



Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 28th, 2024

Hosanna Lutheran Church, LCMC

13th Annual Meeting

January 28th, 2024

AGENDA

Opening Devotions

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Annual Meeting, January 29th, 2023

Reports – President, Treasurer, Pastor

Written Ministry Reports – (accepted as written)

Election of 2024 Church Council (3-year term)

Nominees: Sharon Brekke; Josh Maag; Kathy Monnens

Election of Nominating Committee for 2024 Council (1-year term)

Nominees: Sarah Becker; Ron Jutting; Travis Tisher

Election of 2024 Endowment Fund (3-year term)

Nominee: Karen Olson (for a 2nd 3-year term)

Presentation and Approval of 2024 Proposed Budget

Old Business

New Business:

Closing Prayer

Adjourn

Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Annual Meeting January 29th, 2023

Confirmation of Quorum

Opening Devotions by Pastor Janine Rew-Werling

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda by Cliff Spieker, second by Roger Carter. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2022 Annual Meeting: Motion by Terry Hayunga, second by Dave Orthaus. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Reports:

- President's Report - presented by Denny Brenden; accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report – presented by Earl Benson. Motion to approve by Ron Jutting, second by Everett Johnson. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Pastor's Report – presented by Pastor Craig Werling. Additions to the Pastor's Report include:
 - New Organ Dedication in process of being planned.
 - New Member Directory project has successfully been completed. Thank you to Anna Kettwig for researching and taking on this large project.
- Endowment Committee - Accepted as written. Question raised by Karen Olson on annual report format and nomination/election of Committee Members. President Denny Brenden recommended the Committee review their by-laws and the Committee Chairman meet with Council. The Endowment Committee has separate independent bylaws and shared EIN, therefore some additional oversight by Church Council is recommended.
- Written Ministry Reports – Accepted as written.

Election of 2023 Church Council (3-year term)

Nominees: Mike Aadland, Kevin Halverson, Ashley Schaefer. Floor opened to add any additional nominees, no additional nominees added. Motion to approve by Terry Hayunga, second by Doug Keffeler. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Election of Nominating Committee for 2023 Council (1-year term)

Nominees: Scott Gilbertson, Stuart Olson and Tammi Krause. Motion to approve by Kevin Halverson, second by Kristina Suttan. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Election of Endowment Fund (3-year term)

Nominees: Tyler Gross, John Hopper. Motion to approve Ron Jutting, second by Gloria Orthaus. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Presentation and Approval of 2023 Proposed Budget:

Motion to approve by Randy Rakness, second by Don Farthing. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business: None

New Business: New Council members are asked to meet in front of church following the close of the Annual Meeting to elect officers. No other new business.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Craig Werling.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Angie Eickmeyer, second by Doug Keffeler. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council President's Report for 2023

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3:17

It sure has been a pleasure serving on this council for the past 3 years! Time on the Board really has shown me how blessed we are with the people of Hosanna. I can't say enough for all of God's work that goes on behind the scenes. I am thankful for the opportunity to have served.

2023 was another great year financially, and the proposed budget for 2024 is balanced and came within dollars of the previous year's budget, which tells me we are doing a great job diligently watching our money. We are blessed to have Earl Benson as our treasurer. I have learned a lot from Earl and it was a pleasure working with him. I compliment all the giving and anonymous donations that keep the budget balanced. God has truly blessed us in our stewardship.

I would like to thank all the people at Hosanna that help it run so smoothly. Thank you to Pastors Craig and Janine for the leadership you provide. Thank you, Anna Kettwig, for taking care of the business in the office. Thank you, Jenn Brist, Claire Mohr, Halle Olson, Melissa Gross, and Ella Olson, for all you do with Faith Formation. The children are the future of Hosanna. Thank you for making a positive impact in their lives.

Thank you to David and Angie Eickmeyer, Dorothy Fuller, Lynn Osthus, Sarah Becker, Darwin Carlson, Grant and Alexis Carlson for your help with music and our sound system.

To the council, committees, ushers, Dick Nicolai, Amber Ottenbacher and so many others who serve Hosanna every day with all the work you put in to making us a successful congregation, thank you! I and many others appreciate your service.

Jeremiah 29:11 says “For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope.” Whatever plan God has for you, do it in the name of Jesus. Spread God's word whenever you are able.

