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Dear Hosanna,

We are nothing without you, without one another, and without God. This letter is meant to help you see more clearly what we're doing together, inspire excitement for our ministry, invite you to continued and joyful generosity, and express our deep gratitude for your partnership in faith and life.

## Hosanna! touches lives . . .

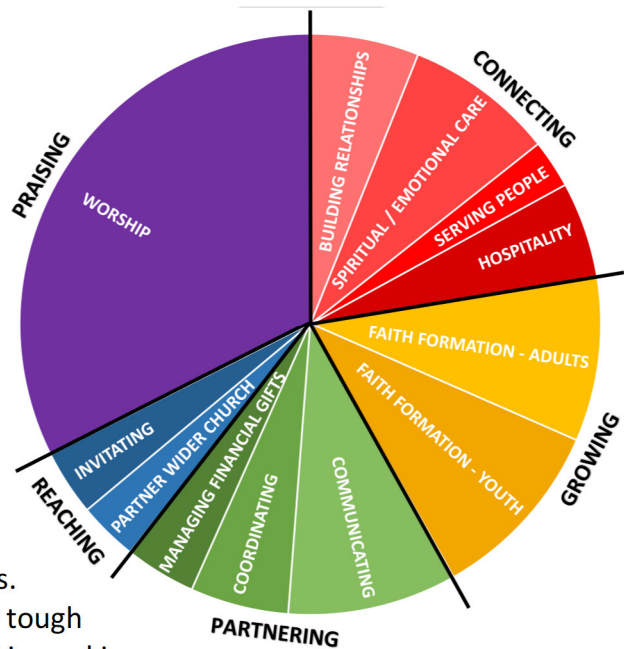
God has called us to value people, feed them, and empower them for daily life.

Taking into account our staff, building, supplies, and other expenses, this pie chart represents what our investments in ministry accomplish. Behind the pretty colors and the pie slices are people you know and people you don't know who have been impacted by Hosanna's ministry. How has it touched you this year?

When people visit us, they feel the joy we share. They see kids (and adults) valued for who they are and being part of something bigger than themselves. We have supported each other through some really tough times, but also celebrated a lot of happy things God is working



in each of us. We've navigated the challenging time we're living through, sharing stories of faith that give us hope in God's action. Whether we're serving in person or supporting important causes, we're sharing the love of God with blankets, food, daily necessities, safety at home, and much more. We've also found our building to be a safe and nourishing space for kids in daycare to learn and grow.



## Thank you for your contributions so far in 2023 . . .

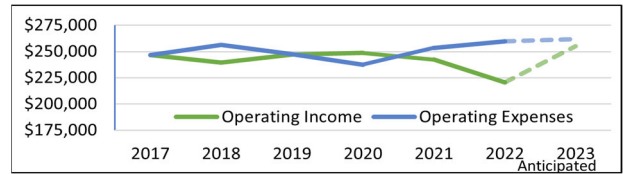
We truly appreciate all you have given to God's work with and through Hosanna!--your time, finances, talents and passions, and most importantly, your relationship. Because of your generosity and that of others, we have given **more** than we expected this year. That faith in our mission has kept us afloat.

**We've enclosed a statement listing your gifts through October.** It's based on gifts via check, envelope, or electronic means. If we're missing something, call the church office at 816-781-7991. *If no statement is enclosed, your gifts were anonymous and we're unable to keep a record for you.*

Only 49.6% of American households contribute to charitable causes. You are part of something different. **We fund this ministry to investment in people.** Because they are important to you, your gifts are impacting lives and creating a more joyful, grace-filled world.

## Our financial picture . . .

Like everything else, our costs go up each year. We've regrown our giving, but it's tough to keep up.



We budgeted a \$45,000 deficit, but **we've spent less, people have given more, and we've been boosted by daycare rent.** We do have a \$6,000 deficit, but it's *much* smaller than we budgeted!

INCOME: Jan-Oct. Budgeted = \$186,892	Nov-Dec Budget	Deficit Budgeted
EXPENSES: Jan-Oct. Budgeted = \$225,723		Nov-Dec. Budget
INCOME: Jan-Oct. Actual = \$212,593	Daycare Rent --	Nov-Dec. Anticipated
EXPENSES: Jan-Oct. Actual = \$218,292		Nov-Dec. Anticipated

We've been able to manage a deficit for a while due to savings, but our undesignated operating funds are nearly gone. We haven't had to dip into any reserve funds yet, but it has been close.

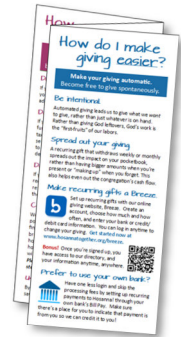
**We can still close the gap in our budget by the end of the year.**

- If you haven't been able to give as much as you would have liked, see if you can give a catch-up gift or increase your giving the final two months of the year.
- If your financial resources are strong this year, please consider a booster gift.

## There are so many ways to support our ministry . . .

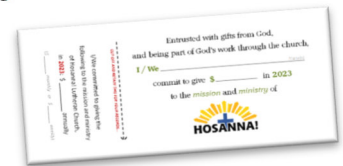
**Writing a check isn't the only way to support God's work through Hosanna!**

Take a look at the enclosed pamphlet for tips on how much to give, automatic giving, reducing tax liability through donations, planned gifts, other ways to support our ministry, and giving beyond Hosanna!



## Make a financial commitment for 2024 by December 3 . . .

- 1) **Make your pledge online right now** at [www.hosannatogether.org/pledge](http://www.hosannatogether.org/pledge). **OR**
- 2) **Fill out the enclosed pledge card**, then place it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning or mail it to the church office.



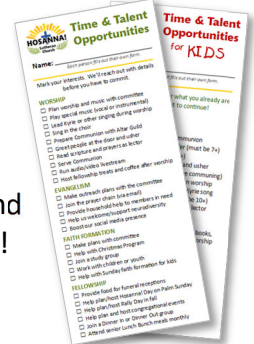
A written commitment helps us plan what we can (and can't) do together in the next year, and it helps *you* plan how you want to be part of it.

We invite you to consider increasing your financial gifts next year to help us keep up with rising expenses and tend to some investments we've deferred because of tight finances.

*Don't forget to adjust automatic recurring gifts to match your pledge!*

## Commit your passion and service . . .

**How would you like to serve with us in 2024?** Fill out the enclosed survey or respond now at [www.hosannatogether.org/pledge](http://www.hosannatogether.org/pledge). See if you can find something new to try!



## Thank you for your generosity . . .

God is good, and God has work to do through and among us. Thank you for your faith in our ministry and our future together. You and your gifts make a difference.

*Pastor Mike Ken*