

Hosanna Highlights

July 2018

In the summer of 1991, I went to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Dallas, Texas. I met new friends from around the country, I learned more about my Lutheran faith and identity, I was challenged with new thoughts and encouraged in long-held beliefs by well-known speakers and pastors. During that time, in the *Interactive Station*, I stood behind a wooden cut out and stuck my head through a hole for a picture. That wooden cut out was a pastor in his Sunday morning Alb, Stole and cross, with arms outstretched as if to bless the congregation. Signs are everywhere.

As you read this article, I have just returned from another week of the National Youth Gathering. No doubt Hosanna students and friend had some great experiences, as well as some challenging ones. They will have heard powerful words that will both challenge and encourage them as they grow as disciples. They will have found out that in the midst of doing service work they will receive far more than they can give. Trips like this point us in the paths of God's calling and the signs are everywhere.

These signs point us to God's vision for our congregation. We are welcoming new families. In June we celebrated 76 youngsters learning about God's love, hands on. Last week, we blessed students headed to camp and the gathering. We have added a new worship service this summer and our weekly attendance is increasing.

These signs point us towards God's preferred future and we are starting to staff accordingly. In June, we added Elizabeth as our Interim Small Group coordinator. This will increase the scope of our small group program with several goals including getting more people involved in small groups and increasing the number of groups we have for each of our purpose areas: Fellowship Groups, Ministry Groups, Worship Groups, Evangelism groups with the focus of inviting new people and of course new Discipleship groups.

This month we welcome Erin as our new Children and Family Minister. Erin will be working with our youngest members. She will be very active with youth night as also working closely with Hosanna Christian Preschool to facilitate more shared events. Hosanna has about 90 families who are here regularly for Preschool activities but aren't with us on Sundays for worship. This is a great area for outreach!

And of course, we will add our Jr & Sr High Minister, Katie to our staff in August. So you see we have lots of power signs directing us on the path of ministry. These new steps will require faith and trust and of course hope as we wonder together where God is leading us. My prayers are that excites a passion in your heart for these growing ministries. I pray that God will use us powerful to proclaim the love of God to all people.

See you on Sunday,
Pastor Jay

Jay Grave
Senior Pastor

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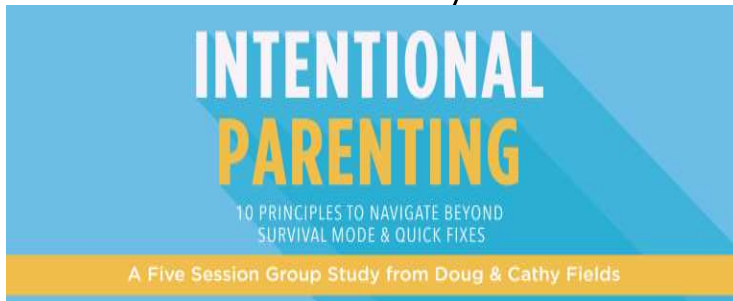
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Upcoming Events at Hosanna



July 9– August 5



July 22, July 29 & August 5

Let us continue to pray for those members who have lost loved ones in the recent months!

Church Calendar

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

July 1	ELCA Youth Gathering
July 2	HIS Planning Meeting
July 4	Fourth Of July Church Office Closed
July 5	Quilters Church Office Closed
July 7	Lutherhill
July 8	Lutherhill Intentional Parenting
July 9	Lutherhill Executive Committee Bible in the original Greek information meeting
July 10	Lutherhill Stephen Ministry Meeting
July 11	Lutherhill Divorce Care
July 12	Lutherhill Quilters Quilters Tutorial
July 13	Lutherhill
July 15	Camp Share Intentional Parenting
July 16	Church Council
July 18	Divorce Care
July 19	Quilters
July 22	Gathering Share Youth Night Registration Intentional Parenting
July 24	Congregational Care Team Meeting
July 25	Divorce Care
July 26	Quilters
July 28	HIS Ministry Project
July 29	Youth Night Registration Intentional Parenting

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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!

DIVORCE *Care*

**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.



Have you ever wanted to read the Bible in the original Greek? Pastor Jay will be leading a course starting this summer. Come on Monday evening, July 9 for an informational session. 6pm in the fellowship hall.

INTENTIONAL PARENTING

10 PRINCIPLES TO NAVIGATE BEYOND
SURVIVAL MODE & QUICK FIXES

A Five Session Group Study from Doug & Cathy Fields

Calling all parents, grandparents, fosters, and guardians! We are excited to offer this Transformative Parenting Program! Help your child reach his/her goals, without losing your marbles!

Sundays evening starting July 8th—August 5th.

5:00pm—5:45 pm.

Childcare provided!

This is a 5 week small group session studying Intentional Parenting by Doug and Kathy Fields.

Sign up online at www.Hosannalutheran.com or click register below!

