HOSANNA HERALD

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





Dear Beloved of Hosanna,

As you set your table this Thanksgiving… a prayer

SETTING THE TABLE

As I lay the fork near the plate,
let me remember this is Your table, not mine.
As I set the water glasses down and fold the napkins,
let me be reminded that every setting
at this table is YOURS, not mine.

Each one who will partake of this meal is a particular someone YOU love,
a someone YOU have made and whom YOU sustain.
In YOU, nothing and no one is forgotten.
How vast and providential is the memory with which YOU keep us all.

It is only *we* who forget YOU and then one another.
It is *we* who starve and exclude each other.
Give me new eyes.
When my friend raises the glass, let me see YOU drinking.
When the fork is lifted by my child, let me recognize YOU in the eating.
YOU are the hidden joy which feeds and keeps everything.
YOU are the table, the guest, the meal, and the commemoration.

Make, in my person, a place setting for YOU.
Remind me of my true nature, which is recalled only in YOU – my God.

-Gunilla Norris



Blessings to all
in this month of Thanksgiving!
Pastor Krista



Hosanna's Pantry Holiday Openings

November 20 and 21 December 18 and 19

Come and serve at Hosanna's Pantry before the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays in 2026. We'd like to encourage new volunteers in November and December. It's a great way to help families in need as they prepare for the holiday season. Since our pantry openings are on Saturdays, children are invited to help with their parents.
It's also a great way for teens to earn service hours. Thank you!

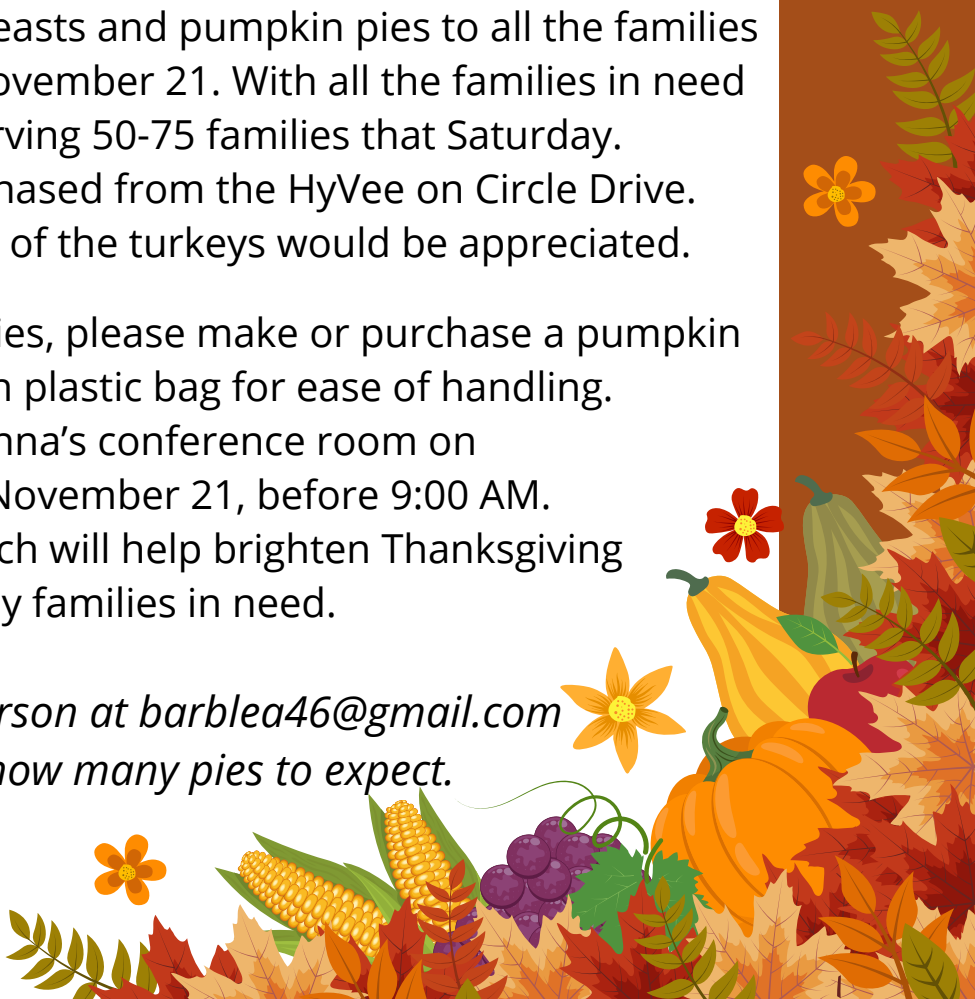
If you'd like to learn more or to volunteer in November and December, please contact Barb Anderson, at barblea46@gmail.com
or Bob Nordman, nordmanr@gmail.com,

