



the Voice

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From the Pastor

If You Just Want to be Left Alone... (The Book of Ruth 1: 1-18)

Sometimes, you are hurting so badly emotionally that you just want to be left alone. You may even succeed in isolating yourself. Perhaps you don't want to talk about it, answer questions or accept sympathy. In the bible, (the book of Ruth) Naomi, in her grief, tries to push her 2 daughters-in-law away. One of them, Ruth, ministers to Naomi with great faithfulness. Ruth simply won't leave Naomi alone; she's made up her mind and that's that; Naomi has been "out-stubborned."

In a word, the BOOK OF RUTH is a story about God's HESED-- a Hebrew word that translates "steadfast love" or "covenant mercy". Hesed is that part of God's nature that keeps God faithful to the covenants with humans, even when we are unfaithful. Ruth is a very clear picture of what Hesed looks like. In the face of death, the destruction of home and the loss of hope, Ruth's steadfast insistence that she and Naomi were going to live together, worship God together, and be a family, are embodiments of God's steadfast love. God, who loves us without respect to whether we deserve

or, even want to be loved, in this story is most like the Moabite widow (Ruth) who told her mother-in-law that she might as well give up on sending her away.

Thanks be to God for God's Hesed-- God's steadfast love that keeps God with us, even when we want to be alone; and thanks be to God for friends and family as stubbornly loving as Ruth. (excerpts from a sermon of Richard Vinson)

May we be grateful for God's covenant with us and with Hosanna.

In Christ,
Pastor Ann Marie



Continuing Prayers of Concern:

Many suffer ongoing challenges to life and health. Please keep these names near at your times of prayer and hold them before God who knows our every need: Nancy Althoff, Rhonda Parker, Ron Holtz, Lorraine Newland, Judy Parker, Cary Jenkins, Anna Stewart, Alex Newberry, Denise Padley, Kyle Baker, Linda Rodichok, John Tabor, Cindy Baptiste, Patricia Kirkpatrick, Mark Redick, Don Smith, Charlene Williamson, Bob Campbell, Dorothy Clayton, and, all those who continue to suffer from illness.

For all those who risk their lives for the sake of freedom from oppression, especially men and women in uniform.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

9 AM Traditional Worship
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Shut-ins

Mary Bauerle, Irene Krafft, Harry Siebert, Ruth Wood.



Congratulations to Keirah Madison Kennedy on her Baptism on June 28th. Keirah is the daughter of Sean & Sarah Kennedy and has one two-year old brother, Liam. May God Bless Keirah, as well as her entire family.

Deaths

Betty F. Stockdale passed away on June 24, 2009. She is survived by her husband, John Stockdale, her daughters, Lynn (Larry) Robinette, Beverly (Kevin) Londergan and Rebecca Stockdale, her son, John F. (Patsy) Stockdale, her sister, Ida Leffler, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Arthur & Bertha (Heizer) Fleming and her daughter, Deborah Stockdale Wheeler and her brothers, Bill and Kenneth Fleming. May the Perpetual Light shine upon her and may her family and friends find peace and consolation.

CONTACTING YOUR PASTORS

We wish to serve Christ by being available when you or someone you love would benefit from conversation with a pastor. It may be for a hospital or home visit, an unexpected crisis, support through an on going struggle or, a wedding or, baptism.

Since we work in and out of the office, we need your help. **Please contact us** when you desire a visit or phone call.

Telephone is the best way to reach us. Please avoid emails regarding visits. We rarely check email over the weekend. If a hospital visit is desired, please say so, and indicate the when and where.

1. **Monday-Friday** between 8:30 AM & 3 PM call the office at 927-3548. Mary will direct the call to us. Pr. Ann Marie's day off is Friday. Pr. Wayne is off Monday.

2. If you are unable to reach us during office hours, phone us at home. (We'd appreciate a silent phone from 5 – 7:00 for dinner; excepting an emergency, of course.)

