

Grace to you and peace,

Last month I wrote a little article about a book I was reading called "What is the Bible?" One thing led to another and this is the theme for our 2017 Hosanna Spiritual growth campaign. I am eager for us as a congregation to think about the way we think about Holy Scripture. Sometimes we hold on to perceptions that may not be accurate about scripture or life or the world around us without actually spending the time and energy to really find out how things work.

Starting in August, we will focus on the Bible in small groups, in the worship service and on our social media. I would encourage you all to invite your unchurched friends and neighbors to participate in conversations about scripture, and as always, invite them to join you in worship and Hosanna activities.

On August 13, we will be blessing backpacks of the students in our congregation and highlighting the many small groups in our midst. Emily will be sharing milestones with our youth and their friends at worship that day. I will be lifting up our small group ministries as well. You are encouraged to find a creative way to show-off your small group. Maybe you want to all dress the same? Maybe you want to bring a banner or a flyer?. After the service, I will invite groups to gather together and hopefully, add a few new small group members. That evening YOUTH NIGHT begins with a celebration of Christian education that will include song and hot dogs, because songs and hot dogs and Christian education somehow go together. LOL!

On the 20<sup>th</sup> we will kick off our "What is the Bible" spiritual growth campaign. There will be small group discussion questions available for anyone who is interested. We will be highlighting the themes of the book in our worship time and I will be writing some articles for us to share with each other and our friends on social media. There is lots going on. I am looking forward to August and all it has to offer.

Blessings and I'll see you on Sunday,  
Pastor Jay



A newsletter for members & friends of  
**Hosanna Lutheran Church**  
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Rev. Jay Grave - Senior Pastor  
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Marilyn Boudreaux - Preschool Director  
Troy King - Bookkeeper  
Brian Johnson-Osborn - Director of Music at 10:30 am

## Church Calendar

- Aug 4-5 Sr High Retreat
- Aug 6 Installation of Preschool teachers  
Campshare
- Aug 8 Quilting  
Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Aug 9 DivorceCare
- Aug 10 Quilting
- Aug 13 Rally Sunday  
Celebration of Christian Education
- Aug 16 DivorceCare
- Aug 17 Quilting
- Aug 20 Sr High Leader Meeting  
Confirmation Meeting
- Aug 27 Faith Formation Team & Sunday  
School Leaders Meeting  
Adult Leader Meeting

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**CLICK ANY LINK BELOW**  
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## Rally Sunday

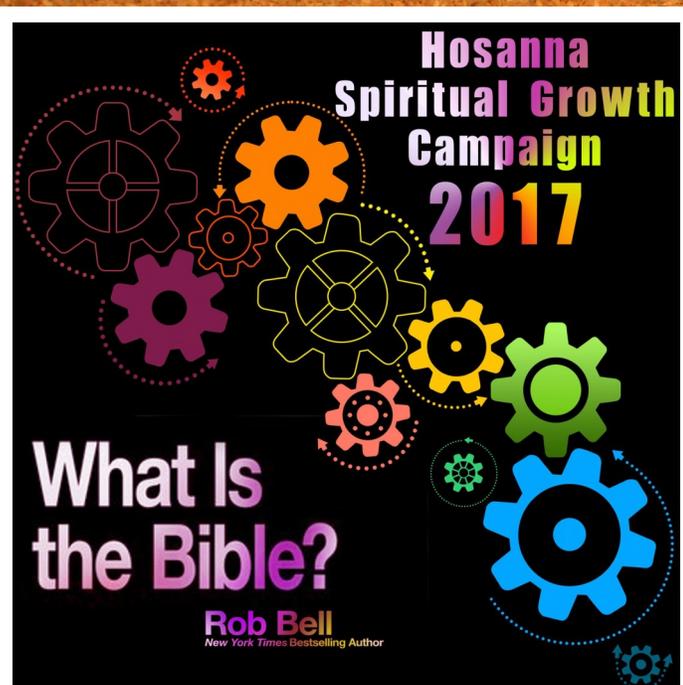
-August 13th

A celebration of Blessing of the Backpacks and Small Groups during both Sunday services. Be a friend—bring a friend!

