Pancake mixes, Cereals (hot and cold), cookies, crackers, etc.

**THANK YOU!!**

## Hosanna's Food Pantries are Blessed !

During MN FoodShare month, our Helping Hands Pantry and Sharing and Caring Pantry were blessed with a variety of items purchased using monies from our Free Pantry account. Thank you to Kristen Anderbeck for taking the time to go shopping and for doing a great job of making sure the pantries are stocked.

Also a Big Thank You to the Keuseman family for the food donations brought in by friends for Blake's birthday party!

There is still time to donate boxed food items for the "Let's Help Box Out Hunger " drive. Every item brought in is greatly appreciated and helps meet the needs of so many people in our community.



### **Treasurer and Financial Secretary Report FEBRUARY 2026**

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

	<u>General</u>	
<u>2026</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 35,178	\$ 70,356
Income	\$ 30122	\$60,151
Expense	\$ 29,109	\$ 55,155
Net Income	\$ 1,013	\$ 4,996

**Due to unforeseen circumstances, COUNCIL MINUTES for March 12, 2026 will be provided in next month's newsletter.**



# ***Imagine What's Possible with Lutheran Social Services***



On Thursday, April 23, our congregation is invited to learn about the ways LSS is empowering neighbors across southeast Minnesota. There has never been a better time for us to dream big and imagine how we can play a role in helping our neighbors thrive!

Please consider attending LSS's annual Spring Gathering at the Rochester Golf and Country Club - tickets are \$25 and include food, drinks, music, and a program. You can buy individual tickets, and please invite others to join you!

If you're unable to attend, please consider making a gift; your generosity supports vital resources for our community. We'd love to have a strong turnout from our congregation at this event!



***Tickets available at:  
[lssmn.org/rochester26](https://lssmn.org/rochester26)  
or by using the QR code.***



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

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