Turkeys and Pies for Hosanna's Thanksgiving Pantry

We'll be handing out turkey breasts and pumpkin pies to all the families who come to the Pantry on November 21. With all the families in need this year, we may be serving 50-75 families that Saturday.
Turkey breasts will be purchased from the HyVee on Circle Drive.
Donations to cover the cost of the turkeys would be appreciated.

If you'd like to help with the pies, please make or purchase a pumpkin pie and put it in a gallon plastic bag for ease of handling.
Bring it to Hosanna's conference room on
Saturday morning, November 21, before 9:00 AM.
This extra personal touch will help brighten Thanksgiving for many families in need.

Please email or text Barb Anderson at barblea46@gmail.com or 507-951-6848, so we know how many pies to expect.



OCTOBER COUNCIL MINUTES

October 8, 2026

Attendance: Paul Solum, Jodi Solum, Kari Larsen, Lukas Phillips, Pastor Krista, Alice Kub, Kristen Anderbeck, Karla Weis, Paul Anderson, Dave Mosbo.
Call to Order by Paul at 6:33 pm.
Congregational Comments: none
Approval of October agenda, September Meeting Minutes, September Financial Statements.

Old Business - none

New Business

The date for the annual meeting will be January 24th, and "pre-meeting" will be Sunday, January 17.

Advocate Reports

Outreach - **God's Work Our Hands was very successful, with numerous projects completed that day. Additionally, the Helping Hands and Caring and Sharing Pantries were replenished, 25 guests were served at Dorothy Day House, and 115 pounds of produce were harvested from the garden.

Discipleship – **Sunday School and High School Huddle have started, and adult Bible studies are doing well. **There are 9 confirmation students. **Third graders and three-year-olds received Bibles. **The Jersey Mike's fundraiser brought in $375 for the youth.

Worship – **Fall decorations have been put up. **The appropriate banners for confirmation will be used that Sunday. **Christmas planning is underway. **Advent begins November 29.

Support – no report available

Fellowship – **Parents in Prayer resumed October 4th. **Women, Wine, and Word will resume on October 13th at Whistle Binkie's North. **Hilltoppers on the 13th will feature Carrie Moscho, Executive Director of Family Promise. **A Christmas Cookie Scavenger Hunt is being planned for 12 locations. Volunteers are needed for the locations and for cookie donations. **A Pie Social event is being planned for Thanksgiving Eve. **Lefse will be made the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

