

HOSANNA HERALD

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

Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 17

HOSANNA's 2026 GRADUATES

David Carter

Caleb Desannoy

Lexi Halleck

Parker McKay



"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

- Psalm 23:1

With Sunday, April 26 being Good Shepherd Sunday and the recent Women's Retreat, Psalm 23 has been on my mind.

I'd like to share this with you:



"He Is My Shepherd and I Shall Not Want"

I didn't always understand what it meant to be a sheep. Fragile. Wandering. Prone to losing the path in broad daylight. Prone to walking straight into danger with no idea it was coming. But He knew. He always knew exactly what I was — and He chose to be my Shepherd anyway.

The Lord is my shepherd. Not a distant overseer. Not a God who points the way and leaves you to find it alone. A shepherd. One who walks the same ground. One who knows each one by name. One who leaves the ninety-nine without a second thought to find the one — and that one has been me more times than I can count.

I have wandered. Oh, how I have wandered. Into fields that looked like freedom but were full of thorns. Into paths that promised everything and left me lost and torn. Into valleys so dark and so deep I forgot there was ever such a thing as light — and every single time, I heard it. A voice. His voice. Not angry. Not tired of finding me again. Just calling. Just steady. Just relentless in its love — come back. I'm here. I've got you.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. There are seasons in this life when everything in me is exhausted — when I have run so hard and carried so much and given everything I had until I had nothing left to give — and He doesn't hand me a list of everything I still need to do. He makes me lie down. Right there in the green. In the quiet. In the rest I didn't know I was allowed to have. He says — be still. Let Me be enough for just this moment.

He leads me beside still waters. Not raging. Not rushing. Still. Because He knows I am afraid of the raging water. He knows how loud life gets. He knows the noise that never stops — the worry, the grief, the questions with no answers, the night that goes on too long. And so He leads me somewhere quiet. Somewhere I can hear Him again. Somewhere my soul remembers it was made for peace and not for panic.

He restores my soul. This is the line that undoes me every single time. He restores. Not replaces. Not gives up on. Not starts over with someone more worthy, less broken, less likely to wander again. He restores. The same soul. My soul. With all its cracks and wandering history — He takes it gently and He breathes life back in. Over and over and over again. As many times as it takes.



Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death — and I have walked that valley. Some of you reading this are walking it right now. The valley where the grief has no bottom. The valley where the sickness has no easy answer. The valley where you buried someone you were not ready to let go. The valley where you lost yourself and couldn't find the way back.

I will fear no evil. Not because the valley isn't dark. Not because the shadow isn't real. But because — You are with me. You are with me. Right here. In the darkest part of the road. Not waiting at the end of it. Not watching from a safe distance. With me.

Your rod and Your staff — the protection and the guidance, the correction and the comfort — they hold me when I cannot hold myself.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. Even here. Even when the battle is still raging. Even when the enemy is close and the outcome feels uncertain — You set a table. You say — sit down. Let Me serve you. Let Me show the darkness who you belong to.

You anoint my head with oil. You mark me as Your own. You say to everything that tries to claim me — this one is Mine.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. Not someday. All the days. The hard ones. The confusing ones. The ones I wanted to skip. The ones I didn't think I'd survive. Goodness was there. Mercy was there. Following me like a faithful shadow. Closer than I knew. More present than I felt.

And at the end of every road, at the end of every valley, at the end of this life and everything it held — *I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.* Forever. Not for a season. Not until I fail Him one more time. Forever.

This is my Shepherd. This is the One who found me when I was lost and carried me home on His shoulders — not with frustration, but with joy.

The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want. I shall not want for love — He has given it endlessly. I shall not want for peace — He leads me there gently. I shall not want for purpose — He goes before me faithfully. I shall not want for presence — He never leaves. Not ever. Not once.

***He is the Shepherd and I am His —
and that is more than enough
for every day I have left to live.***



MARCH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 12, 2026

Attendance — Paul Anderson, Paul Solum, Jodi Solum, Alice Kub, Karla Weis, Kristen Anderbeck, Lukas Phillips, Randy Helling, Dave Mosbo

Meeting called to Order by Paul S. at 6:32 pm.

Congregational Comments — none

Approval of March agenda, February Council Meeting Minutes, and February Financial Statements.

Old Business

Goal Setting - no updates

Project Update - (deferred until advocate reports)

New Business

Personnel update - We are adding 3 hours per week for Adrian. She will now be working 13 hours per week. There will also be additional funds available for purchasing music.

