

November 16, 2017

#### Church Calendar

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- Nov 16 Quilting
- Nov 18 Thanksgiving Basket Distribution
- Nov 20 Church Council
- Nov 22 DivorceCare
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 26 Christ the King Sunday Faith Formation Team Meeting Adult Leader Meeting Youth Night
- Nov 28 Christmas Decorating
- Nov 29 DivorceCare Advent Wednesday Night Service
- Nov 30 Quilting
- Dec 1 Mall Madness Lock-in
- Dec 2 Christmas Fellowship Dinner
- Dec 3 Youth Night
- Dec 4 HIS Planning Meeting
- Dec 6 DivorceCare Advent Wednesday Night Service
- Dec 7 Quilters
- Dec 8 NPAS Holiday Concert
- Dec 10 Faith Practice Workshop Youth Night
- Dec 11 Executive Committee
- Dec 12 Quilting Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Dec 13 DivorceCare Advent Wednesday Night Service
- Dec 14 Quilting
- Dec 15 Senior High Progressive 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 their 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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#### **Advent Wreaths**

If you missed the Advent Faith Practice Workshop and would like an Advent Wreath Kit to celebrate the season, please see Deacon Emily. A donation of \$5 is suggested to defray the cost of supplies.

#### **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. This Sunday is the last day to sign up.

Contact: Lynne Schaeffer

#### **Advent Booklets**

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

#### Christ the King Sunday

November 26th at both services

Hosanna Confirmation students will be leading worship on 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 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 midweek worship opportunity.

#### **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

#### **Receiving New Members**

December 3rd at both services

If you have attended Exploring 101 or would like to transfer membership please contact the Church office by November 28th.

#### **Hosanna In Service**

HIS Planning Meeting- December 4th 7:00pm

The next HIS ministry Service Project will be January 20th.

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.



#### Northlake Performing Arts Society Holiday Concert

December 8th at 7:00 pm

NPAS presents "Here We Come A Caroling" Free Holiday Concert, donations will be accepted to cover expenses.

#### Baby Shower for Pastor Jay & Elizabeth Grave

December 16th at 2:00 pm

Join us to celebrate the new bundle of joy arriving in January.

**Registered at:** 

Target & Amazon

**RSVP** to Ginny Sirera



**Christmas Services** 



**December 20th** 7:00 pm Blue Christmas

#### **December 24th**

6:00 pm Family Christmas Service7:00 pm Happy Birthday Jesus Party7:30 pm Contemporary Christmas Service11:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Service

**December 25th** 10:00 am Christmas Day Service Hosanna Lutheran Church 2480 Highway 190 East, Mandeville, LA 70448 (985) 727-9200 FAX (985) 727-9275 office@hosannalutheran.com GET CONNECTED: CLICK ANY LINK hosannalutheran.com

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Advent Friends Potluck January 7th 12:00 pm

#### Refresh, Renew, Rejoice Women's Event

January 26th & 27th

Featuring Speaker: Heather Land

Heather Land's Facebook Heather Land's Blog



Join us for fellowship, laughter and fun with comedian, singer, writer, and video blogger Heather Land.

Heather, a professional entertainer, loves Jesus and makes people laugh with her unique take on life. Wit, peppered with some sarcasm and a whole lot of truth has made her a household name. Heather's musical talent has taken her all over the world and as a writer she has poured her story out in her blogs.

This spiritually renewing, evangelistic event is a great opportunity to invite your family, friends and neighbors to Refresh, Renew and Rejoice!

Refresh, Renew Rejoice event to be held at Hosanna Lutheran Church, on Saturday, January 27, 2018. There will be two sessions to choose from.

Registration begins December 4, 2017. Look for information in upcoming emails and church bulletins.

Wine and Cheese Social (for Hosanna Women only) will be held January 26th, 2018 6:30pm at the Fontainebleau Neighborhood Clubhouse.

Contacts: Ashley Burbank and Vicki Entzel

#### **Newsletter Changes**

Beginning December 7th we will be going to a monthly newsletter. The monthly newsletter will emailed out the first Thursday of every month starting in December. Please submit content for the newsletter by the Tuesday before.



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# Congregational Care Team

DID YOU KNOW.......Hosanna has a wonderful group of people who are called the Congregational Care Team. The goals of this team is to: Send out cards to those people who are in the hospital, ill or homebound or in nurs-ing homes. These names come from the prayer list and/or word of mouth. We also send cards to people who have not attended church services for 4 weeks. It is important to fill • out your connection card when you attend church then you can make a notation on the back if you or someone you know needs any of these services. We make home and hospital visits as well as taking communion to the home-bound. We activate the Casserole Club when needed and arrange rides to church, events and doctor visits. This is how we show God's love and care to His hurting people.

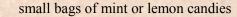
If you know of anyone who the Congregational Care Team • needs to reach out to, please call the church office and the Congregational Care Team will be notified.

Pick up a brochures from the Info Center for more information.