God bless,

Stuart Olson, President

Hosanna Lutheran Church, LCMC

Organizational Chart

Church Council and Ministry Teams

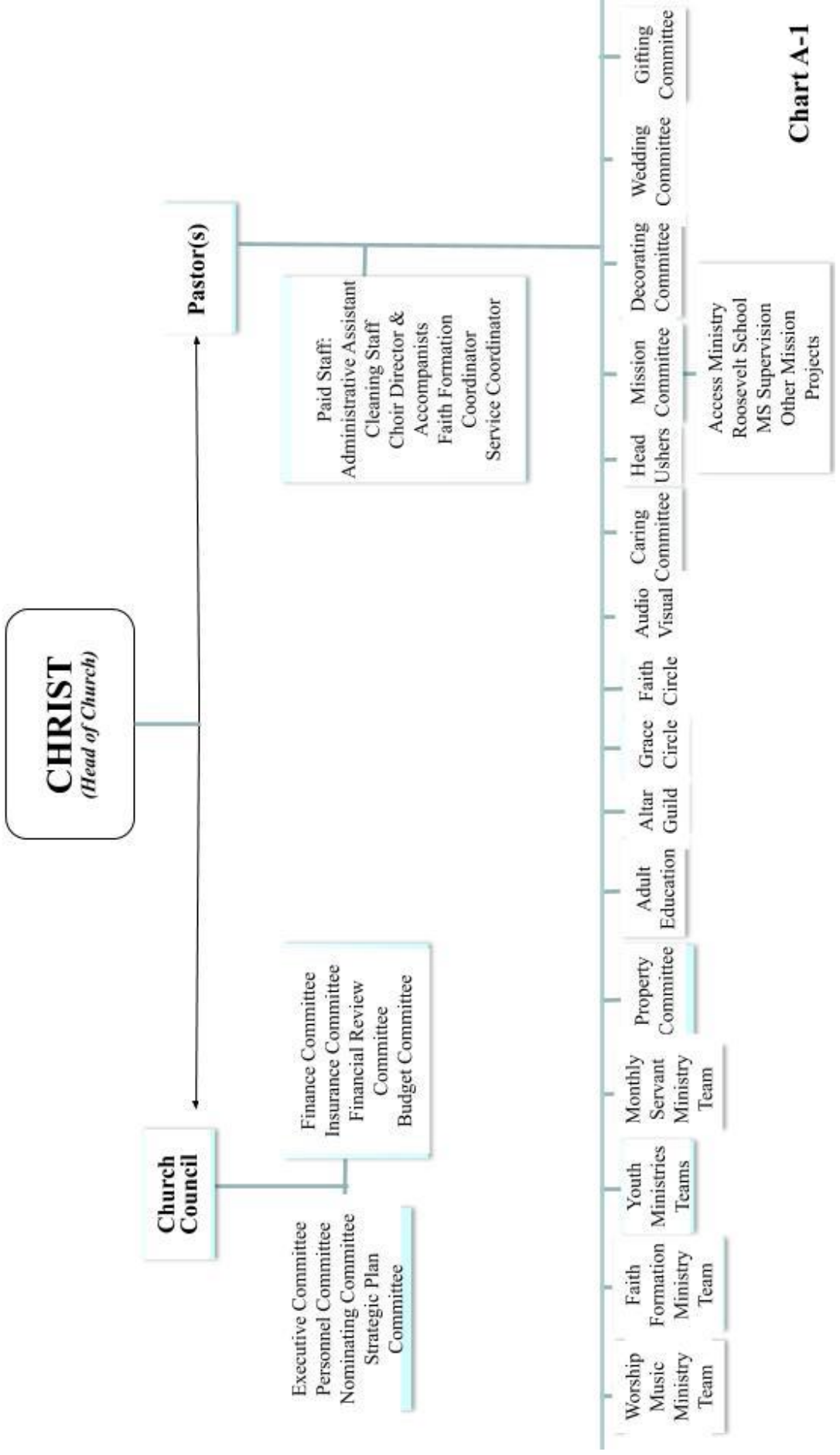


Chart A-1

Treasurer's Report

As we close the books on 2023, I am pleased to report the financial position of Hosanna Lutheran Church remains strong.

Stewardship is defined as "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation" In 1 Peter 4 vs 10 *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

In our Budget Process, the Ministry Leaders: the Pastors, Interim Administrative Assistant, Property Committee, Youth and Education Director, Worship Committee, Mission Committee, the Janitorial staff, the Choir, the ladies who provide the music for our church services and the A/V booth provide the numbers for the budget and continue to be budget-minded as they oversee their area of responsibility. We are grateful for their diligence in maintaining the budget approved by the Congregation. All the many volunteers play a part in maintaining the Budget Thank You for all you do!

In 2023, our giving was 14.85 % above the approved 2023 budget and our expenses were 2.76% below the approved 2023 budget. I will be reviewing these numbers in detail at the Annual Meeting.

In 2024, we will continue to streamline and improve our Budget and Financial Process.

In 2026, there will be a review of our debt with Thrivent Financial. The current rate of interest is 3.5%. In 2026, the rate will be reset to whatever Thrivent's rate is at the time, re-amortizing the loan and adjusting the payment accordingly.

Thank you for allowing me serve Hosanna Lutheran Church as your Treasurer.

Respectfully,

Earl S. Benson

Treasurer

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Hosanna Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet by Account (Consolidated)
Jan 1, 2023 through Dec 31, 2023

