

HORIZON OF HOPE



SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES
 8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
 10:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
Fellowship & Refreshments at 9:30 am

Come people of God. Leave the cares of your day and concerns of your life. Come and be filled with the presence of God!

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the sake of the world.

Today, June 17, 2016 marks the fifth day since the horror of the Orlando shootings. It is also the one year anniversary of the shootings at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston.

I am writing today to urge members and congregations of the Nebraska Synod to pray for God's peace and healing for the victims of both of these tragedies, for their loved ones, and all whose lives are impacted as a consequence of them.

I am also urging that we act to confront the evils that led to and arise from this tragedy, by committing ourselves to conversation, advocacy and action:

- To end the tolerance of exclusion, persecution and violence against members of the LGBTQ community
- To confront the reality of racism by working to end our own complicity in it, and dismantling the structures and policies that perpetuate it
- To demand action to address the scourge of gun violence across our nation. This isn't about gun rights versus gun control; it's about us as faithful and civilized people seeking compromise and solutions to prevent more senseless slaughter
- To avoid demonizing whole categories of people, especially those whose practice of their Muslim faith is wholly at odds with the radicalized violence of a few
- Most importantly, to overcome the spirit of division and antagonism that undermines our communities, threatens our well-being, and prevents reasoned dialog and reasonable solutions. We are called to better than this.

As servants of the Prince of Peace--himself a victim of prejudice, hatred and violent death—we are called to commit ourselves and call on others to be in conversation with legislators, community leaders and one another, united in the common goal that we never again witness such horrors nor tolerate the evils that spawn them.

I am asking that you join with me in offering this prayer, individually and in our congregations, in the days to come: "Everlasting God, source of life and creator of all; we confess that ours is a broken world, and that we too often focus on its fractures and in our fear seek others to blame. Grant us the grace to admit and repent of our own divisive attitudes and behaviors, and the courage to follow you in the work of healing wounds and binding up the broken. Bless with wholeness all whose lives are touched or torn by senseless violence. Transform and straighten those whose hearts are twisted with hatred. Stretch us beyond our fears in embracing all whom you have created in your image, following the example of Jesus Christ, whose arms were stretched in death for the life of the world. In His name we pray. Amen"

Yours in Christ,

Brian D. Maas
Bishop



Message
from the
Bishop



MEETINGS /GET-TOGETHERS IN JULY

- ◆ **WEDNESDAY MORNING STAFF PRAYER** - Please join us each Wednesday morning at 10:00 am for "Prayer Time" with the staff. *"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our Prayers."* 1 Thes. 1:2
- ◆ **HOLY STITCHER'S** - Due to the weather.. the sewing room is hard to keep cool ..so plans are to wait until fall to start up again. Check with Helen at 235-2743...projects will be available.
- ◆ **BOOK GROUP** - Wednesday, **July 13th** at 11:30 AM at Bay Hills Restaurant. "Stranded" by Alex Kava is the book chosen by the group for July.
- ◆ **WOMEN'S GROUP** Monday, **July 18th** at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **WHEN THE STS GO MARCHING OUT TO EAT** - Date & Time - July 29 @ 6:00 PM Location - The Special - in Omaha. Meet at the Church to share rides.

OUR BLESSINGS..

Born June 1, 2016

Avery Grace, the 1st Great-randdaughter of Dewayne and Mary Prince.

Emerson Nichole LaRosa , 1st grandchild of Joe and Leigh LaRosa.

Owen Joseph, the 1st child of Adam and Allison Dworak. Owen was baptized at Hosanna on Sunday, June 26th. Baptismal sponsors were Dana Sander and Scot Dworak.

Born, June 10, 2016

Bruce and Grace Weisz welcomed their twin great-grandchildren, Nora and Leo.

Congratulations to all and God's richest blessings to you, Avery, Emerson, Owen, Nora and Leo.



