

Hosanna Highlights

February 2018

Grace to you and peace,

Do you like roller coasters?

I like the anticipation of click-click-clicking up the big hill. I like the nervous talking and giggling just before I get on board, I love the comradery of a group of people all going on this wild ride together. I am not a big fan of the “going to lose my lunch” feeling, but I really love the excited, “we made it!” shouts of glee when the big hill is behind us and we are cruising around the corners and loopy-loops after that first big drop.

Kind of like following Jesus.

Our Christian faith journey is a bit like that roller coaster. There are ups and downs. There is often nervous talking and giggly laughter. There is fear and apprehension and anxiety as we wonder what might come next, but in my experience, and in the Biblical witness, all of this is overshadowed by the excitement and thrill of knowing you are a part of something awesome!

That is the way I feel, as your Pastor. I have no doubt that God is doing amazing things, even now in the lives of our congregation. I am certain that God is using Hosanna to serve the needs of our neighbors in various ways. I am confident that God is, even now, preparing us for the chapters to come, providing us the members, the families, the ideas, and the staff members. We as a congregation are being EQUIPED.

And that is so exciting. And that is a little bit terrifying. Kind of like that roller coaster.

When I am nervous, standing in that long line, waiting for my turn to get on board the roller coaster, and I start to consider jumping out of line or offering to go buy a hotdog or pretzel for Elizabeth; it is at that time that I begin to remember all the people who have been a part of that roller coaster before me. I consider the riders, who have ridden it many times. I consider the engineers and architects and builders and insurance professionals who have signed off on this project. I remember how many times I have been on roller coasters and made it through with all the success of times before. When I am nervous I remember.

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I remember the founders of our congregation who had the vision to say, we need a Lutheran Church here. I remember the first disciples and apostles who left behind everything to follow Jesus and his message of the Kingdom of God. I remember the words of God saying, “Fear not” or “Have Peace.” I remember Joseph and Mary and Mary and Mary and all the biblical witnesses who faced impossible challenges but with a faith in God were able to quite literally change the world. I remember you and I consider how God has moved mountains in your life, in one way or another to bring you right here, right now.

Friends we are recording a new chapter in Hosanna’s God story. God is using us and these changes in our congregation to give witness to His faithfulness to his people. God is equipping us even now. This newsletter is testament to the work of God in our midst; new programs, great opportunities for ministry, worship services that are meaningful and reflect the remembered traditions of generations before us. This newsletter highlights the thrilling adventure that is ministry at Hosanna Lutheran Church. This is what it looks and feels like to “Proclaim the love of God to all people so they may know Jesus Christ, grow in faith and follow Christ.”

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Jay

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Hello again Hosanna,

In this month's Purpose focus of Ministry, I hope to convey the positivity that you bring to our Mission as Hosanna Lutheran Church. If you're already engaged in a ministry, thank you so much. If you are not yet engaged or looking for more opportunity, I hope to demonstrate that there's a place for you in Ministry. In one way or another, or multiple ways for some of you, you are the lifeblood of function and purpose to Hosanna. As often written and preached, we grow broader through Ministry. What does that mean? I find it akin to a tree extending its roots to gather more water to feed its branches, which in turn grow broader and taller, budding with leaves, flowers, and fruit. We're the roots that bring life to the branches, leaves, flowers, and fruit.

The opportunity to worship at Hosanna reveals the numerous ministries that it takes for the church just to function on Sundays. The people seen performing are your fellow worshipers, friends, and family who are serving several ministries, and behind the scenes, there are many more. Further, many of us don't see the other ministries throughout the week, evenings, on holidays, and Saturdays, that are growing us broader. The Ministry Fair held last fall was a welcome venue for adding member participants to various ministries and renewing exposure to this purpose. We even had requests for new ministries, which is a sign of more roots spreading. Nevertheless, Ministry areas can use additional support. There are dozens of choices as a way you can get involved beyond worship on Sunday, or even to count yourself as one who helps make Sunday worship possible.