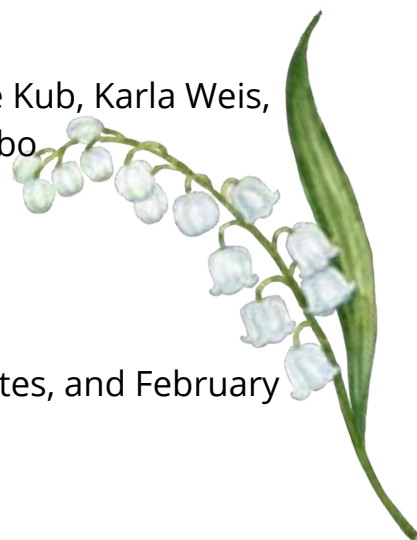
Advocate Reports

Outreach - **Super Bowl Sunday went well. **Donations are being taken in for the pantry and for Bundles of Love. **Monies have been received for the chili competition. **Red Cross Blood Drive dates have been set for the year.

Discipleship - no report

Worship - **There will be two services on Easter - 9:00 am and 10:30 am. **A breakfast will follow the Palm Sunday service. **Chris's upgrade to the camera used for worship has been well received.

Support - **Fire suppression system will be on site within two weeks. **The Memorial Garden wall will be worked on after temperatures are in the 50's and above. **Work is being done on the cleaning of banners. **Two bids have been received for snow removal and lawn care. One other bid is in the works. **The Boy Scouts are handling the replacement of the damaged television in the basement. **The Boy Scouts are requesting to use a portable fire pit which they will store and bring when needed. The council suggested discussing with them the possibility of also providing a fire extinguisher or fire blanket. **Bids are being received for recoating the Gathering Area roof. That work may be done later in the year to coincide with the HVAC replacement.



Fellowship - **Parents in Prayer will continue. **Five weeks of soup suppers have been planned with assistance from Josh and Amanda Boss and Paul Anderson. Cleanup help has been appreciated. **Stephen Ministry is stocking the greeting card racks. Stephen Ministry is planning a teaching session on the topic of empathy. **The Women's Retreat will be April 17-19. More women have signed up this year than last year. **The coffee machine has been repaired.

Staff Reports

**Kids will be working on a service project at Dirksen's house. **The high schoolers are asking for a monthly fellowship time - perhaps movies. **Lukas is talking to Family Services and to others in the congregation concerning litter pickup. **The plants are growing and getting ready for transplanting in the garden. **Lukas and Pastor Krista are working on plans for the mystery trip. **Lukas is working on another community engagement idea - recycling small appliances and tools.

Adjournment by Paul at 7:22

Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Thursday, April 9 at 6:30

Respectfully submitted by Dave Mosbo

A HUGE Note of thanks to
Chris Johnson for his work on
updating Hosanna's technology
pieces for an enhanced online
worship experience

*Thank
You!*

Not able to attend worship?

**Go to Hosanna's Website - www.hosannalutheran.org -
and click on **SUNDAY WORSHIP LINK**
in the top right corner of the home page.**



APRIL COUNCIL MINUTES

April 9, 2026

Attendance: Dave Mosbo, Paul Anderson, Alice Kub, Lukas Phillips, Kristen Anderbeck, Paul Solum, Kari Larsen, Pastor Krista, Rachel Gray, and Randy Helling.

Meeting called to order by Paul Solum at 6:30 pm.

Approval of April agenda, and April Financial Statements. March Meeting Minutes are complete and should be visible soon.

Old Business

Properties updates - *Update to the fire suppression system has been completed. *The committee is considering rearranging the conference room. *The tv in the downstairs youth room was replaced the Boy Scouts. *The lower level by the west door was repaired and parts replaced. *Two new refrigerators have been donated and will help lower energy consumption. *More damage has been found on the Memorial Garden wall and the cost may increase, but repairs will begin when temperatures are optimal. *Handicapped door openers for the restrooms are being researched, and requirements for the Americans with Disabilities Act are being considered. *All three companies who are bidding on roof repair have advised putting off the repair for at least a year. Question-Can the roof funds be used for the sanctuary skylight and/or HVAC needs? Answer-possibly. The materials cost for every project is slowly increasing. *The new lawn and snow company's contract will be at a lower cost.

****Ongoing and faithful giving is allowing progress to continue,
thank you to all who've contributed.***

New Business

*Suggestion to share and celebrate how much of the pledged capital campaign funds have been received so far. *The last day of Sunday School will be May 17, and it will be celebrated by having a play day with a Parks and Recreation trailer with sporting goods. That is also Graduate Sunday. *Suggestion to also celebrate the blessings, recipients and the amount of Blessing Bucks with a congregational picnic.

