

# Hosanna Highlights

A newsletter for members and friends of Hosanna Lutheran Church

May 4, 2017

Dear members of Hosanna Lutheran Church,

It has been my pleasure to serve you as your Interim Senior Pastor over the past 21 months. When I was asked to go to Mandeville, I said yes not even sure where I was going, with no idea how to catch beads or eat a crawfish. I've got new skills now. It's been a blessing to learn new things with you – good months for me, and I hope, for you.

We can celebrate that time together in worship Sunday, May 7. And then I'll be with you one more Sunday, May 14, when we will celebrate with the young people affirming their faith on Confirmation Sunday. Two days later, May 16, will be my last day at Hosanna.

And then I am excited to turn the role of pastor over to your new pastor, Jay Grave. You've made a good choice, and I believe he will serve you faithfully and well. Welcome him into your lives and into your community of faith with open arms. Go to him for counsel and spiritual direction. Seek his leadership in defining your mission, programs, and ministry together. Celebrate together at your baptisms and weddings, call on him at times of illness and need, and hold to the hope of the resurrection together at your losses and funerals.

While I hold you in my heart, I, like every previous pastor who has served you, will no longer be available for such pastoral acts. It is important for you to have the space and the time to build a new relationship together as pastor and congregation. I generally make a point of having no contact with a previous congregation for at least a year (that would sort of be like trying to explain to your new spouse why you keep seeing your old girlfriend).

Sooner or later in the church, our paths will cross again, but until then you are always in my prayers. I'll always be interested in what is happening with you, where God is leading you, what changes and challenges and opportunities for growth and grace this life of faith affords you.

May you be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:9-10)

Pastor Paul Olsen



## Milestones Confirmation Sunday

May 14th at the 10:30 service  
Rehearsal: May 13th 10:00 am - noon



## Milestones Graduate Recognition

Sunday May 21st.

For each graduate we need four pictures: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Graduation.

Please give these pictures to Emily Clamser or to the church office immediately!

Rehearsal will be May 13, 2017, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.



Received into God's Family through Holy Baptism in April are **Logan Joseph Pearl** and **Leia Zierhut**, son and daughter of Lindsey & Joseph Zierhut. **Jackson Justin Greenleaf**, son of Kaitlyn & Justin Greenleaf. **Loren Elizabeth Cornwell** daughter of Alicia & Jeremiah Cornwell, and **Jeremiah Giles Cornwell**.



In Hebrews 13:16 it says: "Do not forget to do good and share; for with such sacrifices God is pleased." And we quilters are so grateful that so many people - congregants, donators, community members and volunteers made Sunday's Spring Quilt Blessing so successful. You've not forgotten to share your prayers, time, talents, and bounty so that some child can say, "This is all mine," some homeless man can carry a bed roll with him, some ailing person can cover their aching knees with a quilt, and all of them can say "I feel the Lord's love." We thank you for your continued guidance and direction. Jesus has truly blessed us.

Hosanna Quilters

Register your child now for

# VBS

Children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to attend VBS. Registration is ongoing in the Welcome Center after services or download a registration form from our website under the Programs tab! Invite your grandkids, neighbors, and friends to register!

**VBS** We have less than 80 spaces available, so please register your child as soon as possible!



Volunteers for VBS

# VBS

June 26th - 30th  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Volunteer orientation on Sunday, June 25th after 2nd service

There are plenty of opportunities for the congregation to volunteer to help with this vital ministry that serves our youth and the youth of the community. What can you do to help? Please see the insert in your Sunday bulletin or stop by the church office to volunteer to be a part of VBS. How can you help?

- Assist Lutherhill counselors in leading groups of campers
- Help prepare and distribute snacks
- Check in campers on the first day
- Help decorate
- House a Lutherhill Camp counselor in your home
- Provide lunch for Lutherhill counselors for a day

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Marilyn Boudreaux - Preschool Director  
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Trudy Miller - Office Manager  
Stacy James - Administrative Assistant  
Troy King - Bookkeeper  
Brian Johnson-Osborn - Director of Music at 10:30 am



The Crawfish Boil Fellowship Event was a great success!

**Hosanna**  
Christian  
Preschool



Now taking registrations for the 2017-18 school year - Please call Marilyn Boudreaux, Director, at 985-624-5525 for additional information.

Our program is 9 am - 1 pm for 18 month through 5 year olds.

- \*18 month to 2 year olds
- \*2 and 3 year olds  
Tues/Thurs or Mon/Wed/Fri
- \*2,3,4, or 5 year olds  
Mon - Fri

Monday and Wednesday we offer extended days until 3 pm. Call Marilyn Boudreaux, Director at 624-5525 for additional information.

**Saturday**  
**May 13**



**YOU CAN HELP!**

- Put some **HEALTHY** non-perishable food items in a bag and place it by your mailbox.
- Your letter carrier will pick it up and deliver to their post office.
- The Samaritan Center receives all the food from Mandeville & Madisonville.
- For safety, please avoid donations packaged in glass jars.

**Summer**  
**Youth**  
**Ministries**

There will be no Youth Night or Sunday School during the summer. Children's Church will continue during the 10:30 am service for four year olds through fourth grade.

Youth Night and Sunday School will resume in August.



**Sundays, 5:30 - 7:30pm**  
**For 3rd to 12th graders**

*Dinner is provided.*

**Be a Friend – Bring a Friend!**

**All participants must register to attend.**

**The last Youth Night for the school year for 3rd - 8th grade is May 21st.**

The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is 9 am on May 16th



**FINAL YOUTH NIGHT CELEBRATIONS**

for 3rd - 8th grades will be May 21st.

3rd - 6th grades will have a Splish Splash Celebration  
7th - 12th grades will have a Pool Party.

All grades should bring a swimsuit, sunscreen & towel!

Check your upcoming email for details!



The Gathering will be June 27th - July 1st. 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..."

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