There is no special occasion needed to join a Ministry. If you feel you are ready or even just want to know what is out there, please don't hesitate to contact our Ministry Team Leader, Lynne Schaeffer (dlbschaeffer@bellsouth.net). Or you can contact me by leaving a note at the Church Office, see me on Sunday, or contact me through the Church Community Builder Database.

Blessings,

Stephen Wetekamm

Receiving New Members

February 11th at both services

Anniversary Milestone & Blessing

February 11th at both services. Celebrating those that have celebrated their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in the past year.

Love Talk— Couples Class

February 18th at 5:30pm for 6 weeks

REGISTER 

Lent and Bible Study

Join Pastor Jay for an evening Bible Study during Lent. Beginning Wednesday night February 21 at 7PM, this one hour Bible study will begin with a scripture passage and prayer. We will continue in study, reading, and dialogue for about an hour. Casual and comfortable this would be a great opportunity for newcomers to get a glimpse of how we understand the Word of God.

We will meet each Wednesday beginning February 21 and continuing through March 21.

Bring your Bible and your questions.

Hosanna In Service

HIS Ministry Service
Project will be February 24 7:30 am
HIS Planning Meeting—
February 5, 7:00pm

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

Contact: Jill Smith (985) 789-1861 or (985) 276-4546

Daylight Savings Starts—March 11th

First Communion Milestones and Blessings - March 11th

Annual Congregational Meeting—March 18th, 4:00pm





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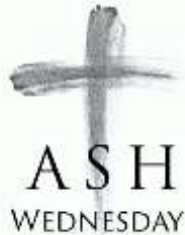
Drive Thru Ashes

February 14th

7:00 am-9:00 am & 11:45am-1:15pm

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14th 7:00 pm



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

Upper Room Daily Devotionals

The March/April are available in the Welcome Area

Click [here](#) to read the Daily Devotional online.

Church Office Closed

February 12-13

Wednesday evenings
7:00 pm- 9:00 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.

Church Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for the online church calendar

- Feb 1 Quilters
- Feb 5 HIS Planning Meeting
- Feb 7 Divorce Care
- Feb 8 Quilters
- Feb 12 Executive Committee
Church Office Closed
- Feb 13 Church Office Closed
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Service
- Feb 15 Quilters
- Feb 18 Love Talk– Couples Class
First Communion Class
- Feb 19 Church Council
- Feb 20 Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Feb 21 Divorce Care
Lent Bible Study
- Feb 22 Quilters
Thursday Evening Women's
- Feb 24 His Ministry Service Project
Ninja Day w/ Pastor Jay
- Feb 25 First Communion Class
Love Talks– Couples Class
- Feb 28 Lent Bible Study
- Mar 1 Quilters
- Mar 3 Youth Yard Sale
- Mar 4 Love Talks– Couples Class
- Mar 5 Faith Practice Kit Assembly
HIS Planning Meeting
Financial Peace University

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Hosanna Quilters

Meet every Thursday 9:00 AM- 12:30 PM and on the second Thursday of each month 12:30 PM-3:00 PM for quilting tutorial to learn new skills and for quilting. No experience necessary. All are invited to come see what love creates!



This video Bible study library is for every person in our church.

Watch over 2,000 kid's episodes in the RightNow Media Kid's Library. Stream them in the living room or on the road. These Bible-based shows will educate and entertain children of all ages.

Contact the Church Office for access.

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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 nursing 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 homebound. 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 Welcome Area for more information.



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We all experience challenges in life. There are times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend that will keep our visits confidential. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care one needs when faced with a difficult time. If you, or someone you know in the congregation or community, could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please call or ask the person to call the number below.

Stephen Ministry is **CONFIDENTIAL**

Contact: Lois or Blair Sundquist (985) 327-7047.



Online

Visit hosannalutheran.com and click [ONLINE GIVING](#)

Text to Give

Text [HOSANNALUTHERAN](#) to 77977

The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is February 27 at 9:00am
Click [here](#) to submit information

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Thank you!



The apostle Paul writes in his 2nd letter to the Corinthians, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." In our office staff things keep coming and going. Our Office manager, Rebecca Darga, will be moving shortly to Ohio, with her husband Ryan.

