



WELCOME-WORSHIP-WITNESS

**WORSHIP TIMES**

- 8:30 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. Fellowship & Refreshments  
10:00 A.M. Contemporary Service  
And Kid's Church

# HORIZON OF HOPE

## **Announcements from the Hosanna Office!!**

**We are here for you! There are lots of ways to connect with us:**

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Message us at Facebook: Hosanna Lutheran Church ELCA

*Also, if this is reaching you and you are no longer interested in it (if it goes straight to trash or recycling, can you please contact us? We like to keep the lists updated. Thank you so much!!*

**If you have any prayer requests,** please call the office and leave a message. There are a few of us gathering in the office for prayer time each week.

**Our hope is that we will be able to meet together again sometime in May!! We will let you know when we are sure!**

**We are still collecting food at the church for the Under His Wings Food Pantry!**

There is a green bin with a lid in front of the church doors, and we are checking it regularly.

Some suggestions:

Peanut butter

Jelly

Tuna

Tuna Helper

Crackers (all types, but especially plain, as people can put peanut butter on them when there is no bread.)

Spaghetti Sauce

Pasta

Soup

Cereal

Thank you so much for your generosity!

**I have given God a million reasons  
not to love me. None of them have  
changed his mind!!**

**How will you get connected???**  
**All in-person meetings are postponed  
for now.**

These small groups meet monthly and/or weekly for devotions, fellowship and service projects. We hope you'll find one or two to get involved with.

**Bible Study with Pastor Jim**

**Monday at 6:30 PM.** Come and dig deeper into the Bible.

Everyone is welcome!

**PRAYER TIME FOR EVERYONE:**

**Every Tuesday from 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

Please join the church staff in the office as we pray for the Church, its ministries, and those who have asked us to include them in our prayers. Plan to join us! "Never doubt what one prayer can do."

**WOMEN'S GROUP**

**WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING OUT TO EAT**

**Combined offering as of 4-20-20**

**General—\$5500.00**

**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!

**COUNCIL NOTES**

**HOSANNA COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Phone numbers are listed here for your convenience

President	Bob Wills	298-7442
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**We welcome all people to worship God by offering our lives in daily witness to the love of Jesus Christ.**

**Welcome Ministry**

Claudia and Heidi

**Worship Ministry**

Riley

**Witness Ministry**

Vicki and Melinda

**YOU** are always welcome to attend the meeting of our Council. Council meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM.



## "He is Risen" "He is Risen indeed"

**Good news** - we are still in the Easter season of the church, I pray all are safe and can feel the presence of God in your life; he is no longer in the tomb. He is risen!! He is risen indeed!!

Wow, at this point we will be worshiping together next week. We will have family units sit at least 6 feet apart, every other row and at ends of each row. It will look different – feel a little different and I encourage everyone to consider your health situation and those you interact with. Don't come if you are at risk or risk others. I will continue to send out my mini sermon and perhaps we can record - Looking into that. It will be great to be together again!!

We want to help you or others, please contact the church office, 402-296-2662 or me 402-616-7909 with more questions/ideas or wanting to get involved. We are very important to people around us – you make a difference.

### Here is our PRAYER OF THE DAY

Messiah, Jesus, your followers established churches in communities near and far. Take us outside of ourselves and teach us to give away what you have given to us. Show us how to witness to your presence in places near and far. Amen.

### *Sermon: Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NIV)*

We continue in the book of Acts (the Acts of the Holy Spirit). We find ourselves in the city of Thessalonica, part of the Roman Empire in what we know as northern Greece. The Gospel is spreading and Paul and Silas are active in that role. Greece had become the center of the thinking of the Roman Empire - And we find the Word of God there – let's see what happens. God with us☺

#### *Acts 17:1-9 (NIV)*

*17 When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. 2 As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days (so three weeks worth of conversations) he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah," he said. 4 Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women. Let's look at some important things – Paul formerly, Saul, had been persecuting the new Christian church until he encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus (see Acts chapter 9). Now he has been sent to preach the Word to gentiles. Notice how he begins – in the Synagogue. He still had a heart for the Jewish people; it gave him an opportunity to connect Jesus as the Messiah, which every Jew has been waiting for; and he was able to tell them what God has been up to with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Now check the results – some Jews and a large number of God fearing gentiles and quite a few important women – Believed!!! This was a common formula and it was effective. We will dig in a little more when we finish this scripture.*

*5 But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. 6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here,<sup>7</sup> and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus."<sup>8</sup> When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. 9 Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.* This also happened often – Jealousy, change, economics, culture, politics many things hindered Paul and the message of the Good News. Think about it – much like today. Hmm... lets dig in this a little more in the first book to the Thessalonians written by Paul.