Advocate Reports

Outreach - *The Chatty Crafters will deliver approximately 30 prayer shawls to Samaritan Bethany. *The next blood drive will take place on May 18 from 1-6pm. More drives will be on July 20, September 21 and November 16 from 1-6pm. *Planning for God's Work Our Hands will begin in late June, and it will take place on Sunday, September 20. *The chili cookoff and silent auction raised \$2,252! Future cookoffs and auctions may move to another month.



Discipleship – *The seeds planted by Sunday School youth for garden plants are growing. *The youth shared parts of The Passion in the Palm Sunday service and brunch raised \$517. *It will be a busy summer with confirmation camp at Good Earth Village, VBS, and the mission trip. *The National Youth Gathering for Summer 2027 is in Minneapolis and fundraising has begun. It will cost approximately \$1,000 for each youth to attend, families will cover part of the expense. *The Women’s Retreat is April 17-19! *Special “nights” are being negotiated for fundraising at local restaurants. *Spring cleaning help is needed for some members.

Worship – *The Lenten season went well. *May 3 will be an Easter hymn sing. *Pentecost will be celebrated on May 24 and that is Memorial Day weekend. *The Grace Team is appreciated and doing well. *The new camera for worship gives a good view and clear sound so it’s working well technically. The camera was overfunded so those extra dollars may lead to change in the “computer area”.

Support – see Old Business above.

Fellowship – *The last Parents in Prayer gathering was well attended. *The chili cookoff and silent auction was well attended, successful and fun. *Lenten suppers were also well attended and successful. *There was great fellowship during Palm Sunday breakfast. *Kristen will present about her trip to Asia at the next Hill Toppers event.

Staff Reports *Lukas* - *The Confirmation youth will have a service project at Gagnon Sculpture Garden in southwest Rochester. *There will be a group cleaning along Bandel Road for “Litter Bit Better” on April 26 at 2pm. *Trees will be planted near Sunset Terrace Elementary School on May 9 from 9-11am. *Free tree seedlings will be available on Sunday, May 3. *Time at Good Earth Village and the mystery trip is coming up for youth. *The VBS curriculum will be *Water is Life*.

Pastor - *Thank yous were expressed to Altar Guild, staff and members for the help and effort that took place through Lent. *30 women have signed up for the Woman’s Retreat. *Larry Iverson, Chris Johnson and the Grace Team are organizing worship for the Sunday of the Women’s Retreat. *Pastor Krista is working with Good Earth Village on their summer confirmation curriculum, and Hosanna’s confirmation plan is nearly finished.

**Treasurer and Financial Secretary Report
MARCH 2026**

Income/Expense Comparison

	<u>General</u>	
<u>2026</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 35,178	\$105,534
Income	\$ 34,173	\$ 94,323
Expense	\$ 30,178	\$ 85,333
Net Income	\$ 3,995	\$ 8,990

*Consideration is being given to offer a Quiet Prayer service during the summer.

Meeting adjourned by Paul at 7:43 pm and ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by Joe Desannoy
Next Meeting:
Thursday, May 14 at 6:30pm



The Lord Is My Shepherd

Last weekend, 27 Hosanna women gathered at Good Earth Village for the second annual Women's Retreat. The theme verse that guided our weekend was Psalm 23.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The moment that we arrived, we knew that we were taken care of and provided for. We could relax and let go, knowing that we were in the presence of God and surrounded by God's creation.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

We had time to reflect and renew. Participants were able to nap, hike and learn breathing/yoga techniques.

He leads me beside still waters.

The retreat was a chance to disconnect from our busy and demanding daily lives. We were able to slow down and focus on self-care.

He restores my soul.

Souls were restored through laughter and time in conversation with one another.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Pastor Krista led the group in five sessions exploring God's word with the 23rd Psalm and guided discussion in what the text means to each of us.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

We had a candlelight vigil to lift each other up in prayer. Prayers for strength, healing, courage, and peace.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Our meals were planned and provided. Our weekend was thoughtfully prepared for us. Our snack table definitely was "overflowing."

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

The feeling of goodness and love was abounding as the women of Hosanna departed from a weekend of guidance, rest, renewal, restoring, comfort, and overflowing love.

Kari Larsen,
Discipleship Advocate



FRIDAY, MAY 8

Sitter Service 6 - 10 PM

Families are invited to bring children to Hosanna for this time where Hosanna "grandparents" will supervise games, movies, snacks and crafts.