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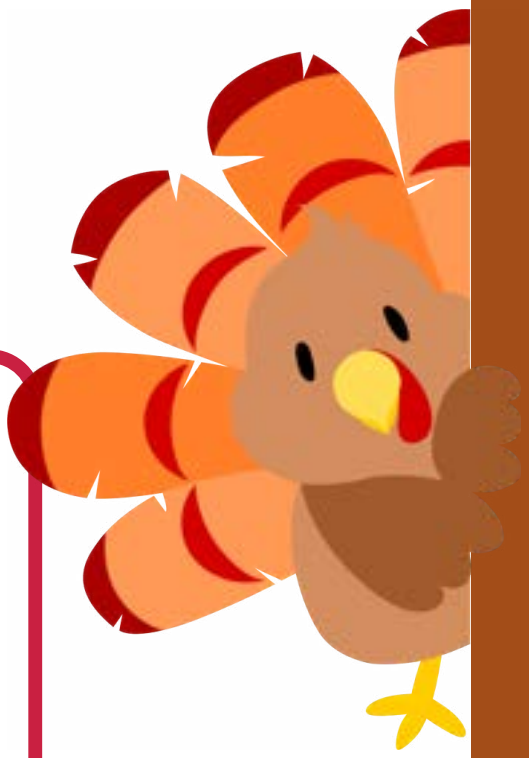
Staff Reports

Pastor - **_Blessed to Be a Blessing_ worship series is in full swing. **High School Huddle is using curriculum correlated with the ELCA Youth Gathering – *Imagine More* theme. **Goosetavo the Goose is making appearances on porches and raising funds for the youth. Everyone is enjoying the fun. **We will welcome new members on November 8 and November 22 will be Stewardship Sunday. **Pastor Krista will be attending the Fall Theological Conference Oct. 11-13.

Lukas – **Nine mentors are lined up for the nine confirmation students. **Lukas will participate in the October 24, Boo at the Zoo at Oxbow. **Reading with Overland students is going well. **Three families have asked for help from the youth with fall leaves. **Planning is in progress for the confirmation service project.

Adjournment by Paul S at 7:13 pm.
Lord's Prayer
Next Meeting: Thursday, November 12 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Dave Mosbo



Treasurer and Financial Secretary Report

SEPTEMBER 2026
Income/Expense Comparison
General

2026	SEPTEMBER	YTD
Budget	$ 35,178	$316,602
Income	$ 37,052	$272,817
Expense	$ 28,855	$263,269
Net Income	$ 8,197	$ 9,548

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.

Recent BLESSING BUCKS have gone to:

****David McKenzie, who has a pumpkin stand and donates all of his proceeds to 2 non-profits.**
****Liz Maidl, to help pay for the jaw surgery of the child of the caretaker of Liz's apartment in Uganda, where Liz is an MD**
****Family Promise**
****Preston Veteran's Home**
****Family Promise**



Since February 2023,
$ 36,333.92!!!
in BLESSING BUCKS
has been shared with the community !!





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

Donor Giveaway for November:
$10 Gift Card by email +
500 bonus points toward Donor Rewards.

American Red Cross

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month, and we will be providing free A1C screening for all donors who make a successful donation in November.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL®

REMINDER:

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

HILLTOPPERS

Tuesday, November 10 at Noon

Call Julianne Jahn by Friday, November 6 to make your reservation: 507-202-9752

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**





HOSANNA'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

Hosanna will be hosting our annual Christmas Bazaar and are looking for craft/holiday vendors, puzzles (new and used) and your gently used Christmas items. Christmas items and puzzles can be dropped off at Hosanna at any time. We are also looking for additional vendors, so if you are a crafter yourself or know of someone, please have them contact the church office to get a table.

Volunteers to assist with set up the bazaar and working the day of the bazaar are needed. We will be setting up Friday, December 4th starting at 9AM. Volunteers on Saturday will assist customers with shopping the Christmas decorations sale and clean up. The link below will take you to the sign up.

Christmas Bazaar Volunteer Signup

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!

Hosanna Christmas Goodie Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, December 5th 1PM-3PM



Come be a part of an inaugural event to kick off the Christmas season, a Christmas goodie scavenger hunt! This is an opportunity to have some fun figuring out clues that will lead you to a full box of Christmascookies/goodies. The cost to participate is $25 (limited tickets to be sold). We will be selling tickets to this event starting Sunday, November 15th.

