

Hosanna Highlights

November 2, 2017

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- Nov 2 Quilting
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- Nov 30 Quilting
- Dec 1 Mall Madness Lock-in
- Dec 2 Christmas Fellowship Dinner

"Time flies!" Isn't that the truth. As I write this article, I just handed out Halloween candy to Hosanna Christian Pre-school kids, tonight I will trick or treat. Elizabeth and I are already beginning Christmas decorating in our home, and we have a Thanksgiving meal plan in the works. Shortly after that a new Baby Grave will join us and time will keep on flying by. "Time Flies!"

It is true here at Hosanna, too. Last week we sang the songs of the reformation, next week we celebrate the lives of Saints passed on and before you know it we will be worship in the season of Advent, using candles to mark the days until Christmas Eve. It is just so busy. The other day the cash register attendant at Home Depot greeted me with, "Happy HalloThanks-Mas." I am not sure that is really a thing, but time moves so quickly it seems like many people I know fly from one event to another with their cruise set on high speed. We are busy people and the church is no different.

Here at Hosanna plans are made of All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving basket sharing and Christmas Jar decorating. The music team is already planning music for December and the confirmation class is rehearsing for Christ the King Sunday. In this busy-ness, we find comfort in being with each other. It isn't so much the events but the community. We are a joyful collection of believers. We are people in various stages of life who genuinely enjoy worshipping, learning, gathering, and serving together. Our small group ministries spill over into our daily social lives. Shoulder to shoulder, we live out our Christian vocation in community. It isn't the hustle of "HalloThanksMas" that draws us together; it is sharing in sharing our lives with the people around us.

And there is opportunity to share with even more. Our worship attendance is growing but there is room for your neighbor. Our fellowship hall is crowded but there are chairs we can unfold for your co-workers. Our parking lot is filling up, but there might be room in your car for a friend or grandchild. Even during our service projects, we know that many hands make lighter work. All of the various events you can read about in this newsletter become great opportunities to invite others to join in the fun. Hosanna is a joyful community living lives of service in the world, and there is always room for more to be a part of the action.

God Bless and I'll see you on Sunday,
Pastor Jay

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Purpose Driven Focus—Discipleship

Hello, Hosanna Family! Erica Hoffman here, your council representative over the purpose area of Discipleship. Some of you may already know me from my many years as a youth leader here at Hosanna, others from 10:30 worship—I'm the often-animated, curly-haired lady who sits in the youth section, singing loudly and off-key. If you don't yet know me, pleased to make your acquaintance.

So what is discipleship? Lots of folks think of it as the 'teaching' purpose area, and it does, indeed, encompass youth education, adult education and Sunday school. But it's so much more than that. It's being both teacher and student—absorbing and growing, doing and ultimately, reflecting the mercy, love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Discipleship, then, is the process of becoming more like Christ. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, said "As the Spirit of the Lord works within, we become more like Him and reflect His glory even more." 2 Corinthians 3:18

Becoming like Christ is a journey. One that is rarely a straight line, but more often one with curves and turns, jackrabbit starts and unexpected stops.

Where are you on your journey? Racing forward? Stalled? Eager to get started? Somewhere in-between? Here at Hosanna, no matter where you are, we have lots of opportunities for you to become more like Christ. Sunday worship. Advent and Lent mid-week worship. Small groups. Bible study and prayer group and prayer chains. Men's retreats, women's retreats, many ministries. (Christ was nothing if not a servant.) Step out in faith and try something new—or contact me to help you choose 'what next?'

You were created in God's image to reflect God's image. Blessings to you and your family.

In His service,
Erica Hoffman

Hosanna In Service

HIS Planning Meeting: November 6th at 7:00 pm.

HIS Planning Meeting- 1st Monday each month
HIS Service Project- 4th Saturday each month

Contact: Jill Smith (985) 789-1861

There will be no service projects for November and December.



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.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 5th

Don't forget to set your clock back an hour!

Christmas Jar Decorating

November 11th 10:00am

Hosanna members are invited to join the Makin' Stuff Crafters in the fellowship hall to decorate jars and convert wrapping paper into gift bags. The jars will be filled with candy, snacks, or potpourri and given to Heidi Rhea to be used for her Nursing Home Christmas project, the first weekend in December. There, residents will select from an assortment of items, including the decorated jars, to give as gifts to their family and friends. Heidi and her youth volunteers will wrap the gifts for the residents and help spread Christmas cheer.

Items needed:

- * Bags of individually wrapped candies or mints
- * Bags of potpourri
- * Small wrapped snacks
- * Rolls of Christmas wrapping paper

Any questions contact Dian Phillips, Heidi Rhea, or Linda Busfield

Congregational Annual Budget Meeting

November 12th 10:00 am

The Budget will be available for review on November 5th

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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.