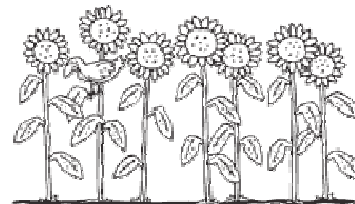
Pastor Wayne: **927-8747**
Pastor Ann Marie: **927-8448**

3. **If we aren't home, and a message cannot be left**, call our cell phones; our voice mail will pick up your request.

Pastor Wayne: **614-352-8368**
Pastor Ann Marie: **740-973-9245**

If your call is an emergency and the pastor you phoned is not in, please phone the other.

Thank you for helping us be aware of visitation needs. God bless our ministry together. Pastors Wayne and Ann Marie



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• **The Newsletter Deadline** is the third Sunday
• of each month. **The FYI Sunday**
• **Announcement Page Deadline** is
• Wednesday by Noon. Please email your
• articles to: office@hosanna-lutheran.org
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Money Matters and Figures

Approved Operating Budget for 2009: \$ 387,932.00

We must average approximately \$7,460.24 per week in offerings to meet our 'weekly' budgeted amount. Thru June 2009, we have had 26 Sundays, which means we should have received \$193,966.20 in offerings; we have received \$183,168.87; we are behind by \$10,797.33.

Hosanna's financial operating position through June 30, 2009 is as follows:

Total Operating Income in June: \$ 27,856.72
Total Operating Expenses for June: \$ 33,287.34
June deficit: (\$ 5,430.62)

Year To Date (YTD) Operating Income thru 06/30- \$ 175,605.89
YTD Operating Expenses Paid thru 06/30- \$ 183,168.87
2009 YTD Deficit (\$ 7,562.98)

Using the carryover overage from 2008: \$ 7,183.75
to our 2009 YTD deficit of: (\$ 7,562.98)
Total deficit is: (\$ 379.23)

Hosanna paid Second Quarter Benevolence of \$3,430.01 to ELCA.

School's out for the summer, but the workings of the Church still goes on. Thoughts are turning to vacation and relaxation time. Let's not let our Church offerings suffer as we go on vacation. This is a great time to consider electronic giving: so you have no worry about being late or short on your Church offerings. We are already experiencing a short-giving on our offerings; and we are half-way through summer!

Thank you.
Mary Seal, Treasurer

Hosanna's Calendar of Events is online at www.hosanna-lutheran.org Scroll to Resources and double-left click.



Kroger will share profits with Hosanna. If you shop at Kroger and sign up for their rewards program, name Hosanna as your nonprofit choice. A percentage of your expenditures comes back to Hosanna, up to \$200,000 per year. Go to www.kroger.com and follow the directions to sign up online and then you will be able to register your purchases for Hosanna Lutheran Church. Hosanna's NPO number is 84092. If you have difficulty signing up, please call Mary at the Church Office for assistance 927-3548. You may also use the a bar code. Stop into the office and pick up a copy of our bar code. Then, take your Kroger rewards card and this bar code to Customer Service and they can link your purchases to Hosanna. You only have to do this ONE time!

YOUTH NEWS



Kids' Klub will resume in October. Contact Melissa Fettrow with any questions kidsklub@hosanna-lutheran.org or 740-739-2257.

Are you "Super" Material? We are looking for a Sunday School Superintendent for the 2009/2010 school year. If you think you may be interested in serving God in this manner, please let Angela Newland or Ed Roach know of your interest.



Preschool Enrollment...

Open enrollment for preschool and pre-k classes for Hosanna Lutheran Childhood Center continues. Please stop by the HLCC office or, contact Jenifer at 964-6333 or via email at

info@hlccpreschool.org for more information.



ALTAR GUILD... Altar Guild would welcome all those who would like to assist us in making our congregation experience more meaningful. Our duties consist of being responsible each week for the care of the Sanctuary which includes the paraments, linens, communion ware and all other items needed or used during our worship services. Each member serves six to eight times a year. Other areas to serve would be to assist in the making and maintaining paraments and linens or creating seasonal banners or preparing communion Sunday mornings. Please contact Terrie Baker at 927-6562 or, Rini Terry at 927-8806 for further information.