Contact Paul Anderson at andersonpaul45@gmail.com for more information or to register.

Hill Climbers at Little Thistle 6:30 - 9 PM

Hill Climbers is an opportunity for parents to be together to relax, socialize, and support each other.

Here is a link to the food truck that will be at Little Thistle that night.

<https://heimsteadmn.com/>



SAVE THE DATE:

**The next Blood Drive
at Hosanna**

will be held on

Monday, May 18th

from 1 - 6 PM.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

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HILLTOPPERS

Tuesday, May 12 at Noon

Call Julianne Jahn by Friday, May 8

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.

May 3rd-The Greatest is Love

May 10th- Many Gifts, One Spirt & Mother's Day Project

May 17th- Last Day of Sunday School!



For May, 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 Fun on the Last Day!!

Our last day of Sunday School this year will be on MAY 17th.

We will have the Youth Connection Sports Trailer here from Rochester City Parks and Rec Dept. **Come ready to play** with the variety of sporting equipment that they offer! **We will also have flower and veggie seedlings ready to take for planting that day!**



Mentor Night and Last Night of Confirmation is **May 13th!**

What a great confirmation year! To celebrate, we will invite mentors to join our confirmation students for a game night at Hosanna. Thank you **all** for your support of our confirmation programming!



SUMMER MYSTERY MISSION TRIP!

Attention Hosanna Youth Going into 7th Grade and Above!



July 12th (after worship) -July 16th, 2026
*Hosanna's youth are invited to participate in our
SUMMER MYSTERY MISSION TRIP!*

We are extending the invitation to all youth
going into 7th grade thru High School.

If your kiddo is interested in attending,
please contact Lukas Phillips at lukas.phillips@hosannalutheran.org.
You are welcome to call the Hosanna Office at 507-285-0092.

We are also happy to provide financial assistance if you are in need!

Join Lukas and the Rochester Community for our Spring 2026 Tree Planting Event!

No experience is necessary as we all work together to
plant trees to brighten the Rochester community!

This event will take place on **May 9th, 2026,**

from 8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at

1707 19th Avenue NW -

Sunset Terrace Elementary neighborhood.



Trees serve a vital role of lowering crime, purifying our air,
promoting energy efficiency, and generating public revenue!

**For more information, please visit the RNeighbors website.
Lukas will be leading the GREEN Group. He hopes to see all of you there!**



Recent **BLESSING BUCKS** have gone to:

- **John Marshall's Theater Department**
- **Easter baskets for staff at Hiawatha Homes**
- **Gas cards for people at Kwik Trip**
- **purchase personal hygiene items to Pedro's Closet at Century HS**
- **Hoover Early Learning School's Friday Caffeine Cart for staff treats**
- **Resounding Voices of Rochester**



Since February 2023,
\$ 28,897.14
in BLESSING BUCKS
has been shared with the community !!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



There was a team of four who helped plan the Soup Suppers each week during Lent. Paul Anderson set up the tables, Josh and Amanda Boss and Kristen Anderbeck took the lead on organizing the suppers. Many others assisted by contributing soups and desserts and lending a hand with clean up each week, most notably Sinde Finnegan, Beth and Niel Wiegand, and Barb Schepp.

We always had plenty of tasty soups and desserts,
and a nice variety each week.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND ASSISTED IN ANY WAY.

