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



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

The ELCA is one church, freed in Christ
to love and serve our neighbor every day.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is a blessed opportunity for all our congregations to celebrate who we are as a church, engaging in projects and activities that explore our convictions as Lutherans: that all life in Jesus flows from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2-10

A GWOH's mailing will be sent out at the beginning of September with information on all of the planned service projects listed below:

1. *Harvest Hosanna's Garden/Cleanup*
2. *Overland Elementary Snack Drive* - List will be provided in future announcements
3. *Assemble Water Filtration Kits*
4. *Dorothy Day House -Prepare and Serve Meal-* Date to be determined
5. *Linus Project - Make tie fleece blankets*
6. *Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits* - Donation items listed below
7. *Red Cross Blood Drive - September 14th at Hosanna from 1pm-6pm*
8. *Good Earth Village - Clean Bird Houses* - Date to be determined
9. *Replenishing Helping Hands Pantry* - List will be provided in future announcements



The weekly HLC will provide information
on ways you can help out!

The following service project could use your support in collecting specific items in advance: Bins will be in the Narthex.

Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief -

ONLY DONATE THESE ITEMS; Each kit needs each of these items

- **ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20-27" wide x 40-52" long),
dark color recommended
- **TWO or three bath-size bars of soap totaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
(prefer gentle soap)
- **ONE adult-size toothbrush in original packaging. (Toothbrush multi-packs may be used;
NO personal/office phone number or address advertizing)
- **ONE sturdy, wide-tooth comb
- **ONE metal nail clippers (toenail or fingernail clippers are okay; attached file optional)

Important Notes:

- Please donate NEW items only
- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

****It would be appreciated if these items could be donated by
Sunday, September 13th, so we can tally up items and
see what is needed to make complete kits on September 20th.***

*A GWOH's mailing will be sent out at the beginning of September
with more information on all of the planned service projects.*

If you have any questions please contact:

Terri Ashworth (507)251-6042

Email: outreachadvocate@hosannalutheran.org

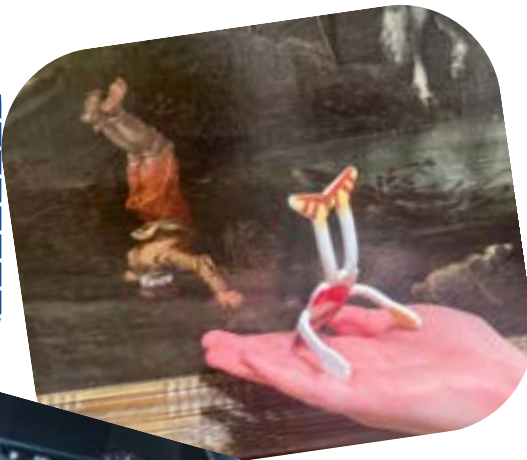
Members of the GWOH's team:

Terri Ashworth, Lisa Nordman, Lukas Phillips, Barb Schepp, Jodi Solum,
Nancy Wales, Beth & Niel Wiegand & Pastor Krista

Thank you for your generosity and support!



TAKE JESUS WITH YOU PROJECT



In July, Bendy Jesus and Little Jesus have traveled to Big Turtle Lake, Bigfork, MN; Gustavus College; North Dakota and MN Hosanna Youth Mystery Trip; Indianapolis, IN; Bemidji, MN;... where else will He go this summer? Where will YOU take Him?



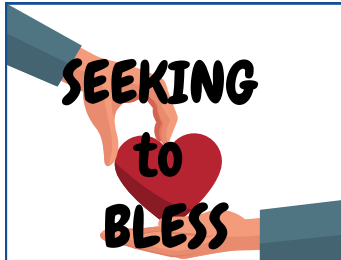
Recent BLESSING BUCKS have gone to:

****RPU Neighbors Chipping In**

****RPS American Indian Education Program**

****Youth Mission Trip service project Churches United**

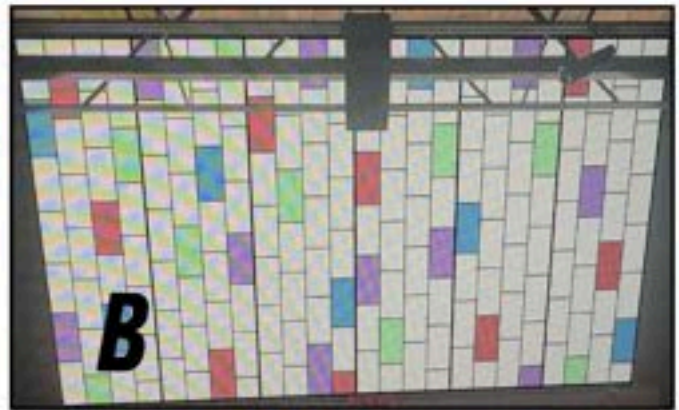
****Youth Mission trip service project Breakfast in the Park**



***Since February 2023,
\$ 31,467.21
in BLESSING BUCKS
has been shared with the community !!***

SANCTUARY WINDOW UPDATE

After a congregational vote at the beginning of July, the decision has been made to move forward with the pictured option for the new Sanctuary Window.