Altar Guild will **NOT** meet in August.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY®**

Summer Greetings,

Your Stephen Ministry team members hope you are enjoying the respite of the cold winter days through this spectacular summer weather.

We ask that you take a moment to pray for one of our Stephen Ministers, Rita Beach, as she will be attending the leadership training program the first week of August.

Rita, will be commissioned the 9th of August. We are looking forward to her leadership skills and her desire to serve Hosanna as a Stephen Leader.

Blessings from your Stephen Ministry team, Pastor Ann Marie, Lori Starn, Darlene A. Gillenwater, and the Care Committee



**KNIT AND CROCHET AT
HOSANNA...**

Please mark your calendars for Monday, August 17th at 7:30 PM. We make blankets for Project Linus of Central Ohio, which provides security blankets for sick or needy children and gives them to many local organizations and hospitals. We also continue to knit full size prayer shawls and mini-shawls for the Stephen's Ministers to give to care receivers. The mini-shawls should be about 4" by 5" and rectangular or square in shape. A tassel is a nice addition to give them something to hold onto while they pray. All shawls can be made with any yarn and any pattern. Patterns for all of the above projects are available from Liz on request. Yarn is also available on request. Everyone is welcome to our meetings! Please contact Liz Ellis at 740-964-6007 or by e-mail at elizabeth_d_ellis@yahoo.com for more information or, see our brochure in the Welcome Center in the Narthex.



MORNINGSTAR BIBLE STUDY

Morningstar bible study will NOT meet in Aug. Booklet 27 is available for \$6.00 from Darlene Butler. We'll continue our study of Paul's letter to the Corinthians: "Problems and Consequences of Carnal Believers" on Sept. 17th at 10 AM at Judy Taylor's home.



HOSANNA PIECEMAKERS

We continue to tie quilts at Hosanna House for Lutheran World Relief and SE OH: Appalachia Project. Bring scissors and a sack lunch and join us on August 13th and 27th at 10 AM. You are welcome to cut blocks, tie quilts, and sew blocks together at any time.

Continue to bring wrapped bars of soap (bath size preferred) and put them in the box in the hallway off the narthex. Our pick up date for Central Ohio to ship to LWR is the first week in October.

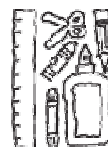
If you have any questions, please call Darlene Butler at 964-1411.

HELP WANTED - LSS FOOD PANTRY

The Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry needs 4-6 volunteers on August 13, 2009 between the hours of 10 AM -- 3 PM. Volunteers will walk along with recipients of food to make sure they receive all the items that are allotted them at the Food Pantry. The clients choose, pack and transport their own groceries. No heavy lifting is involved for the volunteers.

The Food Pantry is located near Champion and Frebis Avenues in SE Columbus. Directions and a map will be available.

Please consider volunteering for this one day for five hours at the Food Pantry. Contact Bobbi Dopslaf at 614 861-4313 to schedule or, for further information.



**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES
NEEDED**

The red **BACK** to **SCHOOL** **SUPPLIES BOX** is

located in the Narthex. This year school will be

starting earlier in August than last year. In the past, the Hosanna community has been extremely supportive in providing the much needed school supplies. Once again, there is a need for backpacks, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, markers and colored pencils. We still have an abundant supply of notebook filler paper and one-subject theme notebooks; so, there is no need to purchase those two items for this year's collection.

Thanks for Caring and Sharing



Hosanna Red Hat Honeys...

The Red Hat Honeys will not meet in August. The next outing will be on September 19th with a trip to the Country Living Fair to be held at the Ohio Village. We will be leaving Hosanna at 9:30 AM.

There will be a charge of \$12.00 per person at the door. If you have any questions, please call Karen Schwartz at 740-964-0324.