Here are things to know about the event:

1. *You will need transportation for this event. You will be given clues to travel to different locations within NW Rochester (in close proximity to Hosanna).*
2. *The hunt will begin at 12 PM and the estimated time of completion is approximately one hour. The latest start time is 2 PM. This is in order to have everyone complete it by 3 PM.*
3. *The starting point is at Hosanna Lutheran. So come and shop at the bazaar beforehand and then join in the fun!*
4. *At the end of the scavenger hunt, you will have received 4 dozen cookies to share with family and friends during the Christmas season.*
5. *You are welcome to have friends in your vehicle to help you out with the clues. Each ticket holder will receive their own cookies, but as they say "The More the Merrier"!*
6. *All clues will take you to public locations - not to anyone's home.*

Here are several ways you can help make this event a success:

a. Put your baking skills to work! We are looking for bakers who are willing to bake 8.5 dozen cookies (of any kind) for this event. The sign-up is below.

b. Be a host at one of the clue locations. The locations are presently being worked out and we will let you know where they are shortly.

c. Be a scavenger hunter. As noted, tickets will be on sale starting Sunday, November 15th.

We hope you can join us in this inaugural event! All proceeds will go towards Hosanna's food ministries. Questions can be directed to Holly Oeltjen, Kristen Anderbeck, or Barb Schepp.

Scavenger Hunt Cookie Donation

Scavenger Hunt location host

Hosanna Sunday School

All 3-year-olds through 8th graders are welcome to come hear and read stories of love, generosity, and peace, while also participating in music, arts, science, and hands on activities.
At this time, we are journeying through stories found in the Old Testament.
We gather each Sunday from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Contact Lukas at lukas.phillips@hosannalutheran.org to learn more!

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE SUMMER CAMP 2027

Can't believe we are already sharing information regarding Good Earth Village's Confirmation Camp for 2027!

Early registration for camp will be on **December 6th**!
Stay tuned for more information regarding an informational meeting at Hosanna related to summer camp.

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 a lukas.phillips@hosannalutheran.org.**

Overland Elementary has been very grateful for our partnership!

Hosanna
Confirmation Sunday!
October 25, 2026














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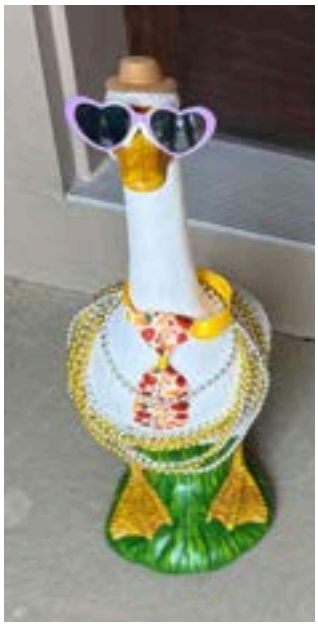
















A Goose Is On the Loose!

(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!

During the month of November we often reflect on what we are thankful for. The Hosanna Church Council is thankful for all of you and for the opportunity to be a part of our Hosanna community of love and faith.

1 Thessalonians 1:2 – *"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers."*

**What I am thankful for at Hosanna is the true sense of family, the sense that you really belong. *Paul Solum, Council President*

**I am thankful for Hosanna because it has been a place where Ray and I have fostered our faith for 35 years as individuals, a couple, and as parents. I am thankful for the relationships I have formed with so many wonderful faith-filled people who share the same core belief in Jesus Christ and God's promise of eternal life and who are there to support and encourage each other through celebrations, struggles, and challenges. And I am thankful that Hosanna makes my heart full by being part of a loving, listening, praying, singing, and serving community of worshipers. *Terri Ashworth, Outreach Advocate*

**I am thankful for Hosanna because everyone made us feel welcome and at home from our first visit. The members have been there for us through joys and sorrows and if we need anything, we know we have a large faith family that will be there for us. *Jodi Solum, Outreach Advocate*

**I am thankful for Hosanna because this family has supported me in times of need and provides a beautiful resting place for my Bill. I am blessed. *Karla Weis, Worship Advocate*

