

Hosanna Highlights

A newsletter for members and friends of Hosanna Lutheran Church

December 8, 2016

Christmas Gifts Made Easy!



Gift cards make great gifts! You can pick them up after Sunday Services or buy them online. Help our kids go to camp while getting everything you need.

Scrip has gift cards for restaurants, clothing and electronics stores, iTunes, home improvement stores and almost any store you can imagine! Starting at only \$5!



AND MANY MORE...



Angel Tree
Benefitting
Northlake Crisis
Pregnancy
Center

Remember those less fortunate as you do your Christmas shopping! Take an ornament from the tree, buy what is on back, and we will deliver your gift to this charity doing God's work in our community!



Advent Friends Pot Luck Lunch
is Sunday, January 8th at 12:00 PM
Advent Friends mark your calendars!



Children in 1st grade or older who have not had their First Communion are invited to a 3-session First Communion Class in March. A parent is required to stay for the classes as well. Please sign up on your Connection Card Sunday morning or contact the church office. **Classes will be March 5th, 12th, and 19th from 4:00-5:30 pm. First Communion Sunday is March 26th.**



6:00 pm Family Service
Designed especially for young families.

7:30 pm - Carol Service
Christmas carols from our contemporary band. Moments of high energy & quiet reflection.

11:00 pm - Candlelight Service
Traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service with beautiful piano music & a reflective tone.



**Special Christmas
Day Service**
10:30 am

Walk In Love

Come join us as we explore *Walking In His Love* during our Women's Retreat at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center Friday, January 27 - Saturday, January 28, 2017. Registration forms are available at the Info Center. Cost for Friday and Saturday is \$130 with a \$65 deposit. Saturday only is \$50 with a \$25 deposit. Deadline for payment and registration is January 8, 2017. We would love for you to join us as we celebrate being sisters in Christ and encourage you to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Burbank at aburbank@charter.net or 985-789-0508.

Sunday School
9:00 AM

for 4 years old to 4th grade
upstairs

Children's Church
10:30 AM

for 4 years old to 4th grade
during service



For some, the holidays, which are supposed to be a time of joy and celebration, are difficult. Reminded of loneliness, loss, or grief, Christmas can be a hard time for many in the community. This service is designed to recognize the difficulties or pain that can come at Christmas time and offer a time of healing and hope. All are invited to attend on **Sunday, December 18th at 4:00pm.**

Poinsettia Envelopes are in the bulletin!

Poinsettias may be purchased to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Please fill out the envelope in the bulletin and place it in the offering or bring it to the Info Center. Cost is \$7 per plant.



The following people
joined the Hosanna
Family this month

**Alex, Teresa, Morgan, Tessa,
Isaac & Elijah Abram**

Audrey Borde

**Jamie, Colleen, Corinne &
Jace David**

Rachel Entzel

Gail and Patrick McCue

Brian, Cindy & Zachary Nichols

**Christopher, Vanessa &
Amelia Russo**

Alan & Linnea Savoie

Paul Zummo

The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is 9 am on January 3rd.



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Stacy James - Administrative Assistant
Troy King - Bookkeeper
Brian Johnson-Osborn - Director of Music at 10:30 am



CHEMO CARE
BAG PROJECT

The Hosanna Women attending the “Walking in Love” Retreat in January will prepare 100 Care Bags for chemotherapy patients at the St. Tammany Cancer Center and Ochsners at St. Tammany Cancer Center. The Quilters have donated fabric for the bags and people are volunteering to help sew. We are applying for a \$250 grant from Thrivent Financial which will purchase additional fabric and some of the items needed to fill the bags including fleece blankets and devotionals.

We are also inviting the congregation to assist with this project by donating items to go in the bags (see list below) and/or funds to offset their cost. It is estimated that it will **cost \$15-\$20 to fill each bag**. Checks and items can be dropped off at the Info Center any time between now and Sunday, January 22nd. We hope you will be able to help us and support this project that will be a blessing to others.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Busfield (985-789-7965) or Casie Lallanne (985-718-2444).

ITEMS FOR CHEMO CARE BAGS

- small containers of unscented hand lotion
- pads of sticky notes
- small bags of hard candies: Lifesavers, lemon drops, mints etc.
- lip balm or Chapstick
- journals
- inspirational poems
- slipper socks
- decorative pens
- small packs of Kleenex
- colorful head/neck scarves
- fleece blankets

Youth Night Menu

December 18th
Chicken Noodle Soup
and Hot Chocolate

January 8th
Chicken Pot Pie

January 22nd
Hot dogs & nachos



Thank You!!

Our thanks go to everyone who helped with the 2016 Christmas Stocking Thrivent Action event. Over 100 stockings were made and filled by members and friends of Hosanna Lutheran Church. The stockings are given to children whose parents visit the Samaritan Center Food Bank to get groceries to help with Christmas dinner. They are put into the bag or box that contains their food. The act of filling a stocking seems so simple to us, but the children are so excited to see the small gifts and toiletries in the stockings just for them! Thank you again for making this possible. Together we will bring such joy to so many children this Christmas.



The Giving Thanks Program was a great success! Thank you to all who participated! We were able to fill 20 baskets with Thanksgiving Dinner food to help our neighbors through the Samaritan Center.

The church office will be closed
December 26th–January 2nd

Find out more info
on our website:
www.hosannalutheran.com

Call Team Update

On October 21st, the Call Team met with the Church Council to review the MSP (Ministry Site Profile). Suggestions and clarifications were discussed and the amended document was emailed to the ELCA Synod office the next morning. In addition, the required reference document was completed and sent to the Synod by Peggy Hahn.

Pastor Blair Lundborg, Assistant to the Bishop, has reviewed the document and posted it for advertisement. He is currently reviewing the list of potential candidates to narrow the list down to 3-5 pastors that meet our criteria and would be a good match for us. We expect a response from him in the next week or two. The only delay may be due to a shutdown of the synod’s computer system beginning December 15th. We hope that we won’t be affected by this but are aware of the possibility.

We are also in the church season of Advent and have been forewarned that most pastors will be consumed with their local responsibilities through the end of the year. With that in mind we are reviewing the interviewing process and preparing for that step when it comes.

Thank you for your patience and prayers. Don’t hesitate to contact me or any member of the Team if you have questions. Most of the interview process will be confidential, but we will try to keep the congregation aware of progress.

Linda Busfield
Chairperson, Call Team

Hosanna Christian Preschool
Christmas Program
Friday, December 16th
11:00 AM.
All are invited!