

HOSANNA HERALD

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



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.

TAKE JESUS WITH YOU PROJECT



So far, Bendy Jesus and Little Jesus have traveled to Hy-Vee; Confirmation camp at Good Earth Village; The Badlands, Mt. Rushmore and Sioux Falls Park in South Dakota; Indianapolis; the Rochester Farmer's Market; Trader Joe's; Golden, CO; Hosanna's Council Meeting; Turtle Lake, WI... where else will He go this summer? Where will YOU take Him?





Save the Date:
"God's work. Our hands."
Sunday, September 20, 2026

Watch for information in the weekly HLC emails to see how you can get involved!

If you have any questions please contact Terri Ashworth or Jodi Solum at outreachadvocate@hosannalutheran.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
 outdoor worship service on August 30
 at 10AM followed by a
 church wide picnic at Oxbow Park.
 Watch for more details!



HILLTOPPERS

Tuesday, July 14 at Noon

***Call Julianne Jahn by Friday, July 10
 to make your reservation: 507-202-9752***



JUNE COUNCIL MINUTES

June 11, 2026

Attendance: Alice Kub, Pastor Krista, Rachel Gray, Paul Solum, Kristen Anderbeck, Kari Larsen, Randy Helling, Dave Mosbo, Joe Desannoy and Kevin Schepp.

Meeting called to Order by Paul at 6:31pm.

Congregational Comments: none

Approval of June agenda, May Meeting Minutes, and May Financial Statements.

Discussion – Income is low but so are expenses, typical this time of year.

OLD BUSINESS

SKYLIGHT in Sanctuary: Kevin Schepp shared details about replacing the skylight. There's not a lot of time to make a decision and have the replacement happen in 2026. It will take about 10 weeks to construct it. Suggested having 2-3 options for the congregation to make the final choice. Dates for congregational vote on skylight options will be early July and will be communicated via HLC, worship announcements and email. The new skylight will improve electrical efficiency as well.

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Properties team is in communication with the contractor and working through delays at this time.

HVAC replacement: Priorities are being arranged for replacement of the unit on the roof.

NEW BUSINESS

No council meeting in July.

There is interest in hosting a training from a memory care advocate. More discussion will take place to finalize the event.

Advocate Reports

Outreach: **Blessing Bucks have exceeded \$30,000!

Discipleship: **Confirmation wrapped up with a Mentor Night. **Graduates were recognized. **There was a sport trailer "rented" to celebrate the end of Sunday School. **There will be sand volleyball at Essex Park this summer on Monday nights at 6:30. **Confirmation camp at Good Earth Village will have nine kids attend. **VBS is coming soon and, like last summer, there will be a light supper before. **11 kids and three chaperones are planning to attend the mission trip, additional chaperones are being worked on. Kari will organize a brunch for mission trip sendoff.

Worship: **Coverage for Pastor Krista was shared. **The cameras for worship are great!

Support: see above reports.

Fellowship: **The Stephen Ministers are actively blessing people. **There was cake during fellowship for Graduation Day. **The sport trailer for the last day of Sunday School was a lot of fun. **The choir celebrated the end of the school year practice schedule with a special potluck. **Kristen shared about her trip to Thailand after worship on June 7. **A plan is forming for VBS meal preparation.



Fellowship continued:

**There will be an outdoor worship service on August 30 at 10AM followed by a church wide picnic at Oxbow Park. **A pantry "shopper" donated bread that was used for fellowship.

Staff Reports

Lukas: **VBS programming is being finalized (see Discipleship report). **Pollinator planting near Newt's North took place on Saturday, June 13. **Lukas and Pastor have been assisting with training Good Earth Village summer staff. **Upcoming events include a family hike at Quarry Hill or Oxbow and a family movie night. **There will be a metal recycling event on October 3.

Pastor: **High school senior Sunday was appreciated, especially the quilts. **The "Connect" book is being worked on and material is needed from different ministries. **Confirmation camp at Good Earth Village will include the ropes course at Luther College. **Stewardship Sunday should highlight the projects done by Hosanna member teams. Ask yourself "how has the money allowed your team to accomplish Hosanna's mission?"

Adjournment by Paul at 8:04 pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 13 at 6:30pm

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The congregation will have an opportunity to vote on the replacement of the skylight in the Sanctuary, hopefully by early July.

