

HOSANNA HERALD

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

Beloved of Hosanna,

Fall is definitely upon us! Sunday School has started, Bible studies have resumed, Confirmation is started, and God's Work. Our Hands. was a wonderful success! *Thank you to all who are leaders of each of these events and all who participated.*

There are many more activities coming this fall...

Women, Wine, and Word begins October 13th at Whistle Binkies North. Join us at 6:30PM to eat a meal together or 7:00PM to join us for Bible study. We will spend time in fellowship and God's Word. If you haven't joined us in a while, or have never joined us, this is YOUR invitation to gather for fun, fellowship, and faith-filled discussion.

Affirmation of Baptism - We have four amazing Confirmation students who will be affirming the promises of their baptism on October 25th. These students are actively writing, revising and preparing to share their faith statements. Plan on joining us for worship on the October 25th as we, as a congregation, stand with them as they affirm promises made at their baptism and welcome them as young adult members of the congregation.

New Member Class- Interested in becoming a member of Hosanna? We will be hosting a New Member Class on October 31st from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please call the office if you would like more information. Pastor and Lukas may even show up in costume... it is Halloween, you know!

And remember **A Goose is On the Loose FUNdraiser** for the Hosanna Youth Gathering trip in Minneapolis next summer. Look for more information in this newsletter. We already have some Hosanna members who have started the "goosing" and others who have been "goosed". Want to "goose" someone? Fill out a "Support Hosanna Youth "Goose" Someone Today" card found on tables in Gathering Space, in the office or let Pastor Krista, Lukas, or Allison know.

We are blessed to be a blessing!

Pastor Krista





DRIVE-THROUGH RECYCLING DAY
at HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
2815 57th St. NW, Rochester



October 3, 2026 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

*Come to Hosanna Lutheran Church for your metal recycling needs!
This event is a drive-through event, so you will see
traffic cones guiding you through the parking lot.*

*****There is no charge to recycle the items listed on this flyer *****

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lukas Phillips at Hosanna Lutheran Church by calling 507-285-0092 or emailing the church at admin.assistant@hosannalutheran.org.

This event is co-hosted by Junk Recyclers, LLC.

HOUSEHOLD METALS AND POWER TOOLS ACCEPTED:

- Toasters
- Food Processor and Blenders
(without plastic or glass carafes)
- Food Mixers
- Electric Woks
- Electric Griddles
- Panini Press
- Waffle Makers
- Bread Makers
- Breakfast Sandwich Makers
- Pressure Cookers
- Rice Cookers
- Roasters
- Slow Cookers
(without ceramic insert and glass lid)
- Air Fryers
- Electric Kettles
- Electric and Gas Grills/Smokers
- Box or Oscillating Fans
- Ceiling Fans
- Clothes Irons
- Bottle/can Openers
- Curling Irons
- Hair Straighteners
- Personal Space Heaters
- Paper Shredders
- Sewing Machines
- Metal Shelving
- Metal Bed Frames
- Cast Iron Sinks/Pots/Pans
- Car Hubs and parts (no tires)
- Bicycles
- CD Players
- VCRs
- **Electric Power Tools:**
 - Drills, Sanders, Handsaws, etc.
- **Lawn Equipment**
 - Leaf Blowers, Weedwhackers, Lawnmowers, Power Washers
- **Home Gym Equipment:**
 - Dumbbells, Bars, Ellipticals, Exercise Bikes, Treadmills
- **Large Appliances**
 - Water Heaters
 - Washers and Dryers
 - Refrigerators
 - Stoves/Ovens
 - Microwaves
 - Freezers

***Thank you for your participation in
recycling precious metals!***



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY RECAP!

A heartfelt thank-you to each and every one of you who shared your time, energy, talents, and joyful hearts for "God's work. Our hands." service projects on Sunday, September 20th!

Because of your generous hands and caring hearts, people in our local community and even people around the world will be helped. What may seem like a small act to us can be a meaningful blessing to someone else.

The following service projects were completed:

- **90 Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits were assembled.**

The Personal Care Kit provides much-needed self care, critical germ fighting supplies, and the chance for our neighbors in need to regain dignity amidst fear and uncertainty. The kits will be delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul where they will be distributed to people in need all over the world. Thank you to Nancy Wales for her leadership on this project. The use of a **Thrivent Grant** was used in purchasing additional items to make complete kits.