Samaritan Center

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 are at the Information Center filled baskets are due back November 16th.



If you have any questions, please contact Amy Ettinger or Linda Busfield.

Christmas Stockings for the Samaritan Center

Would you like to bring a bit of joy to a child of a Samaritan Center client? FILL A STOCKING! Take home a stocking and fill it with small gifts. Please return back in Christmas box by Sunday, November 13th

Suggestions:

- ◇ Tooth brush and toothpaste
- ◇ Children's soap
- ◇ Kiddy wash cloth
- ◇ Coloring book and crayons
- ◇ Small game
- ◇ Small puzzle
- ◇ Match-box type car
- ◇ Christmas socks
- ◇ Christmas Candy
- ◇ Storybook



This amazing and life touching ministry is funded by you at Hosanna and by Thrivent Financials' Action Team.

Christ the King Sunday

November 26th at both services

Hosanna Confirmation students will be leading worship on November 26th, Christ the King Sunday. The service will use songs and the changing of banners and colors to highlight the seasons of the church year. Our youth will be teaching us about each season as well as doing the readings for each season. See you there!

Christmas Decorating Team

November 28th 9:00am-4:00 pm

Would you like to help us decorate Hosanna for the Christmas season? Contact the Church Office (985) 727-9200 or sign up at the Info Center. Lunch Provided

Advent Booklets

All members may pick-up an Advent booklet at the Info Center on November 5th. The booklet contains information about the season, devotions, and faith practices.



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Advent Wednesday Nights

November 29th-December 20th 7:00pm

During the season of Advent, Pastor Jay will be leading Midweek worship services on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. This series will culminate with a Blue Christmas Service on December 20.

We will be using the Evening Prayer liturgy and Pastor Jay will be preaching from the appointed Gospel readings. These quiet Advent services prepare us for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

This evening service, held in our sanctuary, will be about an hour and will include songs accompanied by piano and guitar, prayer and preaching.

Invite your friends and neighbors for this refreshing mid-week worship opportunity.

Advent Friends

Advent Friends is a fun-filled, secret pal program that allows us to add to that feeling of wonder and anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Sign up at the Info Center November 5th-19th to join!



Christmas Fellowship Dinner

December 2nd 6:00pm

Join us for dinner, music and games. Tickets available at the Info Center on Sundays.

\$5 per person or \$20 per family



Northlake Performing Arts Society Holiday Concert

December 8th at 7:00 pm

NPAS presents its Free Holiday Concert, donations will be accepted to cover expenses.

Christmas Services



December 20th
7:00pm Blue Christmas

December 24th
6:00pm Family Christmas Service
Happy Birthday Jesus Party
7:30pm Contemporary Christmas Service
11:00pm Candlelight Christmas Service

December 25th
10:00am Christmas Day Service

Refresh, Renew, Rejoice Women's Event

January 26th & 27th

Featuring Speaker: Heather Land

[Heather Land's Facebook](#)

[Heather Land's Blog](#)

Wine and Cheese Social

January 26th, 2018 6:30pm

Join us food and fun at the Fontainebleau Neighborhood Clubhouse!

Evangelistic Women's Event

January 27th

Join us for fellowship, laughter and fun with comedian, singer, writer, and video blogger Heather Land. This event is a great opportunity to bring your family, friends and neighbors to refresh, renew and rejoice!

Thrivent Matching for Hurricane Harvey Response

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



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Volunteer Small Group Coordinator Needed

Do you love people and love getting them connected? Then you may be our next Volunteer Small Group Coordinator. If you are interested or would like more information contact Pastor Jay Grave rev.jgrave@hosannalutheran.com

Info Center Team

We are putting together a team to greet, welcome, inform and assist with event sign-ups and collecting event costs from visitors and members at the Info Center on Sunday mornings. If you are interested please sign up at the Info Center or contact the Church Office (985) 727-9200

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

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, sorting, organizing and assembling. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Church Office (985) 727-9200 office@hosannalutheran.com

Congregational Care Needs Drivers

The Congregation Care team is in need of volunteers to help drive congregation members who are unable to drive 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

Database Changes

We are changing the database we use in our office. There may be a few momentary hiccups, but the new system, Church Community Builder, offers many upgraded features, will help to streamline tracking and reporting functions, and will save us some money in the process. Thank you for your patience as we implement this new software.

Bishop at St. Louis Cathedral

Monday, October 23rd



**Check out the Info Center on Sunday
to sign up for events and
pick up flyers to invite friends
and family to Hosanna Events**

**The deadline to submit information for the
next newsletter is November 16th at 9:00am**



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Dominos Pizza Night

Every 3rd Thursday of the month. Pick up a flyer at the Info Center and bring it in to your local Dominos to raise funds for Hosanna Christian Preschool.