## Celebration of Christian Education

-August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

A prayer and worship service for adults lead by Pastor Jay, Youth Night kick off, followed by dinner of hot dogs & nachos and games for youth! Please sign up at the Info Center if you will be attending or would like to help face paint or lead games.



-August 20-September 24

We will be reading Rob Bell's new book, "What is the Bible?" Pick up your copy and reading track at the Info Center on Sunday. The cost is \$15.00. Small groups will be participating in the campaign by using discussion questions from the book. Let's discover together a relevant and exciting love for reading the Bible!



Received into God's Family through Holy Baptism on June 4th  
**Eli Kenneth Grayson**, son of  
Kenny & Becky Grayson.

## Purpose Driven Focus "Ministry"

Hello Hosanna,

In less than a year, we, Hosanna, have completed many necessary steps to secure our future. We've committed to you Emily Clamser, our Youth & Family Minister, elected new Council members by our annual process, completed the call process for a new Senior Pastor, transitioned from our Interim Pastor, and now have Installed our called Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jay Grave.

Now, Hosanna, it is time to focus ourselves toward service. We've not changed as a Purpose Driven Church, but we surely have been focused on securing necessary leadership that could possibly have taken some attention and energy from our Purposes. As your Council member, I am also your liaison to our Purpose of Ministry. Hosanna runs internally and externally through service of its Ministries; namely by those who participate in many of the church's functions and offerings. This Purpose drives us to serve. Serve Hosanna. Serve our community. Taking from a recent graphic of Pastor Jay's, from Core, to Committed, to Congregation, to Crowd, to Community. Ministry is where we use our unique spiritual gifts to serve. By last count, Hosanna has more than 40 Ministries; each very unique and each very beneficial. Some that work to benefit others.

I ask that each of you plan to attend the upcoming Ministry Fair on September 17 where you may be moved and prayerfully consider to join a Ministry that can benefit from your unique spiritual gifts. Also, you may have an idea of a Ministry that does not exist, so please offer an idea. Join me, and our Ministry Team Leader, Lynne Schaeffer, and the rest of the Ministry Leaders at the Ministry Fair. If you cannot attend, but would like more information or to sign up, please contact me through the office phone number or my mailbox, or see me in person.

Blessings,  
Stephen Wetekamm

## Exploring 101

-September 10th

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of Hosanna or have completed the class and are interested in being a member please contact the church office at (985) 727-9200. We will be receiving new member on September 24th.

## Drummer needed

Hosanna is seeking a drummer for the second service SALT team. Contact church office if interested at (985) 727-9200

# Youth and Family Ministries

## Campshare

-August 6th at noon

Come see a slide show and hear campers share their experiences. A light lunch will be provided and a donation of \$2 per person would be appreciated.



## Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us on **August 13th** for the Blessing of the Backpacks. Kids will be invited to come forward for a special blessing and to receive a gift for their backpacks for the year.



Registration **August 6th & August 13th** after both services.

## Kick Off

**August 13th**  
5:30-7:30pm  
3rd-12th Grade

All participants must register to attend.  
Parents must sign registration.

## Sr High Leaders Meeting

-August 20th at 4:30pm

Those interested in being part of the leadership team for youth group and are a junior or senior please attend.

## Youth Night Menu

**August 20th**

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Italian Salad & Garlic Bread

**August 27th**

Pulled Pork Sliders, Baked beans & Coleslaw

**September 3rd**

No Youth Night

**September 10th**

Chicken Alfredo & Caesar Salad

**September 17th**

Tacos, Mexican Rice & Refried Beans

**September 24th**

Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans



## Mandatory Confirmation Meeting

-Sunday, August 20th at 5:30pm



Confirmation leaders; parents; and guardians of youth wishing to make Confirmation must attend. Come and receive all the information and expectations required for Confirmation.

## 7th Grade Confirmation Retreat

-August 25 & 26

A night of fellowship, as we discuss the qualities we seek in a mentor (authentic, available, and affirming). Please bring a snack to share and \$10.00 to cover cost. We lock-in from 6pm- 8am.

## Ski Trip

-December 26th-30th

Youth and adults interested in information about a ski trip to Winterplace, West Virginia, Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall to receive more details.