#### **Chemo Care Bags**

January 1st-February 3rd 10:00am-6:00pm

Update on the Chemo Care Bag Project: The Quilters have donated fabric and a dozen ladies have volunteered to sew colorful bags for the patients at Mary Bird Perkins at St. Tammany Hospital. Now we need to collect fillers for the bags:



- cozy socks
- unscented lip balm
- unscented lotion
- Journals
- scarves
- books (puzzle, coloring, or word search)
- fleece blankets (approx. 40" X 60")

A container will be placed in the Welcome Area to receive these items during the month of January, 2018. Thank you for sharing in this important ministry to our community.

Contact: Linda Bushfield (985) 789-7965

#### **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

#### **Giving Thanks Baskets**

Thank you Hosanna! We were able to donate 25 baskets and \$1,250 to the Samaritan Center Thanksgiving Project. Each year we have exceeded our goal for this Community Service Event. We are so blessed to be a blessing!



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





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#### **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



#### **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.

Sunday Worship Service: December 24th 9:00am. We will only have one Sunday morning service on Christmas Eve. The Service will be traditional.

Church Office Closed: November 23rd for Thanksgiving Church Office Closed: December 25th-28th for Christmas break

Church Office Closed: January 1st for New Years Day



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



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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 fuds 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











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

#### **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.

#### 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.

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Faith Practice Workshop December 10th after both services

Come and see all of the Milestones we celebrate at Hosanna and how to use them as faith practice tools in your home.



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

#### 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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#### Happy Birthday Jesus Party

December 24th after 6:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Service

We will collecting items for Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center in the honor of King Jesus.

Please bring your gift of formula, diapers, baby wipes, or baby food and place it under the tree on Christmas Eve in the Fellowship Hall as a gift to celebrate Jesus' birthday.





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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

## Confirmation

Mentor Dinner January 28th at 5:30pm April 22nd at 5:30pm

### **Milestone Ministry**

**Milestone Ministry Website** 

#### Baptism

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



Received into God's Family through Holy Baptism on November 12th Allen Thompson son of Jennifer Thompson.



Holy Baptism

Contact Deacon Emily: emilyclamser@hosannalutheran.com

# Youth and Family Ministries



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 <u>ShopWithScrip.com</u> and put in the Hosanna code 2D129L3F73L and our youth will receive credit from your purchases. Use your login at <u>MyScripWallet.com</u> to reload and purchase more script 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 19th No Youth Night

November 26th Red Beans and Rice December 3rd Tacos, Mexican Rice and Beans December 10th Chicken pot Pie and ranch Salad December17th Chicken noodle Soup & Hot Chocolate



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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 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
- Jan 28 Faith Formation Team Meeting Youth Leader Meeting Youth Night/Mentor Dinner
- Feb 4 Super Subs Fundraiser No Youth Night
- Feb 11 Anniversary Milestone & Blessing Faith Practice Workshop No Youth Night

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!



Andrew Moore Dec. 1st Lisa Warren Dec. 1st Alan LeVasseur Dec. 2nd Sean Warren Dec. 2nd Jamie Wetekamm Dec. 2nd Jay Bearden Dec. 3rd Stephen Wetekamm Dec. 4th Jacob Goodgion Dec. Jake Tournillon Dec. 5th Steven Michell Dec. 6th Teresa Abram Dec. 6th Holly Turgeau Dec. 6th Stacy Hurley Dec. 7th Haley Dean Dec. 7th Jill Maloy Dec. 8th Janet Michell Dec. 9th George Michell Dec. 10th Janis Mayfield Dec. 10th Charles Colbert Dec. 10th Connor Ettinger Dec. 11th Bill Wallace Dec. 12th Terrence Mathers Dec. 13th Brianna Warren Dec. 13th

# **December Birthdays**

Mary Wilson Dec. 14th Madison Horst Dec. 14th Kate Tournillon Dec. 14th Katy Soong Dec. 16th Maxine Eiserloh Dec. 17th Carol Torrev Dec. 18th Stacy Robertson Dec. 18th Cristine Johnston Dec. 19th Ariel Moore Dec. 20th Bill Kemp Dec. 20th Joe Brocklesby Dec. 21st Maximus Johnston Dec. 21st Troy King Dec. 22nd Zachary Nichols Dec. 22nd April Gidman Dec. 23rd A.J. Hood Dec. 23rd Karter Perry Dec. 23rd Gray Thorpe Dec. 23rd Walker Entzel Dec. 23rd Glenn Giffin Dec. 24th Cullen Campo Dec. 24th

Jill Burbrink Dec. 26th Lena Gunn Dec. 28th Hayden Helmlinger Dec. 28th David Schaeffer Dec. 29th Jonathan Davis Dec. 30th Josh Bearden Dec. 30th Loanne Ibele Dec. 31st

# **December Anniversaries**

Shelley and Michael Batte Dec. 14th Karlyn and John Ball Dec. 20th Sandy and Michael Nieto Dec. 26th Linda and Bob Busfield Dec. 27th Cindy and Yuki Naka Dec. 27th Sharon and Greg Bennett. Dec. 29th David and Mable Rees Dec. 29th Valerie and Skip Smith Dec. 30th Lisa and Sean Warren Dec. 30th