

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here!

WHAT TO EXPECT

60-65 min. Worship
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GUEST SERVICES

Stop by Guest Services.

Volunteers and staff are available before and after all services to assist you!

If you are new, pick up a **GUEST GUIDE** for a quick overview of Hosanna!

PRAYER REQUESTS

• Prayer Room: Stop in anytime to receive prayer from trained prayer ministers

• Email: prayer@hosannalc.org

• Text: 651.252.1779 (1PRY)

FINDING A SAFE PLACE

Have a Story? We'd love to hear it! hosannalc.org/stories



Ericka and Partrick Byer with their Safe Families child Lucy

AT ERICKA'S ROUTINE 24-WEEK CHECK UP, HOWEVER, THEY RECEIVED THE DEVASTATING NEWS

Ericka and Patrick Byer, married just 2 years, were elated to find out they were pregnant.

As soon as they learned they were expecting a little girl, they named her Kylie Ryann. At Ericka's routine 24-week check up, however, they received the devastating news that their baby girl no longer had a heartbeat. Ericka was induced the next day and Kylie was born "an angel on this earth" on April 30, 2015.

The grief was crushing and tangible, but so was God's presence. Ericka explains, "We have never felt the presence of God the way He was present in our delivery room... It's indescribable... Over and over in my head I prayed, 'Holy Spirit, You are

welcome here." They played a song with those lyrics and took comfort in Psalm 29:11 "The Lord gives strength to His people, The Lord blesses His people with peace."

Going home without Kylie, they began navigating the path of grief, feeling as if their world had stopped. God sustained them as their rock, their strength, and their safe place.

A safe place was in turn what Ericka and Patrick had provided to several children through Safe Families—a Hosanna! partner ministry committed to providing short-term care for children whose family is experiencing personal crisis. They were introduced to Safe Families in October of 2014 while their neighbor hosted a toddler. Intrigued, they began helping out with the little girl whenever they could and a short time later began hosting children in their home on weekends. God had instilled in them His heart for

children in difficult situations beyond their understanding and through no fault of their own.

After Kylie passed away, the couple took a short break from Safe Families. But God, having been their safe place, gave them the strength and a calling to again provide a safe place for children. First an energetic 5-year-old boy who restored joy in the house and after a few months of prayerful consideration, a longer term placement came in a precious little girl named Lucy.

Their story isn't over. Ericka and Patrick continue to be in a season of waiting for another pregnancy. It's not always easy but they remember Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

To learn more about Safe Families go to: safefamiliesmn.org or click on the link under the IMPACT tab under Local on Hosanna's website.



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SERMON NOTES | Week 2- Our Response January 30 & 31

Just Love

Poor. Abandoned. Trafficked. Homeless. Lonely. Oppressed. Persecuted. Hungry. Bombarded by countless stories of people in need, we can become indifferent, unresponsive, numb. Yet our passionate God longs to bring love and justice to the world—through us. In this series, our collective prayer will be: “God, break our hearts for what breaks Yours. Lead us to **“just love.”**”

ACTS 3:4-6 (P. 655)

Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, “Look at us!” The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, “I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!”

“Break our hearts for what breaks yours, God.”

HOW WILL YOU EXTEND GOD’S **JUST LOVE** TOWARDS WHAT BREAKS YOUR HEART?

Please print your answer again on the tear off tag below, place it in the baskets as you leave, and we will incorporate it into next weekend’s services.

THIS WEEK’S QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

1. What prevents you from loving justly? Are you more the type of person who becomes numb to the needs of the world around you or do you become overwhelmed by trying to do it all?
2. What breaks your heart? What might be some first steps to take toward meeting the needs in this area?
3. How does recognizing our own need help us meet the needs of others?
4. If God wants to be known as a father to the fatherless, the defender of the oppressed, the healer of the hurting, how can you begin to introduce Him this way to the world around you?