

In the stormy days of the reformation, which began exactly 500 years ago this month, Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic Monk in a sleepy German town, set into motion ideas that would change the world. These ideas, when accompanied by the latest technology (the printing press, the discovery of the New World, great advances in banking and medicine) altered the known world. As the reformation took hold and the church began to change Luther wrote that the church should *Semper Reformanda*!

*Semper Reformanda* means that the church should always be changing, re-forming and re-imagining how Christians live the church into being in new ways each and every year. We know something about that here, don't we. New Pastor, new office staff, new programs and new opportunities. We have talked about firm foundations and new beginnings and as our reformation emphasis month gets under way we will spend more time talking about our Lutheran heritage as building blocks into our re-formed future.

In the five weeks of October we will examine themes of Luther's reformation. Starting October one we will watch a short video from our confirmation ministry and then I will preach on five themes, Luther, *Adiaphora* (a Greek word that is pretty important), Justification, and The Cross. On October 29 we will celebrate our heritage in a celebration Reformation service (wear Red).

During this Lutheran Heritage anniversary month, there are a few special activities, I am excited to offer.

October starts with Blessing of the Pets on October 1st. This outdoor worship begins at 4:00pm and it is a great way to invite your neighbors and coworkers to see what we are up to at Hosanna. Every pet will receive a personal blessing and a small leash medallion to serve as a milestone of this event. Bring your four-legged and furry friends to celebrate the blessedness of God's creation and the lives we share together.

On October 23, a Monday night, our Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Bishop, Mike Rinehart will be part of a joint Lutheran/Catholic commemoration worship at the St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans. I would love to overwhelm the crowd with a bunch of Hosanna folks. We will meet at Jackson Square at 6:45pm so that we can sit near each other. This should be a very beautiful worship experience.

On Sunday night October 29, we will watch the feature film, *Luther the Reformer*. This movie was released a few years ago. This event is for all and will include many of our Youth Night students. You are welcome to join us for supper (chicken pot pie, I believe) beginning at 5:30 PM. The movie will start at 6:00pm. Popcorn will be provided, because even a movie like *Luther* is better with popcorn.

We are always reforming and reshaping. We as a congregation are always striving to better share the Gospel with the world around us. Blessed Re-forming.

See you Sunday!!

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September 21, 2017

## [Church Calendar](#)

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- Sept 23 HIS Ministry Service Project
- Sept 24 Faith Formation Team Meeting  
Adult Leader Meeting  
Youth Night
- Sept 27 DivorceCare
- Sept 28 Quilting
- Sept 30 HIS Ministry Service Project
- Oct 1 Youth Gathering & Ski Trip Parent Meeting  
Blessing of the Pets  
Youth Night
- Oct 2 HIS Planning Meeting
- Oct 4 DivorceCare
- Oct 5 Quilting  
Boundary Training
- Oct 8 Faith Practice Workshop  
Youth Night
- Oct 9 Executive Committee
- Oct 10 Quilting  
Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Oct 11 DivorceCare
- Oct 12 Quilting
- Oct 13 Senior Leader Retreat
- Oct 15 Blessing of the Quilts  
Youth Night
- Oct 16 Church Council
- Oct 18 Divorce Care
- Oct 19 Quilting
- Oct 22 Lutherhill Parent Meeting  
NPAS Concert  
Youth Night
- Oct 23 Bishop at St. Louis Cathedral

## Purpose Area Article

### “Discipleship”

So...somebody asked me recently what my spiritual life was like.

I told them...”well...it is like that Christmas Movie - Polar Express.”

It is like that train on the frozen lake trying to shoot for the opening in the cliff on the shore but as it is unable to get a firm grab on the surface it swings left and right...deviates heavily from its path. The lake is frozen but it is starting to crack and if you are in the locomotive and look back, the picture is pretty scary as it seems the train is only a few feet from a complete disaster.

That is how our lives are...we know what is right, where to go and that we want to get there but the path is not easy. We deviate from the path and endanger our faith walk more often than not.

I found that what steadies and nourishes our journey is the Word of God.