Hosanna Council Member for May 2016-2017		
President	Brenda Shafer	296-4358
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	Leigh LaRosa	297-6795
	Vicki Weber	209-5237
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Treasurer	Dave Steinkruger	250-7737
Financial Secretary	Helen Worthan	235-2743
Property & Main.	Bill Wylie	203-2949

COUNCIL MEETING:

Our next Council Meeting is scheduled for : Thursday, July 16th, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Officers and Congregational Ministries reps are:

1. Welcome Ministry
Council Reps. - Laurie Voss
Grace Weisz
2. Worship Ministry
Council Reps. - Leigh LaRosa
Nancy Young
3. Witness Ministry
Council Reps. - Vicki Weber
Sandy Frye

If you would like to become part of the Welcome, Worship or Witness ministries, please contact any of the Council members or Pr. Jim.

Catch the Excitement!
Witness the Joy!
Shape the Vision!

From Pastor Jim . . .

Hello Hosanna,

I hope you have a great 4th of July – a time to celebrate our great nation and our freedoms: to be with others; to have a day off work and to generally have fun. At least that is true for most of us. I'm sure the pets have other things they'd like to say – how scary it must be for them when the fireworks light off. Not only our pets but perhaps those sounds remind some others of the danger they were once in (i.e. a gunfire exchange or bomb explosions). Our nation was founded in the midst of those dangerous kinds of sounds – I'm sure it wasn't easy.

Danger – we were recently reminded in our sermon series on 'Community is Messy' that there is trouble all around us. Folks who have been constantly surrounded by a heightened sense of danger can begin to suffer emotionally – just look at our pets in the middle of sound of fireworks – they get very frazzled by the fourth. In the midst of things like this Jesus said *"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."* Mat 11:28-30.

What a great promise Jesus gives us. Jesus can make a difference in our lives and when we seek him out, we will find him. Remember his Spirit is alive in us also and we can reach out and encourage one another in the midst of this heightened sense of danger. Our memory verse of the month is from John 16:33 *"I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take courage; I have conquered the world!"* God can do amazing things in our lives – often what we least expect – see the prayer below.

A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S PRAYER, Author Unknown,
(Attributed to a battle weary C.S.A soldier near the end of the war)

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things;
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among all men most richly blessed.

God is Blessing us ---- Pastor Jim

WIN TICKETS FOR NE VS. FRESNO STATE

Lutheran Service Corp are selling tickets for \$20.00 to win a chance to go to the Nebraska vs. Fresno State Football game on Sept. 3. Price of the tickets is \$20. which include the game tickets at Club level seating and Parking. Drawing takes place on July 15. If you would like to purchase a ticket/s ..talk to Pr. Jim .



COMING UP...

QUILT AUCTION..
Saturday, July 30th
at Carol Joy Holling Camp
 Conference & Retreat Center
 Ashland, NE



Over 300+ All styles and Varieties of beautifully quilted and tied quilts donated by individuals and congregations from Nebraska and neighboring states to be auctioned

Quilts on display - 9:00 a.m.
 Live Auction—9:30 a.m.
 Silent Auction Bidding—9:00-2:00 p.m.
 BBQ Lunch served—11:30-1:00 p.m.
 Swimming/Waterfront—12-5:00 p.m.
 Hayrack Rides/Camp Tours—
 Available all day

Free Parking and Admission
 HUGE BBQ Lunch - Adults - \$6.00 Kids -\$3.00
 Map and Directions @ www.nlom.org
 Preview all quilts @ www.caroljoyholling.org

Special thanks to:
 Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapters
 across Nebraska
 for sponsorship of the Quilt Auction

