Grace to you and peace,

Happy New Year! It seems almost incredible that it is the beginning of a new year. It seems like only yesterday that … well you fill in those blanks. It seems like only yesterday that I received a call from the Bishop’s office telling me about a Northshore congregation. It seems like only yesterday that I was at Bible camp considering what God might want me to do with my life. It seems like only yesterday I was standing in the front of Trinity Lutheran in Sibley, Iowa making my confirmation. I could go on and on.. It seems like only yesterday that Elizabeth and I fell in love.. had our first child… our second child… and now it really does seem like only yesterday we had our THIRD!!

Congregational life is like that too. Just yesterday, it seems like we celebrated Christmas. Four services that each had moments of beautiful worship. Times when, together, we experienced the personal love of God coming to us in a beautiful baby Jesus. And we know time will move us forward just as quickly. Soon it will be time for this exciting women’s’ event, where Heather Land will share the gospel in humor. Soon it will be a time for Lent to begin, this year with a drive through station for commuters to get Ashes on Ash Wednesday. During the season of Lent we will challenge each other to live out our passions using a tool called Lent In Deed.

In March, we will host 9 weeks of Financial Peace University and lift up the ministries of our congregation at our annual business meeting. In April, we will celebrate Easter and the risen Lord. In May we will celebrate confirmation, and graduation, and the synod assembly. The summer will bring with it a host of new opportunities. The ELCA National Youth Gathering, Bible Camp, traveling visitors and who knows what else.

Time flies. Let me tell you something from my heart. Even when it seems like only yesterday, and even when it seems like time is racing away, God has a plan. I am not sure I know what it is yet? I am not sure if I will ever completely understand it. But I know that I can trust. God has been faithful to me this far.

God continues to be faithful to Hosanna as well. In the midst of changing seasons and transitions. God’s plan for us is bigger than we can imagine and somewhere between yesterday and tomorrow we find ourselves invited to participate in God’s mission. We are invited by a God who is so close to us. We are invited to trust and act and reflect and love. We are called to be church.

See you on Sunday,

Jay Grave
Senior Pastor
(985) 727-9200
rev.jgrave@hosannalutheran.com
**Advent Friends Potluck**  
January 7th 12:00 pm  

Come meet your advent friend

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**Hosanna In Service**  
HIS ministry Service Project will be January 20th 7:30 am  
HIS Planning Meeting – February 5, 7:00pm  

We will meet at church at 7:30 am and leave at 8:00 am. We will be helping a sweet partially disabled elderly man located in La Combe on Highway 190 with minor interior repairs (changing light bulbs, painting etc) pressure washing and yard work (raking leaves, tree trimming, sprucing up the yard.). Since he had his stroke he can’t do things like this.

Let’s show him how “our ministry” can help improve his living conditions.

We especially ask our youth to consider helping in this mission as a way to show the love of Christ is working all over.

Hope to see you there!

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

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

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**Scarves for Chemo Care Bags**  
Saturday, January 20  
8:00 am - 12:00pm, and/or 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  

You are invited to help prepare fringed scarves for the Chemo Care bags. The quilters donated several yards of beautiful challis fabric that is too thin for sewing into bags, but will make great scarves to put in the bags. There will be cutting, pressing, sewing, and thread pulling stations for you to choose from. I have estimated that we should be able to make 30 scarves or more. Beginning in January there will be a sign up sheet at the Info Center.

Contact: Linda Bushfield (985) 789-7965

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**Exploring Series**  
January 21st  

Exploring classes are for getting to know your church, deepening your relationship with God, finding your gifts and learning how to share your faith. Click to Register Online.

**101 Exploring Hosanna**: 5:30 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.

**201 Growing Closer to God**: 5:30 pm  
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**: 4:45 pm  
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**: 5:30 pm  
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.
Women’s Wine and Cheese Social

January 26th, 2018 6:30 pm

Women of Hosanna join us at the Fontainebleau Neighborhood Clubhouse. For Food, Fun and Fellowship.

Contacts: Ashley Burbank and Vicki Entzel

Drive Thru Ashes

February 14th
7:00 am-9:00 am & 11:45am-1:15pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Service
February 14th 7:00 pm

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Starts March 5th 7:00 pm

Chemo Care Bags

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:

- small bags of mint or lemon candies
- 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 from January 1st-February 3rd, 2018. Thank you for sharing in this important ministry to our community.