- **20 Bags of non-perishable food items were donated to replenish The Helping Hands and Caring & Sharing Pantries.** Thank you to Kristen Anderbeck for her leadership in refilling the pantries.

- **100 Snack Bags were assembled for Overland Elementary School.**

Thank you to Lukas for his leadership on this project. The generosity of a **Thrivent Grant** was used to purchase items.

- **36 Water Filtration Kits were assembled.**

Thrivent is proud to partner with Wine To Water, an organization providing sustainable water solutions to communities around the world. Each water filter provides clean water to 12 people for 10 years. Thank you to Lukas Phillips for his leadership on this project. Generosity of **Thrivent Grants** by Hosanna Members were used for this project.

- **6 Fleece Blankets** were tied together and will be given to Project Linus which is a nonprofit organization that delivers handmade fleece blankets to children who are in need of comfort and warmth. Thank you to Barb Schepp for her leadership on this project. Generosity of a **Thrivent Grant** was used for this project.



- **21 Bird Houses were cleaned at Good Earth Village** on Sunday, September 13th. Thank you to Joe Desannoy, Adrian and Ivan Johanson, Lukas and Rhianna Phillips for volunteering your time.

- **21 Units of blood were given** on Monday, September 14th at Hosanna's Red Cross Blood Drive. Thank you to Lisa Nordman for coordinating the quarterly blood drives.

- **25 Guests were served dinner at the Dorothy Day House** in Rochester on Wednesday, September 23rd. The house is a temporary homeless shelter open to guests from 4pm - 9am daily, and dinner is served at 6pm each evening. The house also offers laundry facilities, coffee, and snacks. Thank you to Terri Ashworth, Judy Ruegg, & Karla Weis for volunteering their time.

- **115 pounds of produce** was harvested from Hosanna's Community Garden on Wednesday, September 23 (postponed from Sunday, due to wet weather). Thanks to confirmation youth and other volunteers for their hard work on this.

Thank You to...

****Everyone who brought in donations - So very much appreciated!!**

****Ray Ashworth and Paul Anderson for setting up the coffee, lemonade, and pastries.**

****Allison DeRaad for her administrative assistance!**

****A Special Thank You to the GWOH's Team: Terri Ashworth, Lisa Nordman, Lukas Phillips, Barb Schepp, Jodi Solum, Nancy Wales, Beth & Niel Wiegand & Pastor Krista**

THANK YOU FOR MAKING "GOD'S WORK. OUR HAND'S." SUNDAY SUCH A MEANINGFUL CELEBRATION OF FAITH, LOVE, AND SERVICE!







**THRIVENT
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REMINDER:

If you have Thrivent grants that you haven't used yet, we have projects in mind. Please contact Lukas.

HILLTOPPERS

Tuesday, October 13 at Noon

**Call Julianne Jahn by Friday, October 9
to make your reservation: 507-202-9752**



SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES

September 10, 2026

Attendance: Kari Larsen, Lukas Phillips, Pastor Krista, Paul Sollum, Randy Helling, Alice Kub, Kristen Anderbeck, Paul Anderson, Dave Mosbo

Approval of September agenda, August Meeting Minutes, August Financial Statements.

Project updates

******The Memorial Garden wall hasn't been worked on lately and a deadline for the wall cap was missed. ******Sam's project is moving along well. ******Adrian sewed confirmation students' quilt squares from Good Earth Village, and they have been put on display in the sanctuary. ******An underground sprinkler system was installed and paid for through a special anonymous gift. ******Fire inspection: the "fire doors" aren't closing as needed, so they need to remain closed until repaired. The fire extinguishers were serviced. ******There should be samples of panels for the skylight by the end of the month.

New Business

******The stewardship letter will be mailed out soon. 2026 highlights were gathered to share in the letter. Hosanna has many blessings to share. ******Advocates whose terms are ending: Kari, Randy, Rachel, Karla. Council needs are Discipleship, Support and Worship committees plus President Elect.

Advocate Reports

Outreach: ******God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) is offering new service options like water filters, hygiene kits for Dorothy Day House, and snack kits for Overland Elementary. Donations are still being accepted for the hygiene and snack kits.