Work will begin on this project in the fall.
Continue to watch announcements for updates.



Hosanna Sunday School

Hosanna's Sunday School will begin on
Sunday, September 13th.



This first Sunday of Sunday School, Rally Sunday, will be a day of games, treats, and reconnecting after the summer!

We invite all 3-year-olds through 8th graders to come hear and read impactful stories of love, generosity, and peace, while also participating in music, arts, science, and hands on activities.

We will gather each Sunday from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.



Confirmation

Hosanna's confirmation programming will begin
Wednesday, September 16th,
with an informational/get to know you session.

The confirmation program invites
all 7th and 8th grade youth to participate.

Stay tuned for more information!



Overland Volunteer Program

Hosanna Lutheran is again partnering with
Overland Elementary School this fall to provide
Overland's students with reading and
other learning opportunities during the school week.



If you have any questions, new partnership ideas, or would like to become involved in this volunteer program, please contact Lukas Phillips at lukas.phillips@hosannalutheran.org.

*Overland Elementary has been very grateful for our partnership!
Thank you!*



Swimming and Kayaking at Dirksen's

for middle school and high school youth
(and their families).

All youth must wear life jackets.

Bring a water bottle and snack to share.

August 15th from 1-3pm

Address: 3322 Lake Street NW

RSVP to Kari Larsen 507-261-0327



Join Lukas for a **“NEAT”URE WALK**
on **Sunday, August 16th from 3 - 4:30 PM**
at **Quarry Hill Nature Center.**

Let's go spot a wide variety of wildlife and wild features!
Enjoy treats, a scavenger hunt, and time together.



***Movie
NIGHT***

*You are invited to come and
enjoy popcorn, time with friends, and
an animated family movie sharing the
importance of friendships
in a small town off Route 66!*



Our Movie Night will be held in the
Hosanna Gathering Space -
August 23rd from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

ALL are welcome! Feel free to bring blankets and pillows.
All treats will be provided.



HILLTOPPERS

Tuesday, August 11 at Noon

***Call Julianne Jahn by Friday, August 7
to make your reservation: 507-202-9752***



**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.**

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

August 30 at 10AM

**followed by a church-wide picnic
at Oxbow Park.**

Watch for sign-ups to bring sides and beverages,
and/or a grill or two and be grill master for lunch.
(The grill that's on site won't be big enough).

The shelter is handicapped accessible and there are 6-8 tables under the pavilion, but you may want to bring your own camp chairs, as well.

After lunch, you are invited to stay for some outdoor games
and/or head to the zoo/nature center.

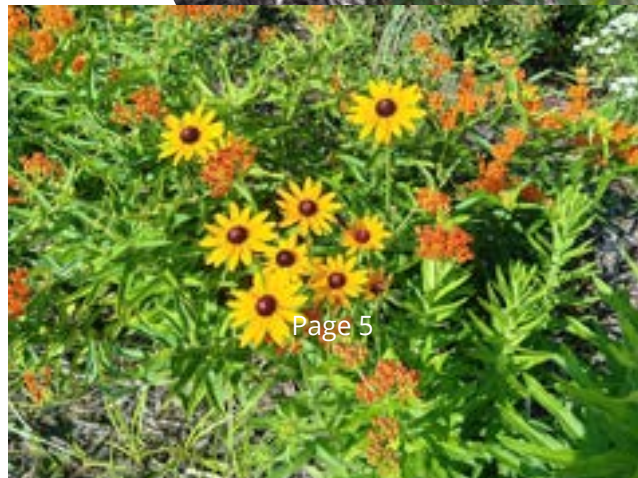


SEE HOW OUR GARDENS GROW!

Thank you to all who make Hosanna beautiful!



Memorial Garden



**Bill Weis
Pollinator Garden**



HOSANNA YOUTH MYSTERY TRIP



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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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2815 57th St NW
Rochester MN 55901
507-285-0092**

On-line Giving may be found at:

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