CARE Corner - Faith on 8th

Our next date to serve in 2009 is September 6th. We are looking for volunteers to cook meatloaves to be heated at the church, donate bread, cookies or gallons of milk, and to serve the meal at the shelter downtown. Sign-up sheets will be posted starting Sunday, August 2nd. Please help us to provide a hot meal to people who are working toward becoming productive, independent citizens in the community.

Prayer Chain...since the office has moved to Hosanna House and the bulletin board in the old Office will not be available, we have changed the procedure to add someone to the Prayer Chain. There are prayer request cards available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Simply fill out the card and drop it in the Offering and your request will be added to the Prayer Chain.

LutheranWoman
TODAY

will meet Wednesday, August 12th at 10 AM at the home of Jane Starn (31 Jefferson Ct., Pataskala). The last of the summer series is entitled "Mary Among the Disciples". We will discuss characteristics of a capable woman and seasons of our lives, both personally and in our church relationship. Please join us for study, fellowship and lunch afterwards at the Nutcracker.

Facility & Maintenance...We have three out buildings on the Hosanna House property that have been gravely neglected. It is necessary to make an in-depth assessment of their condition. We then need to prioritize the repairs needed to repair them and stabilize these out buildings. I hope to form a special committee to make recommendations to the Church Council for consideration and budget planning for next year. I would like to have at least five members to volunteer for this committee. If you are interested in being on this committee, please leave your name and phone number in my mailbox.

Thank you for your consideration and support.
Fred Kaufman, Facility Committee Chairman

Stories of Faith in Action 2009

Why We Give

In my own study of the scripture and in my own life with God, I have discovered that **giving can be both a "duty" and a "delight"**. First, I feel a certain obligation to give to this church since I am a part of that particular community and benefit from its ministry. The Bible says that *we should each give according to our means and do our "fair share" to support the congregation (2 Corinthians 8:3, 11-13)*. But, that is the "duty" part. **The "delight" comes in giving as a grateful response to God's grace.** So, I give to this church as a way of expressing my love for God, of touching God's heart with my own. This brings me incredible joy.

Together, duty and delight represent the conscious motivations for my giving, but if we go deeper, I think the real reason I give has little to do with me. It is the work of the Holy Spirit and a result of the transformation that God has worked within me. Left to my own devices, I would be too selfish to ever give anything to anyone. But, I have become a new creature in Christ Jesus (2 *Corinthians 5:17*). He lives in me (*Galations 5:22-23*). Simply put, I think that we give because the goodness of God takes hold of us and makes us into more generous and loving people than we would ever be otherwise.

—The Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell



August 2 nd	In Memory of Robbie Sheets and Suzy Kessler by Lillian Meade.
August 9 th	In Celebration of Tony & Jane Starn's 16 th Wedding Anniversary.
August 16 th	In Celebration of Scott & Jackie Taylor's 20 th Wedding Anniversary.
August 23 rd	In Celebration of Bob & Jutta Lochmeyer's 39 th Wedding Anniversary.
August 30 th	In Celebration of Don & Diane Kristoff's 16 th Wedding Anniversary.



August	1	Ron Reliford
	1	Tim Stewart
	2	Darlene Butler
	2	Darla Spring
	2	Ryan Bulderbergs
	3	Nicole Wilkinson
	4	Sharon Jackson
	4	Kathryn Pugh
	5	Mackenzie Linihan
	6	Bret Jimison
	6	Joey Rich
	6	Taylor Alfred
	7	Rachel Bulderbergs
	7	Parker Eastham
	8	Becky Stephens
	8	Matthew Connor
	9	Harry Siebert
	9	Keith Buzzard
	9	Dana Wood
	10	Eloise Kagey
	11	Irene Krafft
	11	Linda Rodichok
	11	Joe Stemen
	11	Chad Mauger
	11	Katie Beach
	12	Brenda Branham
	13	Kirsten Gwilym
	13	Dylan Gwilym
	15	Scott Taylor
	16	Eva Petty
	16	Tamar Truett
	17	Jeri Hockstok
	17	Donna Compton
	17	Karen Hahn
	18	Nicole Jackson
	19	Cari Compton
	19	Cathi Compton
	20	Charles Hegenberger
	20	Ed Taylor
	21	Judd Whelan
	21	Debbie Snider
	21	Peter Shearer
	21	Brandon Morris
	22	Jason Thatcher
	22	Fred Thatcher
	23	Karl Von Ahn
	24	Donna Ruark