**HELPING
 OUR
 COMMUNITY**



st Sunday Food Pantry Sunday

- ▶ **Cass County Food Bank:** Non perishable food, paper goods, soap, detergent and cleaning products. **NO JUNK FOOD, PLEASE!** Please check the expiration dates on the food. The food bank will not accept food with expired dates.
- ▶ **Abundant Harvest Food CoOp:**
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 5:00 PM @ Hosanna
- ▶ **Under His Wings Baby Pantry:** needed: diapers, Baby wash, Baby lotion & Baby wipes
- ▶ **Under His Wings Baby Thrift Shop**
 511 Central - Open Tuesday - Saturday - 10-5PM
 Donations accepted during business hours
- ▶ **My Neighbors Closet:** Clean, wearable clothing, toys, children's books – in good condition
- ▶ **Prevent Blindness Nebraska:** Used eyeglasses – no sunglasses

Campbell Soup Labels and General Mills Box Tops For Education: Please save both labels for our schools. The labels are redeemed for classroom items to enhance our children's education.

**PLEASE KEEP
 IN YOUR PRAYERS....**

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| Chase Barker | Eric Johnson | Lori Rase |
| Norm Becker | Mary Johnson | Lori Reed |
| Curtis Birkland | Carolyn Kelley | Barb Robinson |
| Black Family | Julie Kenan | Marjorie Shafer |
| Julie Bradshaw | Teresa Knudson | April Shoney |
| Sandra Brehmer | Jean Koppold | Sitzman Family |
| Eva Brown | Brayden Lee | Dennis Smith |
| Jarett Burgert | Gretchen Lee | Rick Smith |
| Beverly Clark | Karla Lockland | Barb Valenti |
| Collier family | Pat Lucas | Grant Vampola |
| Barb Culbertson | Pam Lybeck | Karen Wade |
| Ralph Furst | Jenny Manning | Lisa Wagner |
| Judy Gillette | Tara McMaster | Rhonda Walters |
| Iris Gohn | Jan Monroe | Teri Weisz |
| Tara Gowing | Randy Murray | Deb Wiesenkamp |
| Bill Grunewald | Bob Nickels | Grace Zimmerer |
| Irene Grutsch | Laura Paige | Anna Carly |
| Isaac Hart | Ryan Palacek | Carol |
| Michelle Hart | Mary Pearson | Claire & family |
| Janice Hild | Shelly Penke | Cleo Crystal |
| Kelly Hill | Dean Poyter | Dale Dallas |
| Houchin Family | Prince Family | Gary Peg |
| Evie Hunt | Amphai Ranslem | Terry Tim |

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE
 SERVING IN THE MILITARY . .**

- Justin Bartlett, *Marines*
(Nephew of Brian & Robin Brown)
- Meshack Casey, *Army*
(Grandson of Dave & Jan Conley)
- Cory Clines, *Air Force*
(Grandson of Dave and Jan Conley)
- Col. Mona Dolson,
(Sister of Mitch Houchin)
- Calvin Johnson, *Air Force*
(Nephew of Kermit & Fiorenza Reisdorfb)
- Caleb Morehead, *Army Reserves*
(Grandson of Bertha Black)
- Shane Newman, *Army Reserves*
(friend of Bertha Black)
- Travis Roeder, *Air Force*
(Son-in-law of Pastor Jim & Linda Spanjers)
- Brent Wiese, *Army*



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD A NAME TO OUR PRAYER LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 296-2662 OR LEAVE A NOTE ON DEBBIE'S DESK. PLEASE HELP KEEP THIS LIST CURRENT BY INFORMING US WHEN A NAME CAN BE REMOVED. THANK YOU!



Thank You..Betty Manning would like to thank Sydney Ham for all her help cleaning the Nursery



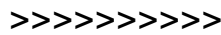
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!!!

**Glenna Bohling
of Thrivent Financial
Is Celebrating
20 Years of Service
and
Would like to show her
Appreciation with A Day of
Fun & Refreshments!**

**Please Join us.....
Saturday, July 9th
1:00PM - 5:00PM
(During the Syracuse Germanfest)
Outside the Thrivent Office
555 Thorne St.
Syracuse**

Come & Enjoy A Day of Fun!

