

Hosanna Highlights

A newsletter for members and friends of Hosanna Lutheran Church

June 8, 2017

Grace to you and peace,

I love to learn. I love to read new books, think about new ideas, and hear new stories. I



particularly like to read books about church growth and theology, which is good because I am a pastor, right!? One of the books I am reading right now is just fantastic and I want to share it with you.

Rob Bell, a Christian author, pastor and television personality has written a new book called, *What Is The Bible*. In about 200 pages, Bell starts from the beginning, that the book we call the Bible is a collection of other books, 66 of them in fact. Arranged in a particular way, by real live people, living in real places that shares with us God's living Word for living out a life of faith. If I didn't know better I would think Bell must be a Lutheran.

What Is The Bible, will be a book I will use in a program at some point in our congregation. Bell uses humor, contemporary examples and easy to read language to move the reader from a very basic understanding of scripture to a fairly deep understanding of a progressive Gospel of love and forgiveness and a personal relationship with Jesus, our Savior.

If you are interested, I would say pick up a copy and give it a read. It would make a great gift for your friends or children who are skeptical about organized religion or fearful of the way some church uses the words of scripture to hurt or marginalize groups of people. If you do read it, please let me know what you think about it. I would be very interested.

I will regularly share with you, in this newsletter article the things that I am reading. Sometimes I will be recommending them and certainly there will be times I will guide you away from others. Either way I am hopeful that this article and our shared reading will lead to a deeper conversation about faith and life.

Blessings,
Pastor Jay

Exploring Class 101

**Membership class
July 9th 4:45-7:30 PM**

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.



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!



Milestone Moment

Celebrating Hayden's first time serving as an acolyte.

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 emilyclamser@hosannalutheran.com

VBS Volunteer Orientation
on Sunday, June 25th after 2nd service

**Children's Church
10:30 AM**

For 4 years old - 3rd grade during service

Happy Independence Day!

The Church Office will be closed July 4th.



Dinners Needed

For the VBS counselors from Lutherhill. Please contact Dana Reed at (985) 264-



Volunteers for VBS
June 26th - 30th
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

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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Our next service project is June 24th.



Received into God's Family through Holy Baptism on June 4th **Walker Wayne Entzel**, son of Kyle & Rachel Entzel.

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

Lutherhill sending
July 2nd at the 10:30am service

Church Council Meeting
Monday, June 19th at 7:00pm

VBS Blessing
Sunday, June 25th at both services



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Trudy Miller - Office Manager
Troy King - Bookkeeper
Brian Johnson-Osborn - Director of Music at 10:30 am



HCP
SUMMER CAMP
JUNE 5TH - JULY 28TH

Open to children who are potty trained up to six years old.

Call Marilyn Boudreaux, Director at 624-5525 for additional information.



Faith

Formation

Children's Church
Ages 4 – Grade 3

During the summer months, our youth will be learning about Martin Luther, as we prepare to celebrate the 500th year of the Reformation. Our youth will also receive a "Flat Martin" to take pictures with wherever they go. What a wonderful way to demonstrate that our faith is always with us.



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 Emily Clamser for more information



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.

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 third grade.

Youth Night and Sunday School will resume in August.

Find out more info on our website:

www.hosannalutheran.com



Samaritan Center is starting their Back to School Program. Help is given to qualifying families with students in the West St. Tammany area. A sponsorship of \$75.00 provides uniform, school supplies and shoes. Please pick up a commitment card at the Info Center—they need to be received at the Samaritan Center by August 4th. If you prefer to donate school supplies, please visit their website at www.samcen.org for their needs. These donations should be brought to the Samaritan Center by July 3rd.

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.



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

Thank You For faithfully serving Hosanna Lutheran Church for 3 years! God be with you in Mississippi.
Stacy James