Account	Balance As Of Jan 1, 2023	Balance As Of Dec 31, 2023	Current Year Change	Percent Change
Assets				
Major: Group 00				
Minor: Group 00				
Dedicated Bank Account	82,997.34	92,153.13	9,155.79	11.03%
Due From Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Endowment Fund	75,777.98	82,574.89	6,796.91	8.97%
First Interstate Bank	99,440.87	90,262.05	-9,178.82	-9.23%
General Checking	74,166.95	107,513.62	33,346.67	44.96%
Helping Hands Checking	5,336.06	5,270.56	-65.50	-1.23%
Minor: Group 00	337,719.20	377,774.25	40,055.05	11.86%
Major: Group 00				
Minor: Fixed Assets				
Church Building	2,854,511.77	2,855,579.08	1,067.31	0.04%
Equipment	3,776.85	3,776.85	0.00	0.00%
Fire Pit	53,606.63	53,606.63	0.00	0.00%
Furniture/Fixtures	251,112.55	251,112.55	0.00	0.00%
Garage	16,225.92	16,225.92	0.00	0.00%
Land Improvements	99,539.69	99,539.69	0.00	0.00%
Land	327,000.00	327,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Organ	54,792.52	54,792.52	0.00	0.00%
Sign	43,107.35	43,107.35	0.00	0.00%
Minor: Fixed Assets	3,703,673.28	3,704,740.59	1,067.31	0.03%
Major: Ded. Receivable				
Minor: Ded. Receivable				
Dedicated Funds Receivable	191.43	477.43	286.00	149.40%
Dedicated Funds Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Dedicated Funds Receivable	191.43	477.43	286.00	149.40%
Total Assets	4,041,583.91	4,082,992.27	41,408.36	1.02%
Liabilities				
Major: Group 00				
Minor: Group 00				
Pastor Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Payroll Taxes	478.22	529.76	51.54	10.78%
Retirement Payable	0.00	682.66	682.66	0.00%
Thrivent Loan FF	1,327,272.92	1,327,272.92	0.00	0.00%
Thrivent Loan	-484,753.53	-590,143.00	-105,389.47	21.74%
Use Tax Payable	122.77	56.60	-66.17	-53.90%
Minor: Group 00	843,120.38	738,398.94	-104,721.44	-12.42%
Major: Ded. Payable				
Minor: Ded. Payable				
Dedicated Funds Payable	83,366.06	92,321.85	8,955.79	10.74%
Dedicated Funds Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Dedicated Funds Payable	83,366.06	92,321.85	8,955.79	10.74%
Total Liabilities	926,486.44	830,720.79	-95,765.65	-10.34%
Fund Balance				
Totals for Fund Balance	3,115,097.47	3,252,271.48	137,174.01	4.40%
Total Fund Balance/Equity	3,115,097.47	3,252,271.48	137,174.01	4.40%
Total Liability and Fund Balance	4,041,583.91	4,082,992.27	41,408.36	1.02%

HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH PROSED BUDGET 2024									
			2023 Budget	2023 Act./Dec	2023 Actual /Budget	%	Proposed 2024 BUDGET	Budget 2024- 2023	%
INCOME									
OFFERINGS			362,383	414,466.43			362429		
BENEVOLENCE 10% OF OFF			40,265	45,473.77			40270		
INTEREST EARNED				2,506.35					
TOTAL			402,648	462,446.55	59,798.55	14.85%	402,699.00	51	0.01%
DEBT REDUCTION									
			53,822	55,378.47	1,556.47	2.89%	57,570.00		
			53,822	55,378.47	1,556.47	2.89%	57,570.00	3,748.00	6.96%
EXPENSES									
ADMINISTRATIVE									
ACCOUNTANT SERVICES			8,500	9,286.36			5375		
ADMIN. ASSISTANT			13,360	10,977.25			12780		
ADVERTISING			250	281.16			300		
ATTORNEY FEES			0	0.00			0		
BANK SERVICE CHARGE			1,700	1,256.72			1700		
CHURCH SOFTWARE			650	0.00			650		
CONTINGENCY			0	0.00			0		
COPIER LEASE/MAINTENANCE			2,500	2,371.74			2500		
FICA EMPLOYER			2,730	2,230.04			2730		
HELPING HANDS REIMB.			0	0.00			0		
HOSPITALITY			250	-168.43			250		
OFFICE SUPPLIES			1,500	1,568.43			1700		
ROTARY DUES			1,000	883.50			1000		
TELEPHONE/INTERNET			4,000	3,603.36			4000		
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR			1,420	147.52			1093		
TOTAL			37,860	32,437.65	-5,422.35	-14.32%	34,078.00	-3,782.00	-9.99%
PASTOR'S									
PASTOR'S CONFERENCE			1,000	1,297.82			1000		
PASTOR'S HEALTH INSURANCE			7,000	8,109.12			9000		
PASTOR'S MILEAGE			2,500	2,809.58			2800		
PASTOR'S SALARY			81,920	82,169.25			84116		
PASTOR'S SALARY #2			81,920	82,169.36			84116		
TOTAL			174,340	176,555.13	2,215.13	1.27%	181032	6,692	3.84%
BENEVOLENCE									
BENEVOLENCES			40,265	40,275.00	10.00	0.02%	40270		
TOTAL			40,265	40,275.00	10.00	0.02%	40,270.00	5	0.01%

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT									
CHURCH SUPPLIES		500	329.80				500		
FACILITY FUND		0	-631.00				0		
FIRE MONITORING		2,000	1,757.62				2000		
INSURANCE		8,500	9,729.40				10000		
INTEREST ON DEBT		28,631	27,062.53				23982		
JANITORIAL SALARY		6,325	4,082.92				6192		
JANITOR EXP.,PROP, FIXTURE		3,500	4,753.29				4000		
SECURITY MONITORING		400	369.40				333		
SNOW REMOVAL/LAWN CAR		4,000	3,833.25				3750		
UTILITIES		16,500	15,620.73				14000		
TOTAL		70,356	66,907.94	-3,448.06	-4.90%	64,757.00	-5,599.00	-7.96%	
WORSHIP									
ALTAR SUPPLIES		500	420.48				500		
CCLI/ONE LICENSE		750	807.72				850		
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST		1,210	939.89				1245		
CHOIR DIRECTOR		2,720	2,716.24				2742		
CHURCH DECORATIONS		300	55.00				250		
GUEST PASTOR		600	350.00				600		
MUSIC SUPPLIES		100	0.00				50		
ORGANISTS		6,175	5,213.70				5081		
WORSHIP EXPENSE		750	398.08				500		
AUDIO/VISUAL SUPPLIES		1,500	0.00				1500		
TOTAL		14,605	10,901.11	-3,703.89	-25.36%	13318	-1,287	-8.81%	
YOUTH & EDUCATION									
ADULT FAITH FORMATION		350	37.04				350		
CONFIRMATION		400	362.76				200		
EDUCATION COORDINATOR		5,450	5,073.41				6674		
Kids Hope USA			0.00				0		
RIGHT NOW MEDIA		1,200	957.21				1200		
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL		1,000	792.73				1000		
YOUTH ACTIVITIES		1,500	757.65				1500		
YOUTH FAITH FORMATION		1,500	1,094.94				750		
TOTAL		11,400	9,075.74	-2,324.26	-20.39%	11674	274	2.40%	
TOTALS		402,648	391,531.04	-11,116.96	-2.76%	402,699.00	51.00	0.01%	
INCOME		402,648	462,446.55	59,798.55	14.85%	402,699.00	51	0.01%	
EXPENSE		402,648	391,531.04	-11,116.96	-2.76%	402,699.00	51	0.01%	
Breakeven		0	70,915.51	70,915.51		0.00			

