

HOSANNA HERALD

SEPTEMBER 2026

VOLUME 47 ISSUE 9



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

Dear Beloved of Hosanna,

Wow! The summer is wrapping up, the backpacks have been blessed, and the children, youth, teachers and support staff are back to school. The rhythm of fall has begun – and YOU and your family are invited to get *CONNECTed* at Hosanna this fall.

***Our theme this year is
“Blessings – Blessed to be a Blessing.”***

We will explore what it means to be blessed, the importance of blessings, the impact of blessings in our lives and the importance of sharing those blessings with others.

Join us for worship on September 13th. Our youth will be leading worship, recapping the faith and fun-filled pictures of summer ministry memories and places where Jesus traveled with us over the summer. This will be a time to share the blessings of our summer and get ready for the many blessings of this school year.

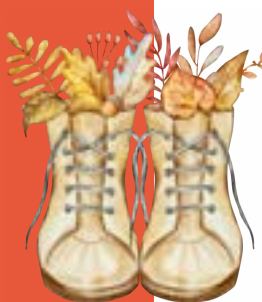
September 20th is God’s Work Our Hands Sunday. You are encouraged to come and take part in this meaningful Sunday, as we participate in the annual Hosanna and ELCA ministry of sharing God’s love with the community through this special day. Together, as a faith family, we share the blessings of our time and talents to bless others. Look for more information on pages 4-5 in this newsletter, your mailbox, and other announcements.

This year’s **CONNECT** book is available! The **CONNECT** book describes and highlights the many ministries of Hosanna and provides information on who to contact and how to get *connected* with various ministries. When in doubt reach out to Lukas and he will help you get *connected*.

There are many ways to
get *connected* at
Hosanna.

Consider trying
something new this year.

- Pastor Krista



***BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING
T-Shirts for sale***



See posters on the
Narthex Bulletin Board
or Pastor’s office window
Order forms are
in the office.

Orders and payment
due by Sept. 20



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!

***Sunday,
September 20, 2026***

The following two service projects could use your support in collecting items in advance: *Bins and Bags 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 numbers or addresses)

ONE sturdy, wide-tooth comb

ONE metal nail clipper (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.*



Replenishing Helping Hands/Caring & Sharing Pantries

- Take a bag (on table in narthex)
- Purchase any of the items listed on the bag
- Fill the bag
- Write your name on it
- Drop it off by table in the narthex
- Receive a sweet treat on the 20th!

Note: A GWOH's mailing with information on all of the planned service projects will be mailed out at the end of August.

**Your faithful stewardship and ongoing support helps us serve,
grow, and share hope every day.**

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



**JOIN US!
GIVE BLOOD.**

Blood Drive

**Monday,
September 14
1 - 6 PM**



AUGUST COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday August 13, 2026

Attendance: Dave Mosbo, Rachel Gray, Terri Ashworth, Kristen Anderbeck, Randy Helling, Kari Larsen, Lukas Phillips, Alice Kub, Paul Anderson.

Meeting called to Order by Dave at 6:31pm

Congregational Comments: none

Approval of August agenda, June Meeting Minutes, June and July Financial Statements.

OLD BUSINESS

Advocates should begin planning budgets for 2027, contact Paul Anderson if you need help.

NO NEW BUSINESS

ADVOCATE REPORTS

Outreach: **The list of projects for God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) were shared- garden harvest and clean up; prepare snack kits for Overland Elementary; assemble water filtration units that will go overseas; prepare and serve a meal at Dorothy Day house on Wednesday, September 23; make tie blankets for teenagers; pack personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief; the Red Cross blood drive on September 14; clean and take inventory of birdhouses at Good Earth Village (GEV); and gather items for Helping Hands pantry.

Discipleship: **The Mystery Mission Trip in July included two service projects and one college tour. **The Faith Formation committee has planned fundraising opportunities for nearly every upcoming month to financially help the youth attend the 2027 National Lutheran Youth Gathering (NLYG). **There will be kayaking at Karl and Mary's, and a hike at Quarry Hill this week. **Sunday School begins September 13 and confirmation begins the 16th.

Worship: **The camera in the sanctuary for worship is a nice addition and greatly appreciated. **There will be an outdoor worship at Oxbow Park on August 30 at 10AM. **Pastor Krista is taking a vacation, so Larry Iverson and Lukas will preach the next two Sundays and there will be no communion. Lukas will also handle the backpack blessing. **Students will be confirmed October 25, and All Saints Sunday is November 1. **Other fall and winter events are getting prepared. **Pastor Krista received a letter of concern about political themes being part of announcements before worship. The council discussed the concern, and Pastor Krista will follow-up with the appropriate people.



AUGUST COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

Support: **The Memorial Garden project with Sam Razidlo should be done in a couple of weeks. **The utility systems have been inspected and approved. **The sanctuary skylight colors should closely match the shade of the paraments and may be less pastel than examples have shown. **The HVAC inspection has been completed and the furnaces for the sanctuary are being repaired. **Progress on the Memorial Garden wall has been slow and frustrating - options are being considered. **The sprinkler systems have been updated.

