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

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TAKE JESUS WITH YOU PROJECT

Dear Beloved of Hosanna,

Summer is upon us! With that comes summer camps, Vacation Bible School, Mystery Trips, family vacations and a whole lot of summer activities.



As I look at my calendar I know that there is a lot of time away from church (doing lots of fun and great things) and your calendars probably look similar.

As we enter into summer, I encourage you to stay connected with your Hosanna family – worship and participate in summer activities in Rochester... but when you are not... **Take Jesus With You!**

Take Jesus with you on your adventures, take photos with Him and send them to admin.assistant@hosannalutheran.org so we can include them in Sunday announcements.



Join the fun, stay connected and take part in our Take Jesus with You Project.



Bendy Jesus' and Little Jesus' will be available for you to take while you are at the church building.

Take Jesus With You! ... and while you are at it... take an extra and **SHARE** a "little Jesus" this summer too!

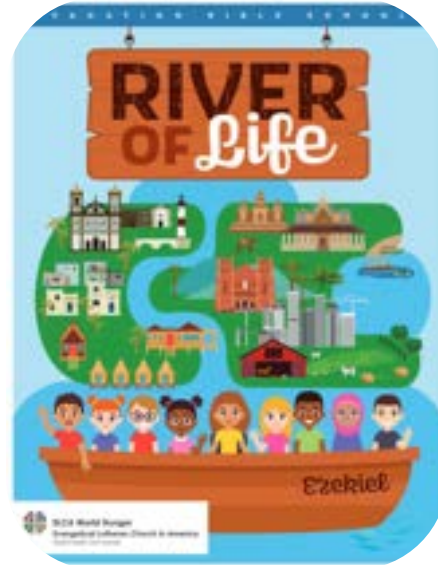
Pastor Krista



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for
Vacation Bible School -
June 22nd - June 25th.

This year's theme is
"River of Life",
placing focus on the importance
of fresh water and preventing
water pollution!



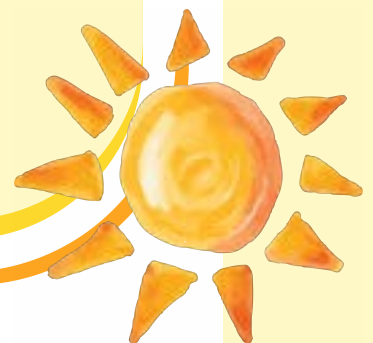
A light meal will be served at 5:30 PM each evening and
programming will be held from 6 - 8 PM.

If you or your family is interested in participating
during this week of Vacation Bible School,
**please check the H.L.C. at the end of May
or contact Lukas!**

We hope you will join us!

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.**



MAY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 14, 2026

Attendance: Kristen Anderbeck, Karla Weis, Randy Helling, Dave Mosbo, Paul Anderson, Alice Kub, Lukas Phillips, Terri Ashworth, Paul Solum and Joe Desannoy.

Call to Order by Paul Solum at 6:32pm.

Congregational Comments: none

Approval of May's agenda, April's Meeting Minutes and May Financial Statements.

Old Business

Project Update - **The Memorial Garden wall needs a constant minimum of 50 degrees (including overnight) for work to begin. **Maintenance checks of the HVAC should begin soon and provide priority for a staggered replacement schedule. **Due to energy saving measures, the bill service will decrease from "medium" to "small" customer class, and it should save \$5,000-\$6,000 a year. There are more replacements that can happen to lower energy consumption. **There is now a tv hung in the youth room. **The contract for snow removal and lawncare is signed and will cost less than before. **The fire suppression system has been updated. **A company representative will soon present about replacement options for the sanctuary window. It could take about a week to get done once Hosanna is "on the books".