Pastors' Report

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Hosanna's mission "to spread God's Word, share our gifts and strengthen Christ's Church" is in obedience to our Savior's Great Commission at the end of Matthew's Gospel. We have done our best, by the grace of God, to obey that commission and advance that mission through the opportunities and challenges of 2023, trusting His promise that He is with us always, to His return at the end of the age.

We believe that the mission of the church is to preach the Good News: that the Law confronts us with the reality of our sin and the Gospel promises us forgiveness of sin and salvation from death in Jesus Christ. God keeps His Promises! When He forgives you, it happens! Worship centered around God's Word and the Sacraments is the heart of Hosanna. Worship attendance remained strong throughout the year. From January through May the average attendance was 198. Attendance from June through August averaged 188 (outdoor service 54), and from September through December averaged 238. Live views of the streamed service averaged between 20 and 30 throughout the year. We welcome many visitors every Sunday. We confirmed ten young adults in November and have a wonderful group of six 7th and six 8th graders in class this year.

Hosanna continues to grow at a measured, healthy rate. As of 31 December, there are 580 baptized members, 387 confirmed members, and 250 households on the church rolls. We continue to regularly update the online Church Directory. The proposed 2024 budget increases only .01% (\$51.00) over the 2023 budget. Annual inflation is currently 3.1%. The staff and committees have been very careful to be faithful stewards of your offerings and control spending in 2023 and are very thankful for your generous giving throughout the year.

We are grateful to God for the many blessings He continues to shower on Hosanna, our communities, and our state. Perhaps the greatest blessing, after His Word, is the people who are the faith family of Hosanna. We are thankful for the leadership and volunteers that the Lord continues to raise up here at Hosanna, and for the faith of the Hosanna family. We are grateful and thankful for the wonderful daily ministry of the staff, especially Anna Kettwig in the office, Earl Benson the treasurer, Amber Ottenbacher the chief custodian, Jenn Brist's leadership of our youth and education program, and Melissa Gross' leadership as volunteer coordinator. Thank you as well to Stuart Olson for his tremendous leadership as council president, and to the rest of the council, especially to Stuart Olson, Tammi Krause, and Scott Gilbertson as they conclude their three-year terms, and to Randy Rakness and the members of the Property Committee. We appreciate the tremendous leadership of Angie Eickmeyer, Sarah Becker, Lynn Osthus, and Dorothy Fuller in worship, and Dave Eickmeyer, Dar Carlson and the rest of the A/V volunteers who make a professionally presented worship and livestream possible, the Head Ushers and members of the Altar Guild and Decorating Committee, and Dar, Grant and Alexis Carlson for contributing countless hours of professional IT support.

Hosanna means "Please, Lord, save us." May God continue to bless and guide us as we proclaim His saving Holy Word of Law and Gospel in 2024, the fourteenth of Hosanna's ministry and witness, just as He has saved, blessed, and guided us in 2023.

Pastoral Acts 2023

Baptisms (16)

Georgia Ann Roberts 8 Jan
Jayden Stephen Hageman 5 Feb
Emma Gail Fritz 2 Apr
Berklee Grace Woehl 15 Apr
Cameron Shawn Miller 23 Apr
Baylen Wilder Eide 5 July
Paisley Kay Dahl 30 July
Cora Jean Wright 5 Aug
Mina Amelia Althoff 6 Aug
Mazie Kai Ziegler 20 Aug
Huxley James Phillips 10 Sept
Davis Lynn Shroyer 24 Sep
Maddox Michael Nichols 22 Oct
Tanner Lyndel Sogn 4 Nov
Matilyn Kay Wold 12 Nov
Stella Marie Van Keulen 3 Dec

Funerals (8) *non-member

Patricia Johnson* 11 Jan
Lance Larson 13 Apr
Troy Benson 17 May
Rick DeSchepper* (Sioux Falls) 22 May
Kim Jorgenson 20 Jun
Rosie Cox* (Arlington) 15 July
Larry Breske* (Webster) 28 Sep
Anita Stitt* 14 Dec

Confirmation (10) 5 Nov

Aanya Fuller
Hadley Gjerde
Riley Hennen
Gage Lohr
Mason Maag
Colton Monnens
Carlee Mushitz
Jeneba Sheriff
Jack Stormo
Max Stroup

Weddings (6)

Kelsey Woolery and Trevor Forest 8 Apr
Diane Woolery and Jim Bjorkman 22 Apr
Abbey Stormo and Will Knudson 20 May
Izzy Stroup and Mason Wickhurst 9 Sep
Dale Lang and Char Barta 2 Dec
Pat Wiblemo and Rick Smith (Sioux Falls) 29 Dec

Membership as of 31 December 2023

Baptized 580
Confirmed 387
Households 250

We give thanks to God for raising up Leaders and Volunteers!