Rebecca was instrumental in several changes we have made in the last 8 months. As many of you know, she was a dedicated worker and a joyful presence in our church office. I hate to see her go, but I am certain that the Lord will use her and her many gifts in their new home.

The psalmist writes in Chapter 1, "They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper." Unfortunately, we have to add the words "...and sometimes they are transplanted..." Many heartfelt thanks to Valarie Cole who will be leaving behind her duties as church office assistant at the end of February when she and her husband Perry will be moving to back to Washington State. Personally, I will miss them both as they have become friends in our time together at Hosanna.



On February 4, our congregation will say Farewell and Godspeed to our Deacon Emily Clamser. As a congregation, we have been blessed by her passion for our Youth Ministry and Milestone Programs. We ask God to continue to bless her in ministry as God continues to guide her steps.

A big Hosanna Welcome to our two new office staff people!



Grace C. will be taking the lead in the office in the Office Manager position. She is a new Mandevillian!



Kathryn D. is filling the Office Assistant role. Originally from Washington, she and her husband have been living in Mandeville for 4 Months.

Take a moment to stop into the Hosanna office and say hello!



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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



Registration

For the 2018-2019 School Year

Begins January 8th





Youth and Family Ministries

Deacon Emily Clamser

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Dear Hosanna Family,

When I first arrived in Louisiana, I never imagined that I would come to love it or its people. However, you have all made it so easy. Hosanna is a very special place. As I leave, I want you to know that I have been blessed by my time with you.

I will keep you in my prayers, as you continue to bring your mission and vision to fruition.

GLYASDI,

Deacon Emily Clamser

Senior High Ninja Day

February 24th 11:00 am-1:00 pm Let's have some Ninja Warrior Fun! We will meet at Spirit Professionals, 610 Deer Cross Ct E, Madisonville, LA 70447, and play on their new Ninja Warrior Course! Afterward, we will have Pizza and Ice Cream (approved lunch of all Ninjas). There is a MANDATORY waiver, you will NEED to have it filled out to play. This would be a great Evangelism event, so bring some friends. They NEED to have the waiver filled out, too! The waiver is available in the Welcome Area. Cost \$5 each. Wear Activewear and sneakers!

Annual Youth Yard Sale

March 3rd, 2018 8:00 am-2:00pm

Collection containers are here please put aside your "treasures" to make this year's sale successful. Proceeds go toward transportation for Lutherhill Jr. High Camp and the Sr. High trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston.



Clothing, shoes, and mattresses are not part of this sale. Donations may be dropped off Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm For Friday and weekend drop offs, please call Troy King at (985) 789-2858.



Yard Sale Volunteers Needed

Many hands are needed for the success of the upcoming Youth Yard Sale. The proceeds from the sale defray the cost for our youth attending camp and the ELCA Youth Gathering. All Lutherhill campers, youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering, and one parent of each participant are expected to sign-up for one of the following shifts: Set-up: Friday, March 2nd from 4:00 – 9:00 pm; Day of Sale: Saturday, March 3rd, Morning Shift – 7:30 – 11:30 am, Afternoon: 11:00 – 3:00 pm. Refreshments will be available for volunteers. Please, sign-up at the INFO center.





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Milestone Ministry

First Communion

Youth Grade 4 – Adult who have not received their First Communion are invited to “Come to the Table” for instruction and discussion with Pastor Jay. The class will be February 18th, from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Sign-up in the Welcome Area

Children in Grade 3 or Younger, who have not received their First Communion, are invited to attend their First Communion Class on February 25th, from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm.

It is our tradition here that all ages are welcome at God’s table. If your younger child is interested in communion consider joining Pastor Jay for this first communion class. Sign up in the Welcome Area



In the month of February, we lift-up and bless those couples that will be celebrating 25th, or 50th anniversary. If you will be celebrating this milestone, please turn in a connection card with your information or contact Deacon Emily.

Dates to Remember

Youth Gathering June 26-July 2
Lutherhill Camp – July 7 – 13
Graduation Celebration – May 20
VBS— June 11-15

Youth Night

Sundays 5:30pm-7:30pm
3rd-12th Grade

Baptism Milestone

If you are interested in being baptized or having a child baptized.