New Business:

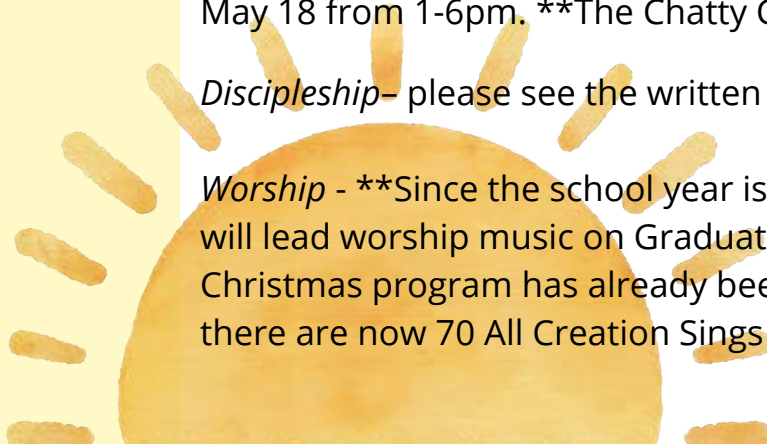
**Pastor Krista would like a group of 4-6 people to *update the church constitution* in time for the annual meeting. **There was also a suggestion to begin considering new candidates to fill advocate positions.

Advocate Reports:

Outreach - **There was a blessing of prayer shawls and quilts on May 10. **Graduate Sunday will be May 17. **God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) is set for September 20, so preparation is beginning! **There will be a Red Cross blood drive May 18 from 1-6pm. **The Chatty Crafters are taking the summer months off.

Discipleship - please see the written report.

Worship - **Since the school year is ending, Sunday School is as well. **GRACE team will lead worship music on Graduate Sunday. **May 24 is Pentecost. **The Christmas program has already been picked out! **Due to a member's request, there are now 70 All Creation Sings (ACS) hymnals available.



MAY COUNCIL MINUTES *conitnued*

Support – See the Properties report in Old Business.

Fellowship – **On April 14, Kristen made a presentation to the Hill Toppers about her trip to Thailand and the get together on May 12 was well attended. The group is taking June off. The group will be taking a Memorial Garden tour in August, and a city council member will attend an upcoming meeting. **Members of Hosanna have been attending student performances to show their support. **During the last choir practice time, we will share a potluck at 6pm, May 20. **There will be Thai treats available with Kristen’s presentation about her trip to Thailand during Fellowship on June 7. **Planning is taking place for an upcoming church wide potluck at a local park, please watch for more details.

Staff Reports:

***Lukas* shared that the VBS team finalized plans for the theme “River of Life” and it will take place from June 22-25. **There will be two “sent to serve” projects of planting pollinators in the near future. One is at Hosanna and the other is along Highway 52. Both should happen the first week of June, please look for opportunities to help. **Eight youth will be attending confirmation camp at Good Earth Village from June 14-19. **A family hike at Quarry Hill and/or Oxbow is in the works to happen before fall and a family movie night before fall as well. **10 youth will be going on the mission trip from July 12-17. **Please watch for a recycling event with “Junk Recyclers” in October. **The staff received a call from a representative for a “Welcome to Rochester New Resident Guide” brochure, who offered to feature/advertise Hosanna in the publication that gets mailed to people new to Rochester and would cost \$800 for one year of printing. Discussion and decision made to decline the offer at this time.

Adjournment by Paul Solum at 7:46 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 11 at 6:30pm

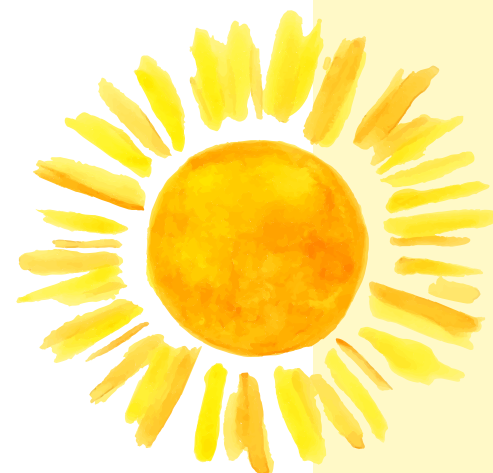
Treasurer and Financial Secretary Report