Altar Guild

Denise Froke; Cathy Jutting; Tammi Krause; Heather Fedt; Cindy Dargatz; Karen Farthing; Judy Svalstad; Connie Parliament; Carol Tesch; Beth Halverson; Sharon Brekke; Bonnie Gerhold; Gloria Orthaus; Roxy Brenden; Donna Zinter; Shirley Carter; Hawa Kamara; Carol Schneider

Audio/Visual

David Eickmeyer; Darwin Carlson; Grant Carlson; Alexis Carlson; Jacob Hagman; Allison Eickmeyer; Karl Bue; Grant Werling

Church Council

*Stuart Olson, President; Ron Jutting, Vice President; *Tammi Krause, Secretary; Earl Benson, Treasurer; Mike Aadland; Sarah Becker; *Scott Gilbertson; Kevin Halverson; Ashley Schafer; Travis Tisher

Decorating Committee

Sharon Brekke; Cindy & Greg Dargatz; Karen Farthing; Mary Johnson; Cathy Jutting; Carol Tesch

Faith Formation

Coordinator: Jenn Brist; Music: Angie Eickmeyer; A/V support: Dave Eickmeyer; Grant & Alexis Carlson; Dar Carlson; Adult Faith Formation: Dick Nicolai; Faith Formation: Melissa Gross; Clair Mohr; Stuart Olson; Halle Olson; Ella Olson; High School Bible Study: Jenn Brist; 7th grade Confirmation: Pr. Craig; 8th grade Confirmation: Pr. Janine

Finance Review Committee

Josh Kettwig; Connie Ward

Head Ushers

Ron Jutting, Chair; Earl Benson; Todd Brist; Roger Carter; Bob Drake; Scott Gilbertson; Scott Jensen; Everett Johnson; Doug Keffeler; Josh Kettwig; Randy Rakness; Travis Tisher

Lectors

Doris Bue; Sherri Brindle; Jan DeBerg; Bob Drake; Kevin Halverson; Riley Hennen; Mason Maag; Dick Nicolai; Karen Olson; Connie Parliament; Grant Werling

Mission Committee

John Larson, Chair; Helen Hoftiezer; Doug Keffler; Shirley Carter; Pastor Craig; Pastor Janine

Property Management

Randy Rakness, Chair; Jarod Suttan; Don Farthing; Duane Svalstad; Mark Wientjes; Dick Nicolai; John Hopper; Roger Carter; Roy Gjerde; Pastor Craig; Pastor Janine

Sunday Morning Coffee

Coordinator: Melissa Gross; Amber Ottenbacher

Volunteer Coordinator

Melissa Gross

Weekly Coffee Treats

Brad and Diane Griep

Wedding Committee

Sharon Brekke; Roxy Brenden; Jan DeBerg; Karen Farthing; Denise Froke; Beth Halverson; Cindy Hopper; Cathy Jutting; Gloria Orthaus

Worship and Music

Angie Eickmeyer; Sarah Becker; Dorothy Fuller; Lynn Osthus

Y.A.R.N. and Quilting

Roxy Brenden; Sherri Brindle; Cindy Dargatz; Cindi Filipek; Dorothy Fuller; Beth Halverson; Vinceen Hanson; Sharon Hayunga; Gloria Orthaus; Carol Tesch

Ministry Reports

Financial Accounting Study 2023

Hosanna Lutheran Church and members of the Congregation.

Subject: Study of the 2022 financial reports of Hosanna Lutheran Church

Review Committee: Josh Kettwig and Connie Ward (appointed by the Church Council)

Date of Review: December 21st, 2023

The following process was followed by the review committee:

**Met with Heather at Ledger's to review accounting procedures and financial records.

**Selected various months to review invoices, financials, general ledgers, and checks.

Findings:

**We suggest someone speak to Dacotah Bank about the bank charges on our account. We believe there is definitely room to lower or eliminate those monthly fees.

**We feel that Hosanna's records are in order and to continue the process. Checks and balances are in place to keep everything in order. Hosanna's financials are in excellent condition, and the Church Council and Treasurer do an excellent job in keeping our financial structure strong.

Sincerely submitted,

Connie Ward

Josh Kettwig

Mission Committee Report

Hosanna Lutheran Church sends at least 10% of offering income beyond the walls of our church building to tell the story of Jesus Christ to those who have never heard. Funds are also used to help people in physical need. The Mission Committee recommends to the church council how our funds are used. Church council makes the final decision each month as to how funds are actually spent. The spreadsheet details how these funds were used in 2023.

Members of the Mission Committee are Doug Keffeler, Helen Hoftiezer, John Larson, Shirley Carter, Pastor Janine Rew-Werling, and Pastor Craig Werling. We thank you for the responsibility and privilege of serving the members of Hosanna Lutheran Church.