### *1 Thessalonians 1 (NIV)*

**1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.** (something amazing happened – even with that short visit by Paul, mentioned in Acts - the church developed there)

*2 We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. 3 We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.* Paul speaks of **works of faith, labors of love and endurance in the Hope of our Lord Jesus** –big stuff here. We need to think of that also.

*4 For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.* Wow, more – **Power – Holy Spirit – Faith!!!** God's love makes all the difference – in us too.

*You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, 9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.* Be 'imitators of the Lord'. Yes, that's the key. Jesus told us he came not to be served but to serve. To put others first. That's how the church works best. That's what was happening. Just like Jesus said 'by this they will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.' People are noticing – God at work – thank you Lord.

You know we are a lot like that – works of faith, labors of love, hope in the promises of God and to do that, we need the power of the Holy Spirit and the trust that God is at work in and through us.

What do you think – is God at work in us? Yes, I thank God in my prayers for all of you and the things we are doing here. I remember when I first came and people would call for help – I felt so bad saying we could not help. Now we have lots of options – pastor community fund, Under His Wings, Food co-op and pantry and of course lots of hands and feet's of Christ (you)☺ Be in prayer; be aware of needs around you; reflect on what God might wants to do with you and ask for his wisdom. Let's see what God can do in and with and through us. I've seen God heal miraculously, bring comfort and peace.... Hmmmm.... Good news. God with us. Thank you Lord!

**Let us Pray:** Lord God – gracious Father – thank you for the gift of your Son and the Holy Spirit to teach and to guide. As Paul said, you did not give us a Spirit of timidity but one of Power and Love and Self Control – thank you – that changes everything for us. What a difference it can make in people's lives. Now as we focus on your Spirit at work in our lives, help us to have ears to hear and a heart willing to follow your will in our lives. Help us be the children you want us to be. Help us to love you and love others. We lift up the healthcare workers – keep them safe. We lift those who have the virus – heal them. We lift up the researchers – may you give them wisdom to find a cure and vaccine quickly. We lift up our leaders – grant them wisdom to deal with this for the good of all they serve. Help us be conscious of care for ourselves so that we can care safely for others around us. Help those who are at a higher risk to be safe but to reach out to our larger family so that we can serve them. We thank you Lord for all that you have done and are doing. Praise and blessing to you – in Jesus name we pray and all God's children said.... Amen.

**BLESSING: Sending message from St. Teresa of Avila**

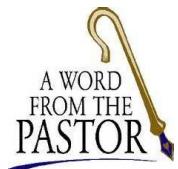
**"Christ has no body now, but ours. No hands, no feet on earth, but ours. Ours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Ours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Ours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world." † AMEN.**

**Go in the peace and love of our Lord.**

**Verse of the Month for May**

**"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid,  
but gives us power, love and self-discipline."**

**2 Timothy 1:7**



## Putting a Positive Spin on Things: How I'm coping with Covid-19 by Valerie Robert

After a visit to an acute care clinic in early March for something unrelated to Covid-19, I asked the doctor point blank, “Am I at high risk for getting Covid-19?”

All of the news reports at that time were saying that only people with underlying health conditions, or the elderly, needed to be concerned. I had recently been joking with my adult children about whether or not I would be considered elderly.

“They don’t mean me! I’m only 63 for crying out loud!”

“We-ll . . .” my son, responded.

Then my daughter-in-law casually mentioned that our local grocery store offered online shopping with curbside pick-up.

“I’m not ready to start quarantining just yet!” I snapped.

Still, there was the fact that I had been diagnosed with Diabetes about seven years ago. *But surely, that didn’t put me at increased risk? After all, it is very well controlled,* I mused.

But a little seed of doubt had been planted. I started having trouble getting to sleep at night. Then I began waking up just before dawn some mornings, my thoughts churning about the virus and my plans for the day. As hard as I tried, I couldn’t turn them off, and when I awoke, I felt hung over; all my plans for the day had quickly evaporated.

I finally decided it was time to get some professional advice. Hence, my question that day in the doctor’s office . . .

“Well you are definitely at higher risk if you contract the virus. You’re over 60, and you’re diabetic. My advice is—just don’t get it!”

*What in the heck did that mean?* But after more consideration, I realized I should do everything I could to avoid putting myself in potentially risky situations. What did I really **need** to do? I could order groceries on-line, as my daughter-in-law had suggested. Since all schools were closed I would no longer be going to work. My primary responsibility seemed clear to me now—practice self-care by staying home and eliminating my risk of contracting the virus, and keeping others safe. The one thing I really needed to focus on was managing my mental health by avoiding depression. To do that, I needed to establish a daily routine for myself.