PS: Check Out the Thrivent Action Team Project



THRIVENT ACTION TEAM

VA Nebraska

The Lincoln VA Clinic is in need of the following items for Veterans in our area:

- Monetary Donations
- Household cleaning supplies
- Laundry supplies (unscented)
- Winter Coats (M, L, XL, 2XL)
- Gloves (Large)
- Blankets (Electric & Regular)
- Sleeping Bags
- Socks (size 6-12, 12-15 – both Crew & Heavy Winter)
- Men’s Boxer Brief’s (M, L, XL)
- Sweat Pants, Sweatshirts, Long Winter Underwear (L, XL, 2LX)
- Foods (in easy pop top containers) (Hormel Complete, Chef Boyardee pasta, Soup, Tuna, Chicken, Fruits, Vegetables, Pork-n-Beans)
- Snack Bars / Protein Bars
- Razors, Lip Balm

*All items must be NEW. We will collect now through July 11th at the Thrivent Financial Offices in Syracuse and/or on Wednesday to the Auburn office all items will be deliver to the Lincoln VA Office.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Hosanna’s Numbers

Weekly Income

Weekly Income	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
General	\$1,695.	\$1,252.	\$1,523.	\$1,670.
Benevolence	\$25	\$0	\$0	\$0

Combined Worship Attendance

Sunday	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
	67	63	56	87

Your Financial Gifts...

Please be mindful that Hosanna’s monthly financial obligations continue throughout the year.

If you are unable to attend Sunday Worship Services, please consider mailing your commitment to the church at P.O. Box 301, Plattsmouth, NE 68048. Thank You!

Our Church continues to be grateful for all who faithfully support the ongoing life and ministry operating costs of Hosanna.

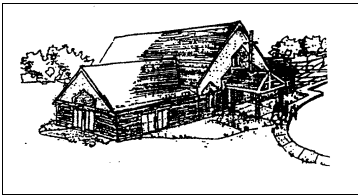
**You make a difference!
Thank you Members
and Friends Of Hosanna!**

WE WELCOME REV. HEIDI MCGINNESS ON SUNDAY, JULY 10TH....

The Rev. Heidi McGinness, has been documenting Jihadi slavery in Sudan against Christians for over 12 years. Several of you in worship today have joined her in becoming modern day abolitionists. The Holy Stitches have blessed our siblings in Sudan and South Sudan with their vital sewn gifts for almost 12 years.

Once liberated from slavery the persons return HOME to South Sudan where they join family, community, and church in building a new life, a free life. In the last two years Rev. McGinness has also become the voice for persecuted Christians by the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq on national Christian radio in Washington , DC, Los Angeles and New York City. Pastor Heidi is excited about her return visit to us.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Ministers:

All Members

Pastor:

Jim Spanjers
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Council President

Brenda Shafer

**Dir. Under His Wings-
 Baby Pantry & Thrift Shop**

Claudia Wylie 802-7115

Care Minister:

Grace Weisz

Church Office:

Debbie Kendall 296-2662
 Hours: Monday-Thursday
 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

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Mark Your Calendars..
 The Nebraska City AppleCorp
 Barbershop Chorus will be singing at
 Sunday Worship on August 14th.
 Time: To Be Announced.
 Don't want you to miss Out!!



1ST Annual Donation Drive

Let's Get the Kids Ready for School!

The Conestoga Backpack Program is seeking donations to help low income families in the district get ready to go back to school! The program is hoping to provide several different items to families with items their children may need to go back to school, so they can be ready to learn. So this summer as you are cleaning out your kid's closets please think of donating those items to the program.

Items Needed:

- Children's clothing size 4 to 16
- New school supplies
- New unopened packages of underwear and socks

Please return these items to Hosanna Lutheran Church
 and they will be picked up there.
Pick up date will be July 26th.



Help Our Kids

Get Ready For School

Thank you ,
 The Conestoga Backpack Program

***We welcome all people to worship God
 by offering our lives in daily witness to the love of Jesus Christ.***