John Larson, Mission Committee member

2023 HLC Benevolence proposal							\$ 40,265.00	
<u>2023 Benevolence</u>							<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual</u>
ACCESS MINISTRY							\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
BEACON CENTER							\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB							\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
SALVATION ARMY - Watertown							\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
WATERTOWN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL							\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
WATERTOWN H.S./NEEDY STUDENT FUND							\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
WATERTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL/CARE FUND							\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
ABDUL MESSIEH - missionary support							\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
AUGUSTANA DISTRICT - general operating expenses							\$ 6,720.00	\$ 6,300.00
AUGUSTANA DISTRICT - theological conference scholarships for seminarians							\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
CHANNEL TO BRAZIL FOR CHRIST							\$ 3,925.00	\$ 3,925.00
FRIENDS OF MADAGASCAR MISSION - total support 2 evangelists and families							\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
FRIENDS OF MADAGASCAR MISSION - unrestricted use							\$ 1,925.00	\$ 1,925.00
LCMC - general operating expenses							\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
LUTHER HOUSE OF STUDY - Leadership Endowment Fund							\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
NEW HOPE MISSION SOCIETY - For Shaliach Bible School							\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
NEW HOPE MISSION SOCIETY - unrestricted use							\$ 1,525.00	\$ 1,500.00
NEW HOPE MISSION SOCIETY - for ministry of Brother Titus Pona in Nigeria							\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TABOR CONGREGATION, Ethiopia - 5 Evangelists at \$600 each/yr.							\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
TABOR CONGREGATION, Ethiopia - for building churches in rural areas							\$ 3,725.00	\$ 3,725.00
TOTAL 2023 BENEVOLENCE							\$ 40,720.00	\$ 40,275.00
<u>LENTEN SERVICE and ASH WEDNESDAY/MAUNDY THURSDAY/GOOD FRIDAY OFFERINGS</u>								
AUGUSTANA DISTRICT - District Pastors retreat							\$953.50	
WATERTOWN CHILD PROTECTION TEAM							\$953.50	
<u>THANKSGIVING OFFERING</u>								
CHANNEL TO BRAZIL FOR CHRIST - Thanksgiving meal for CBC families in Brazil							\$655.00	

Faith Formation, Youth Group & Vacation Bible School

The presence of children is a gift to the Church; they remind us that our congregation is growing and building the faith of young believers. Children who don't grow up in church certainly don't tend to come to church when they are older. Worshiping with children can be challenging. It will often feel easier to watch online rather than attend in person. Being physically in church allows us to connect and build relationships with each other as a church community. As a congregation, it is important that we continue to welcome families and their children as they grow in faith.

We have 63 children registered for Faith Formation with an average attendance of about 40 children (ages 3 through grade 6) each week. This fall, 20 of our students were in attendance for 75% or more Sundays. That is a remarkable accomplishment!

As always, we are grateful to our volunteer teachers and substitutes who lead these classes each week. Thank you to the following weekly volunteers:

Angie and Dave Eickmeyer, Darwin Carlson, Grant and Alexis Carlson, Melissa Gross, Ella Olson, Halle Olson, Clair Mohr, and Stuart Olson. Thank you to those who are willing to help with preschool class as needed, and for those who are willing to substitute when teachers are absent.

Approximately 65 kids participated in Vacation Bible School in August. Through the story of Jonah, we learned that God's way is always better than our way! VBS is the biggest undertaking of the year, and we are grateful to everyone who helped in big and small ways.

We are committed to keeping the Word of God in the hands of our young people. Study Bibles were given to our graduating seniors in May. In September the kindergartners received Beginner's Bibles while the third graders received Adventure Bibles. High school students also receive a new Bible for study and journaling when they join the Wednesday night Bible Study.

Wednesday nights are busy at the church. Seventh and eighth graders attend confirmation classes with the pastors, while high school students have their weekly Bible study. We pray that all of our high school students will make Bible Study a priority; it is a good chance to dig deeper in the Bible and grow in your knowledge and faith.

While schedules are challenging, we work to provide opportunities for our youth to pray together and play together. We are blessed with your financial support to make our outings possible without adding stress to families. Whether we are attending Quake (a weekend faith retreat), Christian concerts, playing games, or just hanging out at the fire pit, fellowship is an important part of the Christian lives of our youth. Please encourage the youth in your life to join our youth group activities!

The children and teens of our congregation are blessed by your prayers and encouragement as they grow. We love to see you connecting with the youngest members of our Hosanna family.

In Christ,
Jenn Brist
Faith Formation Coordinator

Kids Hope Mentoring 2023

Kids Hope is a faith-based program that provides a framework for matching school children with consistent adult mentors. Hosanna Lutheran and New Life Church share the Kids Hope program at Roosevelt School. One church member is partnered as a mentor with one student for at least one school year. The mentor goes to the school for an hour each week to meet with the student. Kids Hope and local volunteers provide activities for the mentor to use.

Each mentor is matched with a prayer partner from their church. The prayer partner commits to specific prayer for the mentor/mentee relationship, for the child, the child's family, and the school. Mentors and prayer partners must be active members of the partner church for at least six months prior to becoming a mentor.

Nineteen Roosevelt children are currently matched with a mentor, and the effects of these positive relationships have been nothing short of amazing. Five Hosanna members have stepped up to mentor a child: John Larson, Kathy Carlson, Roxy Brenden, Sharon Brekke, and Rose Jones. Their prayer partners are Craig Werling, Alexis Carlson, Tammy Krause, Terry Brekke, and Dana Jones.

Due to declining enrollment in the school district, Roosevelt School will be closing at the end of the school year. We hope to continue Kids Hope in another school next fall. Please watch for more information this spring and summer. We would love to match more students with caring adults from our faith family!

In Christ,
Jenn Brist
Kids Hope Coordinator

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation was offered during our Lenten season and our Advent Season in 2023.

- The Lenten series we talked about "Living in Today's Babylon". We met each Wednesday before worship.
- The Advent series we talked about "The Story of Heaven". We met each Wednesday at 1:15pm or 7pm.