APRIL 2026

Income/Expense Comparison

General

2026	APRIL	YTD
Budget	\$ 35,178	\$140,712
Income	\$ 26,718	\$121,041
Expense	\$ 27,699	\$113,032
Net Income	\$ (981)	\$ 8,009



Recent BLESSING BUCKS have gone to:

****a family in Kasson who had a fire, leaving their home uninhabitable**

****Gage Elementary School Advanced Learning Program**

****a friend who has had some extreme financial difficulties**

****ACHLA - Alliance of Chicanos, Hispanics and Latin Americans**



Since February 2023,

\$ 29,893.79

in BLESSING BUCKS

has been shared with the community !!



I would like to thank the members of the Chatty Crafters for all of their hard work. I also want to thank the congregation for your prayers and support.

In the past few months, we have made prayer shawls along with items for Bundles of Love and for the outdoor pantry this past winter.

Please remember that prayer shawls are not just for the times when someone is going through a hard time in life such as a death in the family or a difficult diagnosis, but also for the happy times. Those times when we are celebrating the birth of a child or a new home. We hope that you will continue to find reasons to bless someone with a prayer shawl.

Even though we will not be meeting in person this summer, we will be working quietly behind the scenes to bless others. Gatherings will resume in October.

God Bless you and enjoy your summer.

Jodi Solum



SUMMER MYSTERY MISSION TRIP!

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 also welcome to call the Hosanna Office at 507-285-0092.

We are able to provide financial assistance if you are in need!



SAVE THE DATE:

The next Blood Drive at Hosanna will be held on Monday, July 20th from 1 - 6 PM.



**HELP SAVE A LIFE +
GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD**



**HILLTOPPERS
WILL NOT MEET
IN JUNE
See you in July!**

**God's Work.
Our Hands.
Planning Meeting
Tuesday, June 30
6pm**



Confirmation Camp at Good Earth Village
IS HAPPENING SOON!!!

Pastor Krista and Lukas are excited to be taking

8 Hosanna middle school youth to

Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN for

Confirmation Camp, June 14-19.

This is a wonderful time to grow together
in and faith and friendship!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH AND THEIR COUNSELORS!

*Thank
you*

Sunday School Teachers

and

Confirmation Mentors!

***Hosanna is so fortunate to have
such nurturing role models!***



Final Confirmation Mentor Night Fun!



**GOOD
TIMES**



SPRING AT HOSANNA



Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly 2026



BAPTIZED

IN
muddy waters



Synod Nomination Results:

1x Synod Secretary

Synod Council:

5 Rostered Ministers, 4 lay people, 1 young adult, & 2 youth

1x Augsburg Univ. Corp. Board

14 positions filled!

Baptism Discussion:

All were invited to share in conversation about:

- What do you know about your own baptism?
- Talk about a baptism you have witnessed that had an impact on you.
- What images come to mind when you think of baptism?

Other Business:

- The **spending plan** for 2027-28 was approved.
- **Amendments** to the synod constitution were approved.
- **Reports** were received from Bishop Hassanally, Vice President Lisa Dierks, Synod Treasurer Tammy Dahlvang, Synod Secretary Rev. Josh Enderson, ELCA Churchwide representative Rev. Barbara Lund, and others.
- Find the spending plan, photos, video messages, and more online.

Total Attendees:

194 Lay voting members
127 Pastor voting members
+5 Deacon voting members

326 Total Voting Members

5 Voice Without Vote
19 Visitors and Guests
+12 Volunteers

362 People!

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Michael Chan

Actual Offering Received:

\$17,539+

Supporting the synod's campus ministries and candidacy process, and International Women Leaders of the ELCA.
(As of 5/2/26.)



Visit: SEMNSynod.org/Assembly



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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Rochester MN 55901
507-285-0092

On-line Giving may be found at:

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