It is written “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes through the mouth of God” [Matthew 4:4]. I also like this one from Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

I encourage you all to read the Bible...I urge to cling to the Word of God at all times with no exception...I guarantee that you will see a difference in how the train rides across the frozen lake.

Alex Abram

## Bishop at St. Louis Cathedral

October 23rd at 7:00pm

From Conflict to Communion  
Lutheran-Catholic Commemoration  
of the Reformation

Catholics and Lutherans will jointly look back on events of the Reformation 500 years ago and reflect on 50 years of official ecumenical dialogue on the worldwide level as the communion they share anew continues to grow. Encouraging Lutherans and Catholics to celebrate together the common witness of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Amidst this celebration, we will experience the suffering caused by the division of the Church, and look self-critically at ourselves, not only throughout history, but also through today's realities.



Meet at the Statue of Andrew Jackson in front of the church at 6:45pm

## October is REFORMATION History Month



Preaching Themes

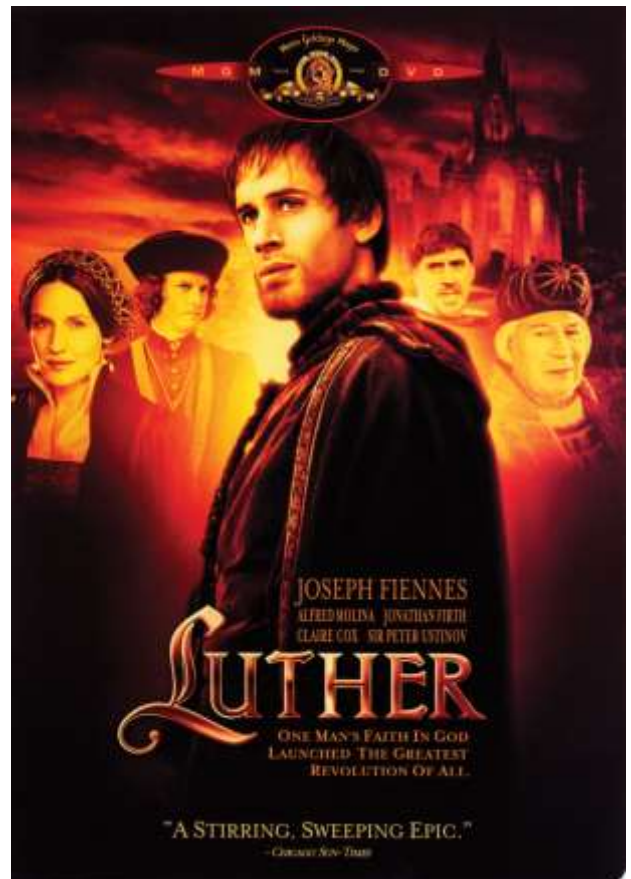
October 1 Martin Luther

October 8 Adiaphora

October 15 Justification

October 22 The Cross

October 29 Reformation

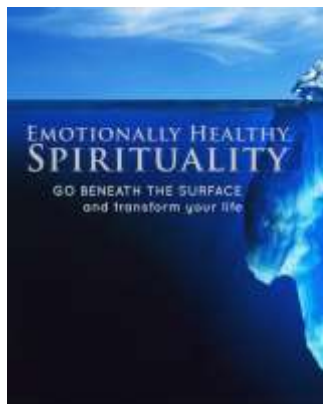


Sunday, October 29 at 5:30pm

Join us to view the movie “Luther”

Dinner and snacks provided





## Adult Sunday School

September 24-  
November 12  
9:00 am

Join this eight-Week Adult Sunday School Based on the Book Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, by Peter Scazzero. Facilitated by Gary Hanes.

## HIS Ministry Service Project

This month's service project is in two parts and the best part is we will be helping our own Hosanna family members...Lynne and Joe Dongieux & their grandson, Quad.



Saturday, September 23 at 8:30am

MEET AT Hosanna at 8:30 am and travel to:  
533 Hutchinson St., Mandeville, LA

We will be packing up the interior of the house. We need packers who can help wrap and pack fragile items, heavy items and everything else.

Saturday, September 30th at 7:30am

MEET At Hosanna at 7:30 am and travel to:  
3933 Monroe Street

We are in need of muscles, trailers & cars to move all the contents of their home to their new home. Let's show the DONGIEUX'S that their Hosanna Family is there for them in their need.