Men's Noon Fellowship

The Men's Noon Fellowship continues to meet on Wednesday for one hour beginning at 12 noon. An enjoyable half hour of lunch and fellowship is followed by a Christian topic study. During 2023 the following topics were discussed:

- Dr. David Jeremiah "Overcomer"
- "Unshakable Hope" with Max Lucado
- "Home Run with Wisdom" Darryl Strawberry
- "God Never Gives Up on You" Max Lucado
- Dash Time between Birth and Death

Men of Hosanna, please join with us in January 2024 as we fellowship together and consider the armor that God has given us to stand firm against the powers of this world.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is responsible for setting up Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month. They also change the paraments according to the liturgical schedule, dust the altar and take care of the candles on the altar, the baptismal font and all things related to the altar area and worship. Thank you, ladies for all you do to make Hosanna a beautiful worship space: Denise Froke, Cathy Jutting, Tammi Krause, Heather Fedt, Cindy Dargatz, Connie Parliament, Carol Tesch, Beth Halverson, Sharon Brekke, Bonnie Gerhold, Gloria Orthaus, Roxy Brenden, Donna Zinter, substitutes: Shirley Carter, Hawa Kamara and Carol Schneider.

Co-Chairs,
Karen Farthing and Judy Svalstad

Y.A.R.N.

The YARN (You Are Really Needed) group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. In 2023 we crocheted and knitted items that have been distributed throughout the community: Stocking hats for Roosevelt School children, Beacon Center, and Head Start; and lap robes for several of the nursing homes and assisted living centers. We also make baptismal blankets and prayer shawls for families in our church. All items are prayerfully and joyfully created by: Roxy Brendan, Cindy Dargatz, Cindy Filipek, Dorothy Fuller, Beth Halverson, Vinceen Hanson, Sharon Hayunga, and Gloria Orthaus. Your generous monetary and donations of yarn are greatly appreciated. We're always looking for new members—come join us and help us with our mission of love and generosity to those that aren't as fortunate!

Quilting

The Hosanna Quilt Ministry began in November 2021. We meet monthly, usually on the fourth Wednesday. A \$250 Thrivent card graciously donated by Cathy Jutting helped seed our group's necessities. With a core group of 5 or more, a donated Joy Babylock sewing machine, and generous fabric and notions donations from many, we enjoy fellowship and the process of quilting for others. Many of our group were new to quilting, and are now accomplished piecers and creative designers, bringing their gifts to bear in a beautiful quilt.

The main recipients of our labor of love are Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and the Veterans' Tiny Home project in Sioux Falls. Nancy Reisch graciously donates her quilting for the above-named recipients. In our two years of existence, over four dozen quilts have been donated.

For those of you unfamiliar with quilting, the following is an explanation of the terms and process. We call ourselves "quilters" when we sew fabric pieces together to complete the "top" of the quilt. This is actually "piecing." We then layer the top, middle (batting), and a fabric backing together. This is then "tied" with string or yarn in many places to secure the layers, or machine or hand sewn together, which is "quilting."

Thank you for the blessing of support for this ministry.

Respectfully, Sherri Brindle

Audio/ Video/Technology Report

I want to start out by thanking Darwin Carlson, Grant and Alexis Carlson, Jacob Hageman, Allison Eickmeyer, Karl Bue and Grant Werling for their assistance in making each and every Sunday Service, Special Service, Funeral, Wedding, Pastor's Event, Faith Formation and community event at Hosanna Lutheran a resounding success. These individuals make the live services a success by working the visual slides, videos, and music levels inside the sanctuary as well as streaming sound and video on YouTube for those unable to attend in-house worship. This team is responsible for more than 4900 worship views on-line in 2023! If anyone else wants to learn more about joining this group and helping with worship, please contact anyone in the sound booth after any of our services. We would love to have you join us!

2023 was a smooth year for the Audio/Video aspect of Hosanna Lutheran. We did not need any major upgrades, updates or expenditures. The only "capital improvement" made was the much needed purchase of 2 chairs for the sound booth.

Faithfully submitted by David Eickmeyer

Choir Report

O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. -Psalm 95:1

The Hosanna Choir adds to the worship service through special music. The choir sings during church on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from September through May. We practice on Wednesdays at 7pm in the sanctuary.

We have a steady number of singers who attend practice regularly. I have huge appreciation for their dedication to the choir and willingness to offer their talents. Our choir culture intends to be uplifting to one another and focused on using our gifts in service to Him. A few members will be absent during the winter months due to travel.

Angie Eickmeyer is our accompanist and is an integral part of our practices and performances. We greatly appreciate her talent and the time that she offers.

We would love to increase membership this year. We welcome anyone high school through adulthood. Some ability to read music is helpful, but don't be intimidated to join. Talk to Sarah Becker with any questions or simply join us on Wednesday evenings.

We currently have a fantastic repertoire of music. If budget allows, we may consider new selections for added variety.

I encourage choir members, or any Hosanna member, to consider offering a special music solo or small ensemble.

We believe music is something we all share, and we value the opportunity to connect with the congregation through song.

Sincerely,
Sarah Becker

Decorating Committee Report

The Decorating Committee was formed during the Hosanna New Building Project. The committee works hand in hand with the Property, Altar and Gifting committees.

As always Hosanna members step up and share their time and talents to work with the committee to prepare the sanctuary and church building for the Church seasons through the year. This includes, but is not limited to, Christmas, Easter and other Church Year occasions.

The 2023 Committee members include Cathy Jutting, Carol Tesch, Sharon Brekke, Mary Johnson, Karen Farthing and Cindy and Greg Dargatz.

We always welcome input from the congregation. Anyone who is interested in being part of the committee please contact us.

Sharon Brekke

Property Committee Report

Property Committee report The Hosanna Property Committee consists of: Don Farthing, Mark Wientjes, Dick Nicolai, Duane Svalstad, Roger Carter, Jarod Suttan, John Hopper, Roy Gjerde, Randy Rakness, Pastor Craig Werling and Pastor Janine Rew-Werling.