Discipleship: ******The youth Swim and Kayak at Karl and Mary's had 17 kids and seven adults. ******The hike at Quarry Hill went to the savannah. ******Sunday school and confirmation are kicking off in the next week. ******Bible studies have started. ******There will be one fundraiser a month for National Youth Gathering.

Worship: written report.

Support: see project updates above.

Fellowship: ******The movie night was enjoyed by all who attended. ******About 50 people attended the outdoor worship and fellowship at Oxbow. There was a good variety of food and many thanks to the "chefs". There were yard game options and a Thrivent grant provided many of the supplies. ******13 Hilltoppers heard speakers from Elder Network and Family Service Rochester discuss transitions in housing. ******Sitter Service met but Hill Climbers did not in September. ******Parents in Prayer will restart on October 4. ******There may be a Christmas cookie scavenger hunt. ******Lefse will be made the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

Staff Reports

Pastor: **There are nine kids in confirmation. **A postcard has been sent to promote the high school huddle. **Women, Wine and Word will begin meeting again. **Youth led worship on September 13.

Lukas: **Birdhouses at GEV were cleaned and an inventory started on September 13. **A city council rep will meet with the Hilltoppers next month. **There will be junk recycling on October 3. **Information about Jersey Mike's help with a fundraiser was shared. **Lukas and Adrian have completed planning the Christmas program!

Adjournment by Paul at 8:05pm.

Lord's Prayer was recited.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 8 at 6:30pm

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Report

AUGUST 2026

Income/Expense Comparison

General

<u>2026</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 35,178	\$281,424
Income	\$ 27,754	\$235,765
Expense	\$ 30,992	\$234,414
Net Income	\$ (3,238)	\$ 1,351



SAVE THE DATE:
HOSANNA'S NEXT BLOOD DRIVE
Nov 16th 1-6pm



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.**



HOSANNA'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

Hosanna's community garden was very fruitful this year. The garden provided fresh produce for Hosanna's monthly food pantry, Community Food Response and The Jeremiah program. Many thanks to the garden team for their dedication to being a part of this worthwhile mission.

Garden Team: Dave & Janet Wall, Lisa Nordman, Barb Schepp, Alice, Andre and Phillip Kub, Lukas Phillips.



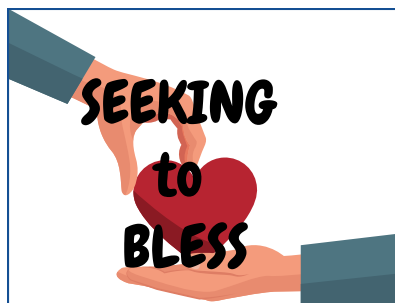
Recent BLESSING BUCKS have gone to:

****Fillmore County United Way Relay for Life**

****Oxbow Park**

****Help financially support a co-worker**

****purchase items for the Women's Shelter and Support Center**



Since February 2023,

\$ 33,325.96

in BLESSING BUCKS

has been shared with the community !!





HOSANNA'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

Hosanna will be hosting our annual Christmas Bazaar and are looking for craft/holiday vendors, bakers, puzzles (new and used) and your gently used Christmas items.

This year there is an addition to the bazaar! We will be holding our first ever ***Christmas cookie scavenger hunt***. This will give congregation members and friends the opportunity to collect a variety of different Christmas cookies, without having to bake and mess up your kitchen. This activity will get participants out and about with clues as they collect their cookies. We are currently looking for people to bake 6 dozen of one kind of cookie to make this activity happen.

More details to come on how you can be a cookie scavenger!

If you are willing to be a part of this inaugural scavenger hunt, please sign up below.

Christmas Cookie Scavenger Hunt

CHRISTMAS GREENERY IS COMING!

Hosanna has again partnered with Gertens to provide Christmas greenery to make your home festive. ***30% of sales will go toward the beautification of Hosanna's landscape.*** Brochures will be available at Hosanna or you can browse the options online. Instructions are below.



To access the site and place an order for your fundraiser group:

Go to www.gertensfundraising.com

Enter the Store ID code provided into the text field.

Store ID code for Hosanna Lutheran Church Rochester: **1121**

Orders will be accepted until 10 PM on Thursday, October 29.

We cannot accept any late orders past the deadline.