## Youth and Family Ministries (Continued)

### Faith Formation- Faith Formation Tool Box

Starting in September, join us as we introduce a new Faith Practice each month. For the month of September, we will have a Faith Tool Box! At the workshop, you will design your Family Milestone Bowl to display your milestones and use them for devotions. Your kit will contain your Home Altar Kit; a Bible lesson; Dinner Discussion Cards and a prayer cube. You will receive instructions on how to use your kit for the month to make HOME CHURCH TOO.

Each month you can join us for a new workshop and new kit. The cost of the kit is \$5.



*Groceries, Gas, Shopping and more...*

Did you know that you can order your scrip cards online too? All you do is register online at [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com) and put in the Hosanna code and our youth will receive credit from your purchases. It is that easy! Hosanna's code is 2D129L3F73L. Happy Shopping!



Our new Splash program provides support for families and provides Faith Practices which can be used in the home. Home is Church Too! Each month, a newsletter will arrive with ideas for gameplay with your child, prayers, blessings, and they are all developmentally appropriate for your child's age. If you would like your child to be a part of this program, please see contact Emily Clamser at: [emilyclamer@hosannalutheran.com](mailto:emilyclamer@hosannalutheran.com)



Please sign up quickly so we may submit for scholarships. The Gathering will be June 27th - July 1st, 2018 in Houston, TX. We need to send in Registration and Deposits in September. ELCA Youth Gathering team announced the theme of the 2018 gathering. "This Changes Everything," based on Ephesians 2:8, "By grace you have been saved..."

### Baptism

If you are interested in being baptized or having a child baptized, please call the church office to let us know.

### Seeking Adult Leaders

Are you Authentic? Youth call this being real. Are you able to affirm others, lift them up and see their gifts? Are you available on Sundays from 5:30pm-7:30pm?

If you answered yes to these questions, you have some of the gifts that we need in adult leaders for Sunday Night.

If your passion is for youth or passing on faith, or for more information; please contact our Youth & Family Minister, Emily Clamser at:

[emilyclamser@hosannalutheran.com](mailto:emilyclamser@hosannalutheran.com)

### Children's Church

There will be no Children's church for the month of August. Instead Pastor Jay will be giving a Children's sermon during both services.

### Sunday School

**9:00 AM**

for 4 years old to 3rd grade  
upstairs

## GOD MOMENTS

We would like to highlight in each newsletter God moments that happen around Hosanna for example, small groups, outreach, and youth events. Please send in a picture and brief description to [rebeccadarga@hosannalutheran.com](mailto:rebeccadarga@hosannalutheran.com)



**-Wednesday evenings 7 - 9 pm**

DivorceCare helps you recover from the pain of separation and divorce. You will learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward to your future.

### Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 8:00 am in the Prayer Room.

*Stephen Ministry is  
Your  
Ministry!*



We all experience challenges in life. There are times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend that will keep our visits confidential. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care one needs when faced with a difficult time. If you, or someone you know in the congregation or community, could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please call or ask the person to call the number below.

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Call Lois or Blair Sundquist at  
(985) 327-7047.

## Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Care Team supports the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of our Hosanna family by making visits to nursing homes, the homebound, and the hospitalized; providing spiritually uplifting cards and grief books; making phone calls and offering communion to the homebound, and more. Can we help you or a Hosanna member you know in need? Just call the church office.



### Hosanna Quilters

Meet every Thursday 9:00 AM- 12:30 PM and on the second Tuesday of each month 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM for quilting tutorial to learn new skills and 12:30 PM-3:00 PM for quilting.

No experience necessary.

All are invited to come see what love creates!

Hosanna  
Christian  
Preschool

Now taking registrations for the  
**2017-2018 School Year**

Please call Director Marilyn Boudreaux, at (985) 624-5525 for additional information or visit our website at [hosannapreschool.com](http://hosannapreschool.com)

### Hosanna Highlights

We are going digital! Starting with this newsletter we will be sending out by email only. If you would like a paper copy please call the church office with your name and address at (985) 727-9200

**The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is 9 am on August 15th**