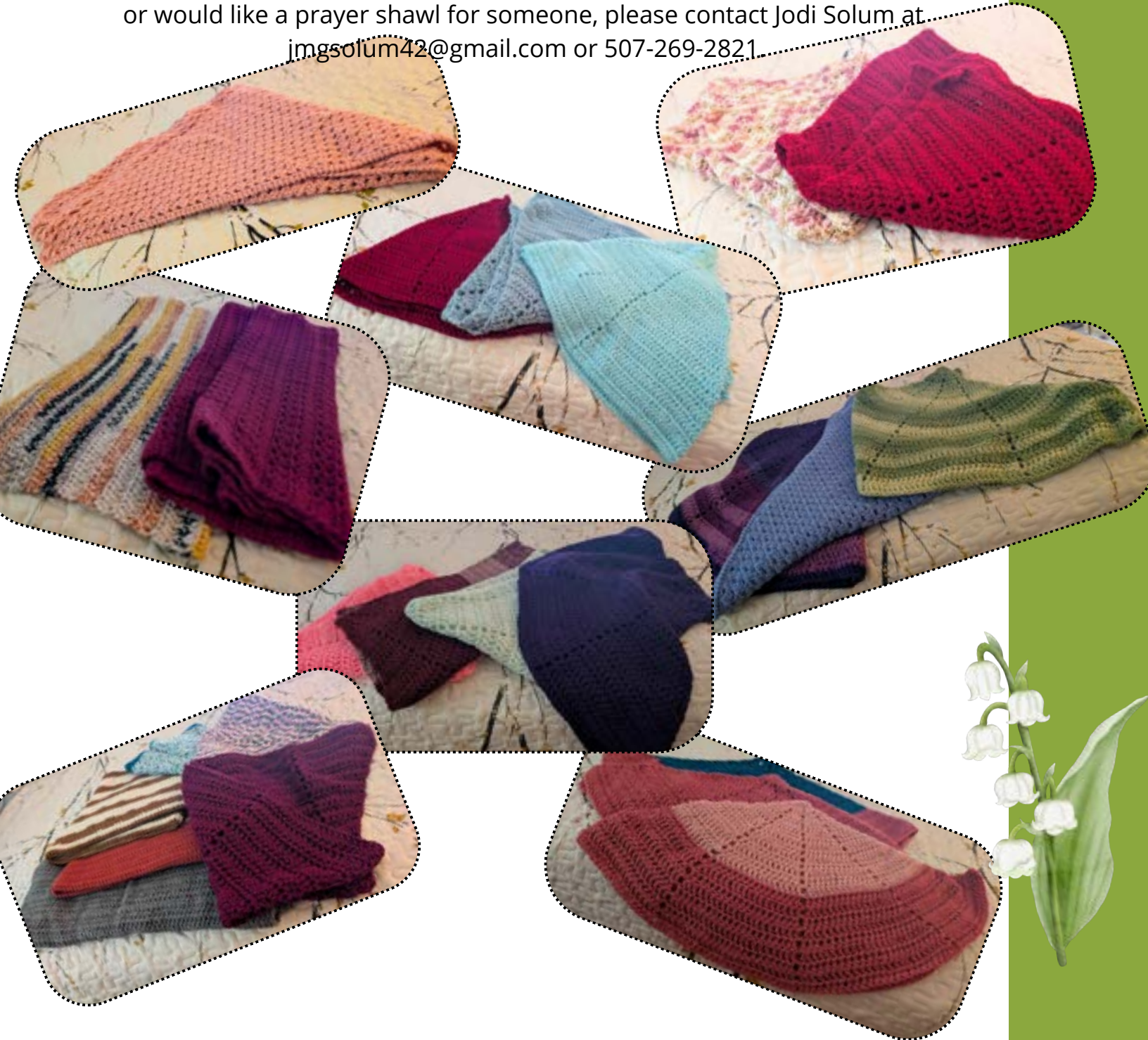


Prayer Shawl/Chatty Crafters

On Saturday April 18, 2025, Prayer Shawls were delivered to Samaritan Bethany. These will be given out to residents who could use a prayer or are lonely. I would like to thank the members of Hosanna for supporting this quiet ministry. Along with prayer shawls, we also have donated hats and scarves to the Helping Hands pantry, and hats, blankets and washcloths to Bundles of Love.

I would like to thank the members of the Chatty Crafters for all of their dedication. Thank you to Diane Click, Rachel Grey, Donna Rasmussen, Diane Leamons, and Janet Walsh. I am honored to be a part of this ministry.

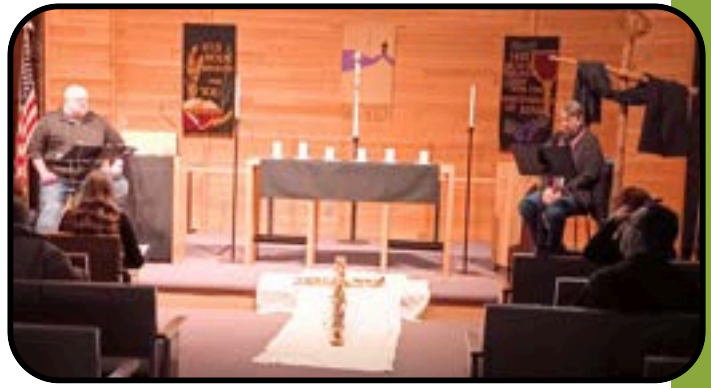
If you would like more information about donating items or would like a prayer shawl for someone, please contact Jodi Solum at jmsolum42@gmail.com or 507-269-2821.





WOMEN'S
RETREAT-
Good Earth Village
2026





GOOD FRIDAY



EASTER



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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