If you can help out during the week after the move to unpack or send a meal after their move contact Jill Smith (985) 789-1861

Sign-up at the Info Center to help or contact Jill Smith

HIS Planning Meeting- 1st Monday each month

HIS Service Project- 4th Saturday each month

## Blessing of the Quilts

October 15th during both services

Join us to pray over and bless the more than 200 quilts, afghans and dresses before they are donated to bless the people in our community. Pick up a flyer at the Info Center.



## NPAS Concert

October 22nd at 2:00 pm

Northlake Performing Arts Society (NPAS) will be present their Fall Concert titled "Bound for Glory," a collection of Gospel songs. This is a free concert for our community, although donations to cover expenses will be welcome. Look for more information at the Info center soon.

## Blessing of the Pets

October 1st at 4:00 pm

Bring your furry and not so furry friends (or a picture) for a small service and blessing. Be a Friend and Bring a Friend!



## Thanksgiving Baskets

For the third year in a row, Thrivent joins Hosanna and the Samaritan Center in providing Thanksgiving dinner supplies to families in need in our community. Small groups, families or individuals may fill a basket with a prescribed list of items along with a check for \$50 made out to the Samaritan Center for perishables. Baskets and lists of items will be available at the Information Center beginning October 15th and are due back November 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Ettinger or Linda Busfield.

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



## All Saints Day

November 5th during both services

I hope that you will join us for Hosanna's All Saint's Day worship service. Each year on All Saint's Day we celebrate the dearly departed members of Hosanna Lutheran. All Saint's Day worship will include the naming of the Hosanna members who have passed away during the last year.

## Smart Money Simulcast

November 7th at 7:00pm-10:00pm



Watch a FREE Live Stream of Dave Ramsey's Smart Money Event

Over the last 25 years, millions of lives have been changed through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Dave will be live streaming his Smart Money event across the country. We are excited to announce that we will be a host site for this event. The best part? It's absolutely free for you to attend!

Dave Ramsey and Rachel Cruze will take the stage on November 7 in Phoenix, and we will stream the event in real time. We'd love for you to join us and learn the steps you and your family can take to live like no one else. Pick up a flyer at the Info Center and bring your friends!

## Exploring Series Classes

**Sunday, November 12th at 5:30pm**

Exploring classes are for getting to know your church, deepening your relationship with God, finding your gifts and learning how to share your faith. Contact the Church Office to sign up and get better connected at Hosanna.

### 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 helps you 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.

### 401 Learning to Tell Your God Story:

Sharing the Good News of what God has done in your own life can be a challenge. Learn how to joyfully share your own testimony so that others might know of the transforming power of God.

## Congregational Annual Budget Meeting

November 12th at 4:00pm

## Chemo Care Bags

The last 25 of the Chemo Care Bags prepared at last January's Women's retreat were delivered to Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center this past week. The hospital's representatives were very grateful and wanted our church to know how much the patients have appreciated the bags and their contents.

Now is the time to consider repeating the project (for the third time) if there is enough interest. The quilters always have fabric, but we need people to sew. If you can commit to sewing 5-10 bags (kits provided) in the next few months, please let Linda Busfield know soon. If there at least 10-12 volunteers she will apply to Thrivent for a grant.

Contact: Linda Bushfield

(985) 789-7965

robertbusfield@bellsouth.net

## Women's Retreat

January 27th

Mark your calendars and save the date!

## Volunteer Office Staff Needed

Do you like to answer phones? Are you organized? Aid the church staff by covering phones during staff meetings, light office duties, ect. If you would like to volunteer once a week on Wednesday afternoons please contact the church office (985) 727-9200 office@hosannalutheran.com

## Thrivent Matching for Hurricane Harvey Response

Thrivent Financial will match all donations up to 3 million dollars. You may donate at:

[thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com)

## Drivers Needed

The Congregation Care team is in need of volunteers to help drive congregation members who are unable to due to health issues, or a car in the repair shop. If you can offer a ride to church events, please call the Church Office (985) 727-9200



# Youth and Family Ministries

## Boundary Training

October 5th at 7:00pm or October 28th at 10:00am

Hosanna is offering a mandatory training for adult leaders that work with our youth. This training is FREE and those that attend will receive 2 CEU credits. However, the main focus for the training is so that we ensure a healthy and safe environment while youth are in our care while maintaining appropriate boundaries. This class is a wonderful opportunity to share with others. Be a Friend and Bring a Friend.