**I am thankful for the community at Hosanna. Many of my friends feel like family and I appreciate how everyone is able to participate in the way they want. *Rachel Gray, Worship Advocate*



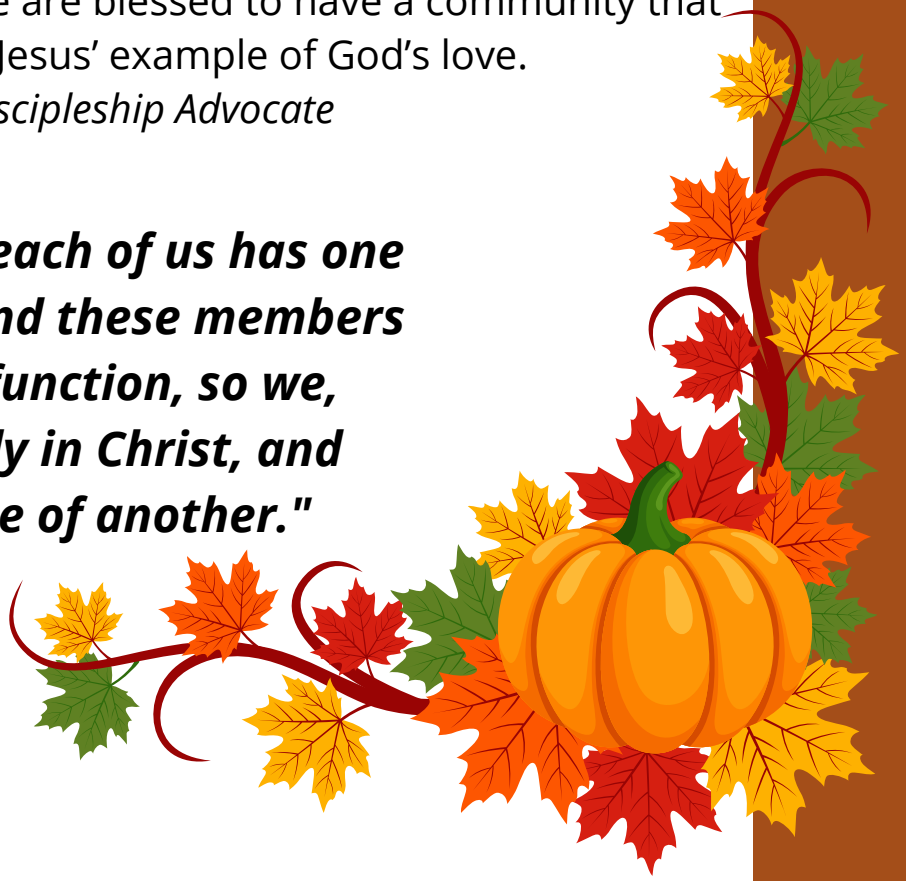
**I'm thankful for Hosanna because of 1) how friendly and welcoming folks are, 2) how generous so many are with their time, talents, and funds to serve those who struggle financially in our community, and 3) the focus on multi-generational activities. *Kristen Anderbeck, Fellowship Advocate*

**I am thankful for Hosanna because of the community that we have. When I was growing up, church was an obligation to be met. Now our church (this community) has made me feel what it means to be accepted as a brother in Christ even with all my faults.
Randy Helling, Support Advocate

**I am thankful for Hosanna because they are people who really care about each other and put their love into action. Their caring goes beyond our congregation to include our community and beyond! I am also thankful for a loving Pastor who keeps Jesus at the center and keeps reminding us of His love for us. *Dave Mosbo, Council President-Elect*

**I am thankful for Hosanna because it has been a part of my life since the beginning. The members of Hosanna have guided me through different stages in my life. I know that Hosanna members care for my parents and my family now too. We are blessed to have a community that is so focused on living by Jesus' example of God's love.
Kari Larsen, Discipleship Advocate

Romans 12:4-5: *"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."*



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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