Fellowship: **The Stephen Ministers participated in a training update about empathy and will have a leadership change. **The dinner before VBS was appreciated and allowed for fellowship. **The two funerals this summer went smoothly and were handled well. **There will be a family movie night on August 23. **Please remember to bring your own chairs for the Oxbow worship and picnic August 30.

STAFF REPORTS

**Lukas shared that 350 pounds of produce have gone from Hosanna to Community Food Response! More has gone to other small organizations and the pantry. **Lukas met with a representative from Family Promise about the work they do and how Hosanna can support them. **Hilltoppers will have a Rochester city council member share updates in an upcoming meeting. **Elder Network is looking for people to help older people with transitions in housing. **Jersey Mikes is hosting a fundraiser for Hosanna on September 19-20. Proceeds will go to the National Youth Gathering. Hosanna will get 50% of proceeds made in the restaurant that weekend. **There will be a new curriculum for Sunday School. **Planning has already begun for the Christmas program!

Adjournment at 7:32 pm.

Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Thursday,
September 10 at 6:30pm

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Report **JULY 2026**

Income/Expense Comparison

	<u>General</u>	
<u>2026</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 35,178	\$246,246
Income	\$ 20,081	\$208,011
Expense	\$ 29,269	\$203,422
Net Income	\$ (9,188)	\$ 4,589

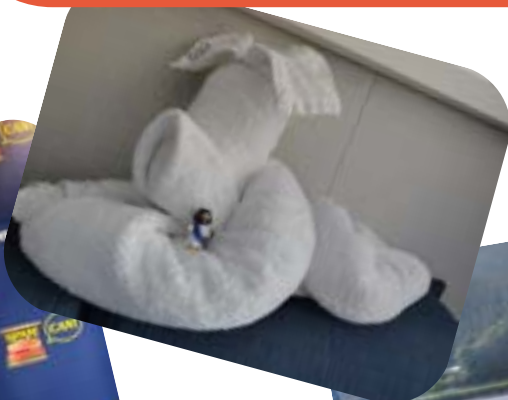
Not able to attend worship?

**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

In August, Bendy Jesus and Little Jesus traveled to see the Jolly Green Giant, Sir Spamalot at the SPAM Museum, have gone on an Alaskan cruise, to Chicago and New York City.



HILLTOPPERS

Tuesday, September 8 at Noon

**Call Julianne Jahn by Friday, September 4
to make your reservation: 507-202-9752**



Recent BLESSING BUCKS have gone to:

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

****A member's nephew whose house was destroyed by a tornado**

****Community Food Response**

****Sam Razidlo's Eagle Scout Project to add to Hosanna's Memorial Garden area**

****Clean Water Action**



**Since February 2023,
\$ 32,609.37
in BLESSING BUCKS
has been shared with the community !!**

THE EVENING MEN'S STUDY

will meet the *second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month* beginning *September 8 from 6:30 - 8:00pm* at the church.

We'll study the Gospel of Mark using Max Lucado's study guide as the skeleton of our study. His study covers several of the main passages in the Gospel.

We plan to read through the entire gospel bit by bit as a group, discussing Max's comments and questions along the way.

We will also look at other material besides Max's, and we'll take time for each member's observations and questions. It will take us some time to get through the book, but we hope to make satisfactory progress while still taking time to address what is most important to us. We look forward to getting to know Mark's gospel better, and through it, getting to know Jesus Christ Himself more intimately!

WOMEN GROWING TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY

will begin Thursday, September 17, 6:30 - 8 PM

and will meet the *first and third Thursdays* of the month at Mosbo's.

The book that will be used for the study is called *Imagine* by Simon Lawton.

Please let Linda Mosbo know if you are planning to attend so she can order a book for you.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!



Hosanna Sunday School

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



This first Sunday of Sunday School, Rally Sunday, will be a time 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

***Confirmation Youth and Parent Orientation will take place on
Wednesday, September 2 at 5:30 PM.***

*New and returning confirmation students and families
are encouraged to join us.*

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.



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!



Fun at the Dirksen's

Page 11



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

fellowshipadvocate@hosannalutheran.org

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

outreachadvocate@hosannalutheran.org

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

worshipadvocate@hosannalutheran.org

The spiritual life and growth of our congregation through liturgy, music and stewardship shall be the focus of this advocate.

ADVISORY MEMBERS

Treasurer: Alice Kub

treasurer@hosannalutheran.org

Financial Secretary: Paul Anderson

financialsecretary@hosannalutheran.org

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Krista Strum, Senior Pastor,

krista.strum@hosannalutheran.org

Lukas Phillips, Children, Youth, Family/

Mission Engagement Director

lukas.phillips@hosannalutheran.org

Adrian Johanson, Music Director

adrian.johanson@hosannalutheran.org

Allison DeRaad, Administrative Assistant,

admin.assistant@hosannalutheran.org

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Senior Pastor: Krista Strum

krista.strum@hosannalutheran.org

President: Paul Solum

councilpresident@hosannalutheran.org

President Elect: Dave Mosbo

councilpresident-elect@hosannalutheran.org

Secretary: Joe Desannoy

councilsecretary@hosannalutheran.org

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:

Hosanna Lutheran Church
2815 57th St NW
Rochester MN 55901
507-285-0092

On-line Giving may be found at:

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