

Grace to you and peace,

Sunday, during worship, I got goosebumps. You know when you get that cold-hot feeling of excitement and fear combined. It certainly wasn't that I was too chilly because I had plenty of body heat inside my suit. The goosebumps were my reoccurring awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit; a feeling that I have been feeling more and more as we worship together.

I hope you have been feeling it too. I feel it when I am proclaiming God's good news of welcome and challenge. I sometimes hear words coming out of my mouth that I know can only be gifts from the Spirit. Our worship music leads me in a progression that opens up my heart to hear what God is saying in a new way.

I hope you have been hearing it too. With new staff comes new changes. With new members come new ideas. With long time members who have been absent for a while now returning comes an opportunity to welcome and relive the goodness of the past and provide a healing balm from wounds inflicted. I have been sharing that balm and listening to stories of past broken hearts which so often grow into confessions of hopes and dreams re-ignited in the souls of active and less active worshippers. I have been sharing stories of what God may be leading us into.

I hope you have been sharing these stories too. I confess that in my 70th day of being your Sr. Pastor I don't have a clear cookie cutter vision of the most efficient path to the next 20 years. Wouldn't that be nice and safe and clean; knowing that each step is going to be the exact right one... I don't have a three-ring binder of action items and goals and steps. Instead, I have goosebumps.

One of the first dates Elizabeth and I ever went on, since I am such a romantic devil, I picked her up at 4 in the morning and we went turkey hunting. The turkeys were gobbling and it was a beautiful Texas Hill Country sunrise. As we whispered to each other some about hunting and more about getting to know each other better, I felt the spread of those goosebumps! That hot-cold feeling of excitement and fear combined. Are you with me? Do you know what I am talking about? I bet you do. And I am pretty sure that you and I would each prefer that goosebumpy excitement to a boring old plan.

Now don't get me wrong we have structure. As a Purpose Driven congregation we have a council and ministry teams that help to chart the path and clarify the mission. With our mission statement we can make decisions about what good things help us achieve our goal of reaching the lost in our community and which good things we need to let go because they aren't helping us achieve our ministry goals. We will make some changes along the way and at times we will flop and fail when experiments miss the mark or don't bring the results we expected. We will go back to the drawing board and we will listen and hope and share the Good News of Jesus Christ for us and for our world. Then we will plan and act and reflect as we move forward in the mission of Christ.

See you on Sunday,
Pastor Jay



A newsletter for members & friends of
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Church Calendar

- Aug 20 Spiritual Growth Campaign
Sr High Leader Meeting
Confirmation Meeting
Youth Night
- Aug 22 Congregation Care Team Meeting
- Aug 23 DivorceCare
- Aug 24 Quilters
- Aug 25 7th Grade Retreat
- Aug 26 HIS Ministry
- Aug 27 Faith Formation Team Meeting
Adult Leader Meeting
Youth Night
- Aug 30 DivorceCare
- Aug 31 Quilters

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HIS Ministry Service Project

-Saturday, August 26

Meet at Hosanna at 7:30am to travel to:
The New Orleans Mission
31294 Highway 190, Lacombe, LA.



This is a Christian based ministry for homeless men to get their lives back on track. We will be repairing and finishing a donated trailer complex to be their luncheon/cafeteria facility. We will also do grounds cleaning, painting, trim & seam work etc. Please sign up at the Info Center if able. We need your hands to support our efforts!

HIS Planning Meeting- 1st Monday each month

HIS Service Project- 4th Saturday each month

1st Annual Out Of Africa Experience

-Saturday, September 16th 6:00-9:00 pm

Tickets \$35

- ◆ Malawi craft bazaar
- ◆ Buffet style meal
- ◆ Photo booth
- ◆ Silent auction
- ◆ 50/50 raffle
- ◆ African attire contest



All proceeds go directly towards the construction of our multi-purpose complex. Come join us for a unique dining and cultural experience!

The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is 9 am on September 5th

Exploring Series

-Sunday, September 10th 4:45 to 7:30 p.m.

101 Exploring Hosanna :

Have you been visiting Hosanna? Would you like to learn more about who we are and what we do? Are you thinking about becoming a member? Come to the Exploring Hosanna Class to learn about Hosanna's mission and perspective on ministry, the opportunities and ministries that we offer to grow in faith and serve others, and the steps to church membership.

201 Growing Closer to God:

This class will explore how you can grow closer to God through Bible reading, prayer, devotions, and generous living. No experience is necessary. Come as you are to get tools and resources for how you can grow in your faith. Learn tips and techniques for reading the Bible, what it means to pray, and how generous living brings you closer to God.

301 Finding Your Shape for Ministry:

Everyone is given gifts from God that make you who you are. These special gifts and talents are used in your work, in your home life, and in service to God. Come to this class to identify your God-given gifts, how you are already using them, and how God might be calling you to something new.

If you would like to sign up for one of the classes, or 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.

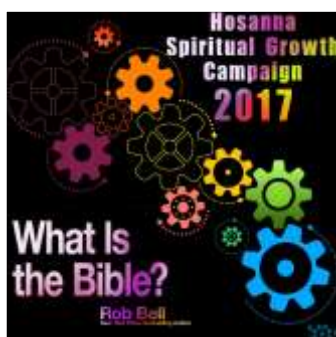


Adult
Sunday
School
**September 17-
November 5
9am**

An Eight-Week Study
Based on the Book
Emotionally Healthy
Spirituality, by Peter
Scazzero

Drummer Needed

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



**August 20-
September 24**

We are reading Rob Bell's new book, "What is the Bible?" Pick up your copy, reading track and small group discussion guide at the Info Center on Sunday! The cost is \$15.00. Small groups started reading Monday, August 14th and

are participating in the campaign by using discussion questions from the book.

Youth and Family Ministries

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.

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.

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



Kick Off
August 20th
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



National Youth Gathering: June 27th - July 1st., 2018 in Houston, TX. Pick up your registration form at the Info Center today and turn in by September 15th. LIVE Registration and deposit of \$150 due on September 17th.

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.