First, I want to thank the members of the committee for their work this past year. In addition, to all the volunteers that work to make our church facility what it is today.

This past year the committee did not have any major projects. We continue to monitor various maintenance items on a schedule. Thanks to John Hopper and John Larson for continuing to maintain the lawn and landscaping around the church. We try to schedule a clean-up day in the spring each year. This past year we had a very good volunteer crew, and many tasks were completed both inside and outside the church property. Thanks to everyone for the great day.

The committee changed to a quarterly meeting schedule this past year. We will meet at other times if there is a need. We try to maintain our church in the best possible manner. If anyone sees a problem, please let a committee member know and it will be looked into and do our best to take care of it.

Thanks again to the committee for their work.

Servant Teams

Our servant teams are responsible for helping serve communion on the 1st & 3rd of each month. They are also who we contact when we have a funeral during the month. We have created a Lector and Coffee Servers Teams instead of having the monthly groups do it. If you would like to be on one of these groups, please email Anna at watertownhosannalutheran@gmail.com.

How Your Endowment Gift Helps



Hosanna Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

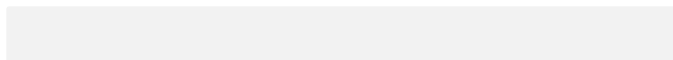
Hosanna Endowment Fund Committee Report

The Hosanna Endowment Fund Committee consists of: Tyler Gross (President), Karen Olsen (Treasurer), Harvey Bue (Secretary), Dick Nicoli, and John Hopper. The purpose of the Hosanna Lutheran Church Endowment Fund is to receive and administer bequests, estates, insurance, real property, memorials, IRA distributions (RMD), and other assets to enhance the work of the church by establishing new ministries and stewardship opportunities additional to and apart from the general operation of the congregation. While the potential distribution projects are unlimited, the focus of the fund committee will be projects that move forward the mission of Hosanna Lutheran Church “To spread God’s Word, share our gifts and strengthen Christ’s Church.” We usually meet on a quarterly basis to review the funds’ current performance and discuss potential ideas on how to use the proceeds from the fund. We encourage members of the church to contact the committee with any concerns or questions, as well as give input on any ideas they have on how the fund could help in other areas of the church or community. We sincerely thank everyone that has helped donate to the fund in its infancy stages. Those donations will leave a lasting impression for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gross

Committee President



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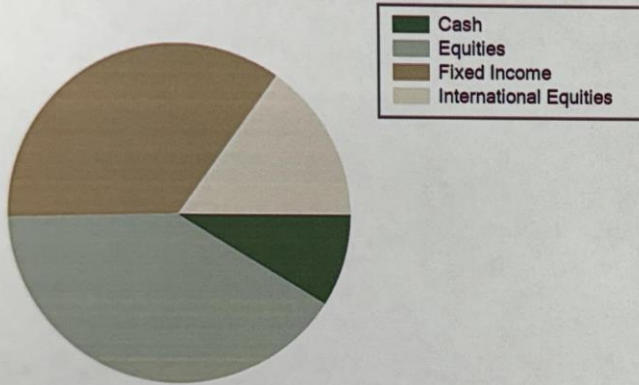
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Account Number: 003735



Account Manager: Tyler DeBoer
Email: tyler.deboer@bankeasy.com
Phone: 605-978-9321

Asset Allocation



Investment Summary

Asset Type	Market Value	%
Cash	\$8,276.53	8.87
Fixed Income	\$32,862.99	35.22
Equities	\$38,003.14	40.73
International Equities	\$14,169.35	15.18
Alternative Assets		0.00
Total Assets	\$93,312.01	100.00
Total Accrued Income	\$95.33	
Total Account	\$93,407.34	

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR CONGREGATIONS – AUGUSTANA DISTRICT

A TIME OF CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY

Much has been said and written about “LCMC 3.0.” The purpose of this report is to frame this within the context and future of the Augustana District. At the last Annual Gathering, participants were asked to provide input around five particular areas of LCMC 3.0. Focus groups met and discussed the following areas: Global Missions, Conflict Management, Intentional Interim Ministry, Clergy Shortage/Next-Gen Leaders/Creative Staffing, Districts and Fellowships.

THE NEW ROLE OF DISTRICTS

In order to resist the temptation of addressing the challenges listed above through the hiring of more LCMC staff, districts have been challenged in new ways. According the LCMC website, there are currently eight U.S. districts. All of them are considering ways to address at least three of the challenges listed above: Conflict Management, Intentional Interim Ministry, Clergy Shortage/Next-Gen Leaders/Creative Staffing. All district and fellowship leaders will meet in conjunction with the Board of Trustees and Ministry Board (June 26-28, 2024) to address these challenges.

AUGUSTANA DISTRICT

As the Augustana District, we remain committed to the ministry we have always had as a priority. At the same time, we are committed to addressing new needs that arise and other areas of ministry (beyond those listed above). For instance, we added a Sr. High Youth Retreat and a First Call Retreat for pastors in 2023. We plan on continuing both. We are also planning to offer call coach training within the district. As one of the larger and more organized districts in LCMC, we continue to provide an important leadership role for other existing districts, as well as new ones.

THANK YOU

Augustana IS the sum of the congregations that make up our district. THANK YOU for your prayers, financial gifts and support that comes in many ways. We are served well by a dedicated staff, boards and district council. As we look to 2024, Psalm 143:8 comes to mind: “Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.”

In Christ,
Pastor Randy Freund, Augustana District Service Coordinator