Donations to purchase these items will be accepted as well, just note "Chemo Bag Project" on your check to Hosanna. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry in our community.

Help Wanted

Hosanna is seeking to fill the position of: OFFICE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST. This will be a part-time position. If interested email the Church Office: officemanager@hosannalutheran.com to receive a job description or to submit your resume.

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.
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

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.

Upper Room Daily Devotionals

The January/February are available in the Welcome Area.

Click here to read the Daily Devotional online.

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 contact the Church Office (985) 727-9200.

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

New Online Resources

Check out our new additions to 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

Church Office Closed

January 15
February 12-13

Congregational Care Team

If health issues, a car in the repair shop, unable to drive after dark or require a ride to participate in church events, please call the church office. A member of the congregational care team will help arrange a ride for the event. Also let us know if you would like to volunteer to offer rides.

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Online Giving

Visit hosannalutheran.com and click ONLINE GIVING

Text to Give

Text HOSANNALUTHERAN to 77977
Thørin Alexander Grave

Born 10:54 pm December 20th, 2017

4.7 pounds
18.5 inches long
**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
(985) 727-9200
emilyclamser@hosannalutheran.com

Faith Practice Workshop
January 14th after both services

This month’s workshop will focus on tools that the individual and family can use in their daily faith practices. At the workshop, you will design your Family Milestone Bowl to display your milestones and use them for devotions. Come and see...

Faith Tool Box Includes:
Home Altar Kit
Prayer Cube
Instructions
Dinner Discussion Cards

$5.00

Annual Youth Yard Sale
March 3rd, 2018 8:00 am-2:00pm

Collection containers arrive January 7th, 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 Deacon Emily at (910) 612-5522.

Thank you for your wonderful generosity of donations to the Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center at the Happy Birthday Jesus Party.

We collected:
- 2,000+ Diapers
- 3,000 Diaper Wipes
- Lotions
- Misc. baby items

As we start a new year, I can’t help but reflect on the old year a little. Coming to Louisiana has been such a change for me. I am sure having me here at Hosanna has brought some changes in your life too. I have experienced many firsts this year. I attended my first Mardi Gras parades and danced in a second line. I have eaten my first crawfish, king cake and redfish. For adventure, my first camp trip to Luther Hill included climbing high ropes and taking a ride on a giant swing. For my first serving opportunity, our mission trip to Belize, was full of adventure, joy, sweat and lots of heat and bugs! They have all been beautiful milestones to share with you. I love that I truly feel at home in Louisiana and that I thank my Hosanna family for making me feel so WELCOME. I even have my first Saints jersey!

So, how have I changed you? On Christmas Eve, I was invited to Casie Lalanne’s home for brunch. I noticed their Advent Wreath. In the middle was a white candle. I remarked how beautiful the white candle was and Casie shared it was the unity candle from their wedding.

Casie and her family have been attending the monthly Faith Practice Workshops. At the Advent workshop held in October, Casie took my suggestion to add a white candle in the middle of the Advent wreath and truly made it special. For me, it was a God moment seeing the Faith Practices I have been teaching being lived out in the home.

As we look forward to the coming year, I look forward to sharing with you how we as a congregation can Pass on the Faith. Please enjoy my article next month, “So, What is Faith?”

Deacon Emily Clamser
Super Subs Fundraiser

Order now, for the game!

Pick-up February 4th after 10:30 am service

The Super Bowl is just around the corner and we know there are a lot of hungry Saints fans out there! Our youth are having a Super Sub Fundraiser to raise funds for the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

On Super Bowl Sunday there is no need to cook or prepare because the youth have done it for you. All you have to do is fill out an order form, and the Hosanna youth will prepare for you a 12-inch overstuffed sub or an 8-inch muffaletta with homemade olive salad.

Every three years, more than 30,000 youth gather from the ELCA and enjoy Worship, Fellowship, and Serve. This year, Hosanna Lutheran church will send more than twenty youth and adults to Houston, Texas to participate in this life changing event.