First, I’d make sure to get outside every day for a walk or a bike ride. I could also start preparing flower beds or raking up last year’s leftover leaves.

Second, maintain my social contacts through the use of technology. I started setting up some telephone conferences with friends. From there we branched out into Zoom meetings. It took stretching our non-tech-savvy muscles, but our persistence paid off!

In addition, I texted everyone in my address book. I connected with several childhood friends who I normally only correspond with through Christmas cards. And I made a commitment to make at least one telephone call each day, to either one of my children, grandchildren or close friends to replace our face-to-face time.

Finally, I realized I needed to nourish my spirit as well. I made sure to read a spiritually-based daily reader each morning, as well as the sermons my pastor emails each week. And I started meditating using an app on my phone. It’s a great help when I’m having difficulty sleeping, first thing in the morning, or any time during the day when I’m feeling out-of-sorts.

All of these things have made an enormous difference in the way I’ve been handling the decision to stay at home for the past month. I remind myself that I have made the choice to stay home. The disease is not in charge of my life—I am.

I look at this time in my life as a time to slow down and take stock of where I am at this moment. What do I get to do with this unique time in my life? For me, one of the answers has been to resume writing. For another, it’s a chance to reach out to others who may be struggling, and to band together for strength. It’s a time to count my blessings, to catch up on the little projects I never find time for. Out of every trial I’ve faced in life, there has always been good that resulted. I believe that, upon reflection, great good will come out of this crisis, too.

## God on the Mountain

Like is easy when you're up on the mountain  
and you've got peace of mind like you've  
never know.

But when things change and you're down in  
the valley,  
Don't lose faith for you're never alone.

And the God of the mountain  
is still God in the valley,  
When things go wrong, He'll make them  
right;  
And the God in the good times  
is still the God in the bad times.  
The God of the day is still God of the night.

We talk of faith when we're up on the  
mountain,  
but talk comes easy when life's at its best  
But in the valley of trials and temptations,  
that's when faith is really put to the test.

And the God of the mountain  
is still God in the valley,  
When things go wrong,  
He'll make them right;  
And the God in the good times  
is still the God in the bad times.  
The God of the day is still God of the night.

**Be joyful always,  
Pray continually,  
Give thanks in all  
circumstances for  
this is God's will for  
you in Christ Jesus.**

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

## Helping Our Community

### ► Under His Wings Baby Pantry:

Located at Under His Wings  
Always needs diapers, Size 3, 4, 5, & 6  
Baby shampoo, lotion and wash.

### ► Under His Wings Thrift Shop:

511 Main St.  
Hours: 10-5:00 pm Tues.-Fri  
10-3:00 pm Sat

## Please pray for:

Caren Apprich	Jason Knott
Bill Bade	Virginia Manning
Dori Brich	Donna McClean
Bertha Black	Norman Rishel
O.C. Coleman	Sheila Sach
Jan Conley	Russ Sederburg
Nancy Conley	Ron Thorson
Glenn Crockett	Kathy Todd
Barb Culbertson	Grace Zimmerer
Mary & Ted Dalhberg	Alan
Ebbie Gehrke	Chris
Bill Grunewald	Mary C.
Sandy Ham	Carol
Harley Hein	Joan

## **Prayer for those serving in the military and law enforcement:**

Justin Bartlett, Marines  
Meshack Casey, Army  
Cory Clines, Air Force  
Alex Houchin, Navy  
Sean Gardner, Law Enforcement  
Kyle Hefner, Air Force  
Regan Hefner, Air Force  
Mason Jensen, Navy  
Calvin Johnson, Air Force  
Rachel Mildenhall, Marines  
Scott Nelson, Army  
Tyler Nielson, Navy  
Nick Richards, Law Enforcement  
Steven Richards, Army  
Travis Roeder, Air Force  
Brent Wiese, Army  
Craig Wylie, Law Enforcement  
Sandra Wylie, Law Enforcement  
Jennifer Zeitler and Marcus Hough, Air Force



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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

Author: Rebekah Nolt

Where the omnipresence of God cannot find you,  
Where the miracles of God cannot be done for you,  
Where the Word of God cannot feed you,  
Where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears,  
The will of God will never take you,  
  
Where the authority of God cannot overrule for you,  
Where the peace of God cannot calm your fears,  
Where the mercies of God cannot sustain you,  
Where the love of God cannot enfold you,  
The will of God will never take you,  
  
Where the hands of God cannot mold you,  
Where the army of God cannot protect you,  
Where the wisdom of God cannot teach you,  
Where the spirit of God cannot work through you,  
The will of God will never take you,

Where the power of God cannot endow you,  
Where the riches of God cannot supply your needs,  
Where the arms of God cannot support you,  
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