If you are over 16 years old and work in our youth ministry you are required to attend. Please sign up for either date at the Info Center.

## Youth Gathering & Ski Trip Parent Meeting

October 1st at 12:00pm

## Faith Practice Workshop

October 8th after both services

This month's Faith Practice is centered around the Liturgical Calendar. Come find out how can we celebrate and bring the seasons of the church into our Home?



## Senior Leader Retreat

October 13th 10am-3pm

## Lutherhill Parent Info Meeting

October 22nd 12:00pm

## Youth Night Menu

### September 24th

Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans

### October 1st

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Italian Salad & Garlic Bread

### October 8th

Pulled Pork Sliders, Baked beans & Coleslaw

### October 15th

Hotdogs and Nachos

### October 22nd

Chicken Alfredo & Caesar Salad

### October 29th

Chicken Potpie & Ranch Salad



Serving at the Out of Africa  
Experience



56er's Youth Night  
Class



Entering Confirmation

Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that allows families to raise money for the youth of Hosanna Lutheran. Scrip is just another way to pay for your everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

Scrip can be purchased on Sundays after service or online!

To order online register 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!



Groceries, Gas, Shopping and more...



# October Birthdays

Bryan Growland Oct. 2nd	Kathy Perez Oct. 18th	Cooper Lalanne Oct. 30th
Maria Pearce Oct. 3rd	Mila Krumins Oct. 18th	Paul Zummo Oct 30th
Paul Gelbke Oct. 3rd	Erica Phillips Oct 19th	Justine Fucci Oct. 31st
Barbara Reisig Oct. 4th	Judy Willem Oct. 19th	
Maria Board Oct. 4th	Dee Dee Goodgion Oct. 21st	
Daniel Gros Oct. 4th	Joan Hoffman Oct. 22nd	
Greg Weber Oct. 5th	Chase Johnson Oct. 22nd	
Ron Kilcrease Oct. 7th	Haley Pettus Oct. 22nd	
Jerry Schulz Oct. 9th	Tessa Abram Oct 22nd	
Blair Sundquist Oct. 9th	Tommy Gidman Oct. 23rd	
Chandler Colbert Oct. 9th	Julie Brown Oct. 23rd	
Linda Busfield Oct. 10th	Jack Collier Oct. 23rd	
Ron Entzel Oct. 10th	Barbara Reed Oct. 25th	
Bethany Hallenborg Oct. 10th	Brad Phillips Oct. 26th	
Margaret Reed Oct. 10th	Bryce Peck Oct. 26th	
Donna Turgeau Oct. 11th	Amanda Ross Oct. 27th	
Gary Hanes Oct. 12th	Nikki Kieff Oct. 27th	
Evan Saacks Oct. 13th	Brooke Mehle Oct. 28th	
Cecile Keenan Oct. 14th	Brittany Mehle Oct. 28th	
Sierra Dean Oct. 14th	Cherly Gardner Oct. 29th	
Kelly Ulfers Oct. 15th	Hayden Pettus Oct. 30th	
Myron Greenleaf Oct. 17th		
Camille Wetekamm Oct. 17th		

# October Anniversaries

Jim & Peggy Murphy Oct. 8th	Chris & Shelley Pettus Oct. 27th
Wayne & Audrey Borde Oct 9th	Chris & Nancy Miller Oct. 28th
Brad & Marie Growden Oct. 15th	
Brian & Theresa Johnson-Osborn Oct. 16th	
Danielle & Carlos Pearce Oct. 16th	
Paul & Kelly Ulfers Oct. 17th	
Jay & Shannon Bearden Oct. 23rd	
Roy & Julie Dauzat Oct. 23rd	
Richard & Michelle Helmlinger Oct. 24th	
Ross & Shannon Doyle Oct. 27th	