Community Coffee Labels



Save your Community Coffee proof of purchase labels and place in container at the Info Center to help raise funds for supplies for Hosanna Christian Preschool.

Where to find Proof of Purchase:

- ♦ Coffee Filter Boxes
- ♦ Cream & Sugar Dispensers
- ♦ Bags of Coffee
- ♦ Boxes of K-Cups
- ♦ Boxes of Tea

Fire Truck Day



Trick or Treating





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Youth and Family Ministries

Advent is my favorite season! I love the watching, waiting, and preparing for our Savior's birth. For me, love is always in the details. This year is very special because it is my first Advent with my Hosanna family. I am so excited to share some of my favorite traditions and faith practices with my faith family. Available for all Hosanna families, at the Info Center, is a booklet titled, "*What is Advent?*" The booklet contains a Definition, Faith Practices, Prayers, and Readings for the Advent season. For our families with children, an Advent Calendar with a picture of the nativity is offered. Each calendar has a daily scripture verse which the family can add to their faith practice routine. Additional faith practice ideas will be offered at our Faith Practice Workshops on November 12th after both services. All participants will learn the symbolism of the Advent wreath and candles. Each family will take a wreath home to celebrate the season in their home. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend and share the love of the season. Be a friend and Bring a friend!

As we continue to prepare and wait for our Savior's birth, I enjoy planning and putting love into all that we do!

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Deacon Emily

Faith Practice Team Meeting

November 5th after first service

Ski Trip Parent Meeting

November 5th after second service



Youth Gathering Meeting

November 5th 4:00pm



Advent Calendars

An Advent Calendar is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas at home! All families with children may pick-up their Advent Calendar at the Info Center beginning November 5th.

Faith Practice Workshop

November 12th after both services

Faith Kit Includes:

- ◊Advent wreath
- ◊Four blue candles
- ◊Advent Prayer cube
- ◊Advent booklet
- ◊Coloring Page
- ◊Dinner Discussion Cards



Our focus this month is the Season of Advent. We will make an Advent Wreath and discuss Faith Practices for the season. Sign up at the Info Center or see Deacon Emily Clamser for more information.

Mall Madness Lock-In

December 1st 5:00 pm

Senior High youth and Adult Leaders will meet at Hosanna then leave promptly at 5:15 pm for the Mall of Louisiana. The night events include shopping, a movie, dinner at the mall and lock-in at Hosanna. Youth should bring money to cover the cost of dinner, activities and shopping, also clothes, toiletries, and bedding for the lock-in. Pick-up is 8:00 am December 2nd at Hosanna. To attend, sign-up at the Info Center and pick up your Parental Consent Form.

Senior High Youth Progressive Dinner

December 15, 2017 5:00pm

We are looking for four drivers to take our youth to our three host families for the Senior High Progressive Dinner.

Youth, and drivers please sign-up at the Info Center.

Contact: Emily Clamser

emilyclamser@hosannalutheran.com



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Sr High Youth Caroling & Santa Exchange

December 17th at 3:00pm-7:30pm

All senior high youth will meet at Hosanna. Plan to leave promptly at 3:15 pm. Come dressed in festive attire and purchase a \$10 or less non-gender specific gift, for a Santa Exchange, when we return to Hosanna. We will end at our usual time for youth group, and dinner will be provided.

Drivers needed from 3:00 pm. – 6:00 pm. to drive our senior high youth for Caroling.

Contact Emily Clamser:

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Dates to Remember

No Youth Night November 19th

Youth Ski Trip— December 26-30

Youth Gathering June 26-July 2

Lutherhill Camp – July 7 – 13

Graduation Celebration – May 20

Youth Night

Sundays 5:30pm-7:30pm

3rd-12th Grade

Baptism



Received into God's Family through Holy Baptism on October 22nd **Molly Dwyer**, daughter of Ryan & Anna Dwyer.



Received into God's Family through Holy Baptism on October 22nd **Reese Langevin**, daughter of Keith & Jennifer Langevin.

Milestone Ministry

All Saints Day

November 5 at both services

Join us as we raise up the blessed members in our congregation who have passed away in the last year. We will mark this milestone during our worship services with a moment of celebration and remembrance.

Loss Milestone



Bible Sunday

November 12 at both services

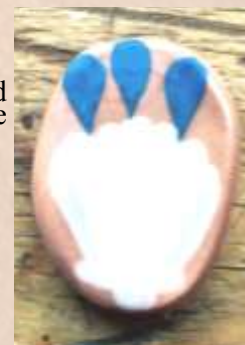
It is National Bible Sunday! Youth in second grade will receive a new Bible during our worship services.