Pick up date for Christmas greenery orders will begin Sunday, November 29th.



Hosanna Sunday School

All 3-year-olds through 8th graders are welcome 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.



Join Lukas and the Rochester Community for our Fall 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

**October 10th, 2026, from 8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at
Badger Ridge Park, 3016 Monroe Drive NW, Rochester, MN**



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 begin reading with Overland kiddos, **please contact Lukas Phillips at lukas.phillips@hosannalutheran.org.**

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



**Join Lukas for
BOO at the ZOO!
October 24.**

**See Lukas for more details.
See you at
Oxbow Zoo!**



SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Hill Climbers will meet at SMOAK from 6:30 - 9:30 PM and Sitter Service will be available between 6-10 PM.

Hill Climbers is for people who are not quite ready for Hill Toppers and want to enjoy socialization with others at a local food establishment.

Contact Kari Larsen to reserve your spot:

larsen.kari08@gmail.com

Sitter Service is an opportunity for Hosanna's Empty Nesters to supervise Hosanna children. Games, movies, snacks and crafts are planned for each gathering. Contact Paul Anderson to reserve your spot: **andersonpaulr45@gmail.com**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The leaves are just starting to turn, but in music and faith formation, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The Hosanna Multigenerational Christmas Program will be held during worship on Sunday, December 13th.

We hope to see you all there!

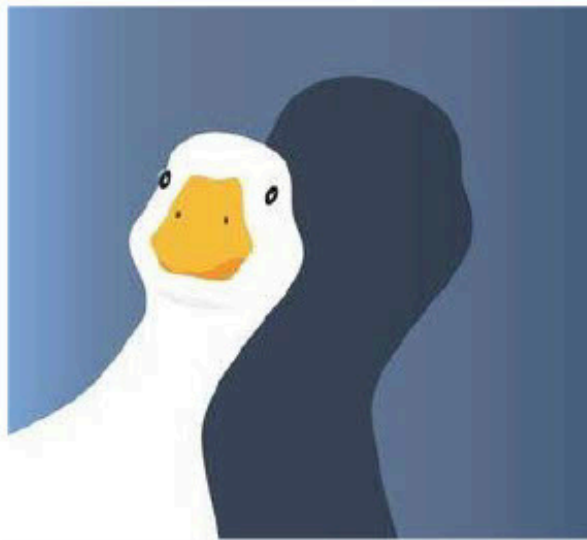
In the meantime, school-age children will be working hard to learn the music for the program during Sunday School.

Parents, please try to get your kids to Sunday School as often as you can so they can learn the music.

This helps us avoid rehearsals on Saturdays.

Adults: there is still time to join the choir!

We are just starting to look at our Christmas music, and we always have room for more singers!



A Goose Is On the Loose!

(A *FUN*draiser for Hosanna Youth)

You may have noticed geese appearing around Hosanna!
Goosetavo the Goose has gotten loose,
and he likes to get all dressed up
and land on Hosanna Friends' porches.

Goosetavo has recruited the youth to help him with his adventures.
The YOUTH are requesting your help in identifying porches
for *Goosetavo* to land upon.

So, we are inviting you to “GOOSE” your Hosanna friend by
sponsoring one of *Goosetavo*'s adventures.

For \$10, you can have *Goosetavo* delivered
to a Hosanna friend's porch.

If *Goosetavo* lands on your porch,
you can have him removed

for a \$10 donation OR

for \$15 dollars, *Goosetavo* will be removed
and you can “GOOSE” someone else.

We hope you will join in the fun!

There is a big difference between attending a church and belonging to one.

Attending means
you notice what is missing.

Belonging means
you feel responsible for it.

Attending says,
“They really need more people serving.”

Belonging says,
“Maybe I can help.”

Attending says,
“The music could be a lot better.”

Belonging says,
“Who could I encourage?”

Attending says,
“Nobody really connects here.”

Belonging says,
“We are having people over Friday.”

That perspective changes how you see everything.

The church stops being “them.”

It becomes “us.”

COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCIL ADVOCATES

Discipleship: Kari Larsen

discipleshipadvocate@hosannalutheran.org

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

supportadvocate@hosannalutheran.org

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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Rochester MN 55901
507-285-0092**

On-line Giving may be found at:

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