August	24	Jennifer Haag
	24	Tanner Mull
	24	Tommy Hoskinson
	25	Don Leiter
	25	John Mathias
	25	Andrew Eckman
	26	Terri Wilson
	28	Pat Crawford
	28	Mike Hiscar
	30	Julie Weinzierl
	30	Jimmie Hahn
	30	Vicki Hoskinson
	30	Michelle Faust
	30	Justin Cox
	31	Bianca Krebs



August	3	Frank & Debbie McCathran 41 Years
August	3	Denny & Julie Weinzierl 13 Years
August	4	Frank & Pat Crawford 47 Years
August	5	Bill & Bobbie Cady 37 Years
August	6	Rudolf & Mary Ann Wiegerig 49 Years
August	12	Dan & Nancy Sander 53 Years
August	12	Scott & Jackie Taylor 20 Years
August	12	Tony & Jane Starn 16 Years
August	16	Tom & Nancy Dickerson 40 Years
August	21	Mark & Angela Newland 10 Years
August	24	Jack & Brenda Branham 46 Years
August	26	Rodney & Donna Ruark 31 Years
August	26	Jay & Jennifer Morris
August	27	Howard & Bernie Siegesmund 49 Years
August	27	Fred & Saunnie Stowers 48 Years
August	29	Bob & Jutta Lochmeyer 39 Years
August	29	Jim & Beth Eckman 11 Years
August	29	Don & Diane Kristoff 11 Years
August	31	Erv & Bonnie Babbert 57 Years

SCRIPTURE READINGS AUGUST 2009

8/1/2009	Psalms 111	God gives food
8/2/2009	John 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life
8/3/2009	Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32	God sends quail
8/4/2009	Deuteronomy 8:1-20	You will eat your fill
8/5/2009	Mark 8:1-10	Jesus feeds the 4000
8/6/2009	Isaiah 55:1-9	Come and eat
8/7/2009	Ephesians 4:17-24	The new life
8/8/2009	Psalms 107:1-3, 33-43	God feeds the hungry
8/9/2009	John 6:35, 41-51	Christ, the bread of life
8/10/2009	1 Kings 17:1-16	God feeds the widow of Zarephath
8/11/2009	Ruth 2:1-23	Ruth gleanes in Boaz's fields
8/12/2009	John 6:35-40	Doing God's will
8/13/2009	Jeremiah 31:1-6	God promises fruitful vineyards
8/14/2009	Ephesians 5:1-14	Fruits of the light
8/15/2009	Psalms 81	God will feed us
8/16/2009	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink
8/17/2009	Genesis 43:1-15	Joseph's brothers need food
8/18/2009	Genesis 45:1-15	Joseph provides food
8/19/2009	Mark 8:14-21	Jesus teaches about bread
8/20/2009	Genesis 47:13-26	Famine even in Egypt
8/21/2009	Acts 6:1-7	Deacons chosen to distribute food
8/22/2009	Psalms 36	God saves humans and animals alike
8/23/2009	John 6:56-69	The bread of eternal life
8/24/2009	Nehemiah 9:1-15	Nehemiah praises God's care of the people
8/25/2009	Nehemiah 9:16-31	Nehemiah confesses the people's sin
8/26/2009	John 15:16-25	Keeping God's word
8/27/2009	Isaiah 33:10-16	The righteous will eat
8/28/2009	Ephesians 5:21—6:9	A household code
8/29/2009	Psalms 119:97-104	God's word is sweet
8/30/2009	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Authentic religion
8/31/2009	Exodus 32:1-14	The Israelites make themselves a god

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