More information will be sent to families of second graders so they can plan to be in church that day to name, equip, bless, and gift this milestone.

1st Bible Milestone



Baptism Milestone



If you are interested in being baptized or having a child baptized, call the Church Office (985) 727-9200.

Contact Deacon Emily:

emilyclamser@hosannalutheran.com

Confirmation

Mentor Dinner

November 5th at 5:30pm

January 28th at 5:30pm

April 22nd at 5:30pm



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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 and put in the Hosanna code 2D129L3F73L and our youth will receive credit from your purchases. Use your login at MyScripWallet.com to reload and purchase more scrip on your phone!

A portion of every Hosanna Scrip purchase assists our kids as they grow in faith in our many youth programs, including Lutherhill Camp, Sr. High Ski Trip and the ELCA National Youth Gathering!



Youth Night Menu

November 5th

Baked Potato Bar

November 12th

Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner

November 19th

No Youth Night

November 26th

Red Beans and Rice



Youth Night Food Cost

Hey Parents! Have you made your \$50 Youth Night Meal donation for the 2017-2018 school year? Checks can be included in the offering, please mark Youth Night in the memo! If your youth brings a friend they eat for free!

Youth Calendar

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- Dec 10 Youth Leader Meeting
Youth Night
- Dec 15 Senior High Progressive Dinner
- Dec 17 Youth Leader Meeting
Youth Night/Youth Caroling
- Dec 26 Ski Trip
- Dec 31 Youth Led Service
No Youth Night
- Jan 7 Youth Leader Meeting
Youth Night
- Jan 14 Faith Practice Workshop
Youth Leader Meeting
Youth Night
- Jan 21 Youth Leader Meeting
Youth Night

November Birthdays

Mia Spaulding Nov. 2nd
 Jake Gardner Nov. 3rd
 Jack Anderson Nov. 4th
 Barry Campos Nov. 4th
 Jacob Giffin Nov. 4th
 Faith Albert Nov. 5th
 Marilyn Boudreaux Nov. 5th
 Amelia Knebel Nov. 5th
 Nicholas Hoffman Nov. 6th
 David Moore Nov. 6th
 Vivian Moore Nov. 6th
 Rachel Couvillion Nov. 7th
 Toby Tournillion Nov. 7th
 John Perez Nov. 8th
 Alma Lemus Nov. 9th
 Matt Wetekamm Nov. 9th
 Sharon Shallenberger Nov. 10th
 Allen Sanders Nov. 10th
 Steve Burbrink Nov. 11th
 Todd Gregory Nov. 11th
 Mason Warren Nov. 12th
 Terry Meyer Nov. 13th
 Lance Lalanne Nov. 13th

Carly Salvaggio Nov. 14th
 Fred Wetekamm Nov. 15th
 Heidi Rhea Nov. 16th
 Alanna Torry Nov. 17th
 Tommy Naka Nov. 17th
 Casie Lalanne Nov. 18th
 Gage Lisle Nov. 19th
 Charli Salvaggio Nov. 19th
 Jo Peterson Nov. 20th
 Carolyn Rault Nov. 20th
 Paige Putnam Nov. 20th
 Mallory Gregory Nov. 20th
 Inge Horst Nov. 23rd
 Kyle Brown Nov. 23rd
 Leia Zierhut Nov. 23rd
 Alexandra Concepcion Nov. 24th
 Joe Dongieux Nov. 25th
 Sue Streicher Nov. 26th
 Scott Quillin Nov. 26th
 Annalee Burbrink Nov. 26th
 Elijah Burbrink Nov. 26th

Liam Burbrink Nov. 26th
 Judy Pellerin Nov. 27th
 Dawn Knebel Nov. 28th
 Jack Tolley Nov. 28th
 Yvonne Sentilles Nov. 28th
 Sara Grace Sirera Nov. 28th
 Zachary Sirera Nov. 28th
 Elise Glorioso Nov. 29th
 Mike Slye Nov. 29th

November Anniversaries

Louis & Judy Pellerin Nov. 7th
 Joe & Cindy Brocklesby Nov. 10th
 Brian & Beverly Jakes Nov. 12th
 David & Rachael Moore Nov. 14th
 Bill & Sylvia Wallace Nov. 14th
 Rick & Jo Peterson Nov. 16th
 Barry & Peg Campos Nov. 17th
 Jason & Inge Horst Nov. 19th
 Paul & Kim Gelbke Nov. 25th
 Stephen & Melanie Wetekamm Nov. 30th