Contact Deacon Emily:

emilyclamser@hosannalutheran.com

[Milestone Ministry Website](#)

Confirmation

Mentor Dinners

April 22nd 5:30 pm

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

March 9th

Confirmation Symposium

May 6th 5:30 pm



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 contact Emily Clamser at:

emilyclamer@hosannalutheran.com



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Scrip is a fundraiser to help youth who will be attending Camp Lutherhill or going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. You are invited to buy Scrip gift cards for a variety of stores and websites. A portion of all Scrip that you purchase will help pay the cost of summer youth trips. There are cards for all of your basic expenses like gas and groceries, and we sell them each week at the Info Center. Stop by and ask for more information or to start buying your Scrip. Our youth thank you for your support!

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!



Youth Night Menu

February 18th-Baked potato Bar

February 25th-Tacos, Mexican rice and refried beans

March 4th -pulled pork sliders, baked beans and coleslaw

March 11th -hot dogs and nachos

March 18th- spaghetti and meatballs, Italian salad and garlic bread

March 25 chicken Alfredo Cesar salad

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

Click [HERE](#) for the online church calendar

- Feb 4 Super Subs Fundraiser
No Youth Night
- Feb 11 Anniversary Milestone & Blessing
Faith Practice Workshop
No Youth Night
- Feb 18 First Communion Class
Youth Leader Meeting
Youth Night
- Feb 25 Faith Formation Team Meeting
First Communion Class
Adult Leader Meeting
Youth Leader Meeting
Youth Night
- Mar 3 Youth Yard Sale
- Mar 4 First Communion Class
Youth Leader Meeting
Youth Night
- Mar 9 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
- Mar 11 First Communion Blessing
Faith Practice Workshop
Youth Leader Meeting
Youth Night

New Online Resources

Check out our new additions the church website:

- [ONLINE COMMUNITY](#)
- [Online Church Calendar](#)
- [Find a Group List](#)
- [Online Directory](#) (Log in required)
- [New Online Giving](#)
- [Register for Events or Classes](#)



March Birthdays

Christine Moskau 4th
Jonathan Gunn 4th
Kelly Mayfield 5th
Kathlyn Dannewald 5th
Lynne Dongieux 6th
Ginny Sirera 7th
Kristene Furan 7th
Nana Mejia 9th
Kimberly Salvaggio 9th
Adam Moore 9th
Blair Sundquist 9th
Steve Picou 9th
James Mayo 9th
Kimberly Salvaggio 9th
Linnea Savoie 10th
Kristen Bevilacqua 11th
John B. Griffitt 11th
Kathy Colbert 12th
Lacie Weber 12th
Barbara Hood 13th
Robert Huet 13th

Shelley Pettus 14th
Brian Osborn-Johnson 14th
Richie Helmlinger 14th
Gina Weber 15th
Jordan Lacoste 15th
Greg Bennett 16th
Stacy Mathers 20th
Robert Burbank 20th
Dana Reed 21st
Cynthia Naka 22nd
Shannon Bearden 22nd
Jason Greenleaf 22nd
Jennifer Thompson 22nd
Lois Sundquist 23rd
Emery Burbrink 24th
Gayle Francke 25th
Adam Duris 25th
Bryan Walters 26th
Valerie Griffitt 27th
Roy Dauzat 28th

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March Anniversaries

Karen & Kennie Schindler 6th
Laurie & Fred Wetekamm 9th
April & Michael Gidman 11th
Tara & CJ Boynes 11th
Marlene & C.J. Mehle 12th
Carl & Sharon Hilt 13th
Phyllis & Glenn Giffin 15th

Chris & Desiree Bild 19th
Derron Decker & Stephanie Picou 28th
Steve & Debbie Picou 29th
Alecia & Bryce Peck 29th
Lance & Casie Lalanne 29th
Burk & Julie Berzas 29th
Tara & Jacques Bremond 30th
Donna & David Lacoste 30th
Alan & Linnea Savoie 30th