We are able to complete this project through a confluence of many different works. *First, is the strong commitment that this congregation has made with its support through the Capital Campaign. *Second, is the work of the Properties Committee collaborating with contractors to develop ideas for this project. *Finally, the Church Council has worked through the process and has come to an agreement on how to proceed.

The Sanctuary skylight is 47 years old, is really showing its age and is degrading rapidly. We are at that tipping point with this feature and to be able to replace it now is exciting and timely.

This replacement will accomplish many things. It will primarily make the Sanctuary more structurally sound by increasing the insulation in the skylight which improves comfort and will help in maintaining our lower RPU rate classification. It will also make the Sanctuary more aesthetically pleasing for worship and special events.

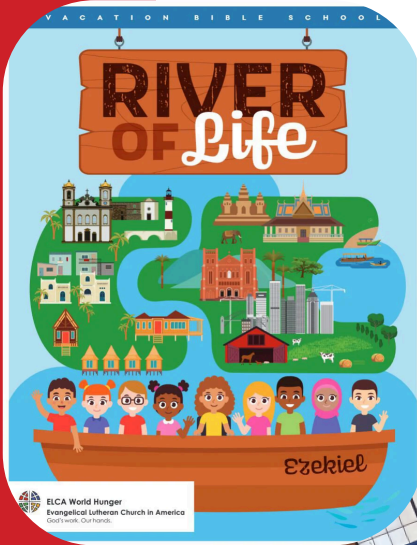
This is a legacy project. Hosanna's current members and families along with new members and visitors will enjoy the enhancement that this change in the sanctuary will bring.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Randy Helling, Support Advocate



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 22-25



VOLLEYBALL HAS STARTED!
Mondays at 6:30 PM
at Essex Park.
All ages, all abilities,
ALL are welcome!
We play for FUN ONLY!



JULY BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, July 20 1 - 6 PM

Summer is a critical time for blood drives because blood donations typically drop by about 20% just as the need for blood increases. This dangerous gap is driven by a mix of school breaks, summer travel, and an increase in trauma-related emergencies.



Please sign up to donate at:

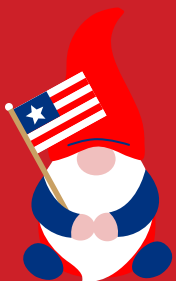
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=RochHosanna>

Donor giveaway for July: Fandango Movie Ticket by email

Blood products collected at our drive have now been delivered to patients in need of vital care! Distribution included, but was not limited to, the following local hospitals:

- *WESTERN WISCONSIN HEALTH*
- *MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM-MANKATO*
- *AMERY HOSPITAL & CLINIC*
- *CUYUNA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER*
- *CENTRACARE REDWOOD FALLS*

Each local drive is an integral piece of a puzzle to secure a healthy, readily available blood supply in our community and for every American in need. When collections exceed need for patients in local communities, the Red Cross is able to expand distribution to areas with low supply due to weather, seasonal illness, and other challenges. Ensuring they don't waste a single drop of blood is their way of honoring the selfless effort of every generous donor.



Recent BLESSING BUCKS have gone to:

****The Patriot Guard**

****Good Earth Village Scholarship Fund**

****The Blaine Halvorsen Memorial Fund to help purchase a furnace for a veteran**

****Quarry Hill to support their camps**

**** Freshwater, a non-profit out of St. Paul, dedicated to protecting clean, sustainable water that is vital for healthy communities, ecosystems and economies.**



Since February 2023,

\$ 30,581.44

in BLESSING BUCKS

has been shared with the community !!



Hosanna's Community Garden

Hosanna's garden is planted and growing!

This year's team (Lisa Nordman, Alice Kub, Barb Schepp, Lukas Phillips, Dave & Janet Wall) have been weeding, watering and shooing away rabbits preparing for a bountiful harvest.

This year's crops include brussels sprouts, tomatoes, peppers, onions, squash and much more.

We will be distributing the harvest at Hosanna's monthly food pantries.

Feel free to take a peek at the garden, located on the west side of Hosanna's property.



CONFIRMATION CAMP



GOOD EARTH VILLAGE



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.

ADVISORY MEMBERS

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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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