

## **Hosanna Lutheran Church Facilities Use Policy**

All of the premises and facilities of Hosanna Lutheran Church are gifts from God, created through the sacrificial giving of past and current members and therefore entrusted to this congregation for use in its ministry. Although our premises and facilities are not generally open to the public, we do from time to time permit use of our premises and facilities by non-members, and by individual members for events not sponsored by the congregation, when that use is consistent with our mission and beliefs and for the purpose of demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ in practice.

“By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.” 1 John 3:16-18

Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord, our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord you God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:29-31

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:35

For that reason, any and all uses of this congregation’s premises and facilities must be consistent with, or not inconsistent with, the confession of faith, teachings and practices of this congregation and of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ and LCMC Augustana District as found in Holy scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, and the constitutions, bylaws, teaching statements, continuing resolutions and other policy and practice statements of this congregation and of the LCMC and Augustana District LCMC. Any such proposed use shall be evaluated both on the basis of the proposed use and on the basis of the nature, mission and beliefs of the organization, if any, which proposes to sponsor or be responsible for such use.

The pastor(s), in consultation with the congregation council, are the final arbiters on questions of whether a particular proposed use of this congregation’s premises and facilities is consistent with the congregation’s confession of faith, teachings and practices.