The Super Subs Fundraiser will assist in reducing the costs for the trip. Fill out your order on the form on the next page and turn in with payment to Deacon Emily. All orders must be in by January 28th. Please submit one order form per sandwich to ensure that each sub is made to the individual’s request. Checks should be written to: Hosanna Lutheran Church and in the Memo Section: Super Subs NYG

Thank you, for continuing to support our youth and youth programming! Let’s Go Saints!

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

Dates to Remember

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

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

Confirmation

Mentor Dinners
January 28th a5:30 pm
April 22nd 5:30 pm

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
March 9th

Confirmation Symposium
May 6th 5:30 pm

Milestone Ministry

In the month of February, we lift up and bless those couples that will be celebrating 20th, 25th, or 50th anniversary. If you will be celebrating this milestone, please turn in a connection card with your information or contact Deacon Emily.

Baptism Milestone

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

Contact Deacon Emily:
emilyclamser@hosannalutheran.com

Received into God’s Family this morning at the 10:30 am worship service through Holy Baptism is Patrick Moskau Jr., son of Patrick & Anna Moskau.

Milestone Ministry Website
SUBS FOR SUPER SUNDAY

A fundraiser for our Senior High Youth Group to defray the costs for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.

Please fill out one sheet per sandwich

Subs will be available for pick-up in Fellowship Hall on February 4th following the 10:30am service.

SUBS: $12.00 each    Muffaletta: $20

12” Sub with ½ pound of filling: Lettuce, tomato & onion included.

______ MARTIN LUTHER – Roast Beef and Horseradish Mayo with extra Sharp Cheddar Cheese
______ KATIE LUTHER – Grilled Vegetable and Fresh Mozzarella with an Olive Tapenade
______ 95 THESES – Shaved Rump of Ham with Garlic Dijon Mayo, Oil and Vinegar
______ WING OF GOD – Turkey and Cheese with Cranberry Mayo
______ THE GREAT TRINITY – Combo of Ham, Turkey, and American Cheese with Parmesan Mayo and Olive oil & Vinegar

Extras: Add $0.50 each
______ Sliced Pickled Jalapeno    ____ Dill Pickle Slices
______ Spicy Pepper Rings    _____ Extra Cheese

______ SAINTS SUPREME MUFFALETTA - 8 inch round Muffaletta bread (sesame seeds) Ham, Salami, Provolone cheese, Swiss Cheese, Parmesan cheese, garlic and topped with homemade olive salad.

Olive Salad - green and black olives, celery, garlic, capers, baby corn, pepperoncini, and extra virgin olive oil.

Grand Total: ________________________________

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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 script on your phone!

Youth Calendar
Click **HERE** for the online church calendar

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Youth Night Menu

**January 7th**  
Spaghetti & Meatballs, Italian Salad & Garlic Bread

**January 21st**  
Hot Dogs & Nachos

**January 28th**  
Chicken Lafredo & Caesar Salad

**February 18th**  
Baked potato Bar

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!
February Birthdays

Sheri Reese 1st
Patrick McCue 2nd
Robert Ross 2nd
Ginger Gregory 2nd
Karen Jefferson 3rd
Lexi Lalanne 3rd
Kathy Miller 4th
Nancy Anderson 4th
Cheryl Daussat 5th
Jayden Shaw 5th
Kim Gelbke 6th
Anna Reed 6th
Shelby Gregory 7th
Karen Gidman 8th
Stephen Lewis 8th
Alex Abram 9th
Marlene Johnson 11th
Carl Hilt 13th
Cristine Gowland 14th
Juliet Gaffney 14th
Josh Vath 15th
Isabella Pearse 16th
Bob Sparacello 17th
Cedes Wells 17th
Demetre Fortin 17th
Erica Hoffman 18th
Jacob Hoffman 18th
Liz Davis 19th
Jan Dimitry 19th
Kyle Entzel 19th
Erin Giffin 19th
Brian Burbrink 20th
Trish Hellmers 22nd
Danielle Pearse 24th
Sharon Bennett 25th
Monica Growden 25th
Kendall Couvillion 28th
Lucy Perry 28th

February Anniversaries

Wayne & Cedes Wells 1st
Pastor Jay & Elizabeth Grave 9th
Richard & Julia Ann Hodgson 12th
Marilyn & Gil Boudreaux 14th
Brad & Dian Phillips 20th