REGISTER 

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HIS Planning Meeting Monday, July 2th

HIS Planning Meeting- 1st Monday each month

HIS Service Project- 4th Saturday each month- July 28th

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

Our next work project is for July 28th. We will be sprucing up the Hosanna pre-school buildings. Work will include the following: Putting down new vinyl flooring, deck & railing painting, power washing and more. God's Work, Our hand! Is our new motto for the "HIS" Ministry. If you have kids that go to Hosanna Preschool you must know we want them in a safe & clean environment which means we need volunteers for the up keep of the property.

Please come join us at 7:30-12:00.



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. 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.



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.

Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Care Team of Hosanna Lutheran Church spends time praying and caring for individuals and families who are going through illness, are home-bound or facing any personal struggles. The group keeps in contact with them by sending cards, making phone calls and visits. They also find out if they need help or anything else during their time of struggle. If you need help or know of anyone please contact Lois Sundquist (985-327-7047), Julie Dauzat (985-264-5951) or the church office (985-727-9200).



JULY 2018

Small Groups

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You BETA Believe It

We all know “Tried and True” is ALWAYS the most popular method. I know this is true for me from recipes to VBS. It takes courage to change it up or try something new. This is why I am excited to introduce the BETA program. BETA groups will “TEST OUT” a program that could be used on a larger scale. These BETA groups will then provide feedback and suggestions before a program is officially rolled out to the entire congregation. This will help smooth out potential bumps and hiccups and create a positive following before the program even gets started! If you are interested in being part of the BETA program, let me know or sign up at the information desk!



κοινωνία Dinner Parties

Gesundheit! κοινωνία (Koinonia) means fellowship. And that is exactly our plan! September will be the start of our κοινωνία Dinner Parties: small groups of people who gather together about once a month to enjoy fellowship time together through a meal and great conversation. Each group will spend 3 months together before getting reshuffled into a NEW κοινωνία Group. There is a 1 month break between each session so there is time to add in new participants! Be sure to get your name in the hat during the month of July.

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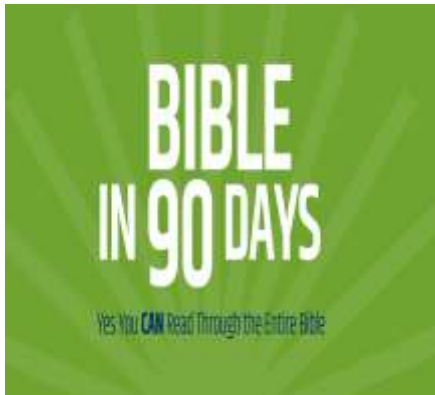
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**Join us for our
Sunday Evening
Worship Service.
6:00pm-6:45pm**



The Bible in 90 Days (B90) program has helped well over a quarter of a million people all over the world to successfully read through the entire Bible in just 90 days. And you can too!

Join us during service as we read the bible in 90 days! See page 8 for a Free Bookmark to help you read the Bible in 90 day— these will also be available in the Welcome area.



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!

Church Council

See end of Newsletter for May
Church council meeting minutes.



President-Tara Bremond
Vice-President– Julie Brown
Secretary– Ryan Weber
Treasurer– Brad Phillips

Purpose Area Liaison
Worship– Carlos Pearse
Discipleship– Ginny Sirera
Evangelism– Alex Abram
Fellowship– Ron Entzel
Ministry– Stephen Wetekamm

Greetings to All,

Being on the council has been a privilege. It has also been very educational, interesting and most of all challenging. I never realized what it takes for a church to be in existence. My area of focus on council is Worship, which has changed the way I think when I am sitting in the A/V booth or with my family. I think about how we are going to do things different as we grow. Are we going to have to add another communion station? Will we need another usher? If we have more people that want join the music team, how can we fit them up there? These questions and many more are good problems to have. It shows that we are doing our mission statement. This summer was the beginning of the 6pm service, and I have to say I love to come to this service. It is awesome to see something new take shape. Of course there were some kinks to work out and there was some feedback from the congregation about what's working and what isn't, but I believe it is off to a great start. So, I am asking everyone to please spread the word to come check out Hosanna. Ask that person in the gym you chat with. Ask the guy who comes and sprays your house for bugs, Ask your neighbor when you talk about the weather. We need to spread the word of God to all people. Let them come and hear the good news that we are blessed to witness every Sunday. Oh and one last thing, thank you all for the many, many complements on the sermon I gave. It was an incredible experience and blessing from God.

Semper Fidelis,

Carlos R. Pearse

BIBLE IN 90 DAYS

Day	Start	Stop	✓	Day	Start	Stop	✓
1	Gen 1	Gen 15	<input type="checkbox"/>	46	Prv 12	Prv 22	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Gen 16	Gen 28	<input type="checkbox"/>	47	Prv 23	Ecc 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Gen 29	Gen 40	<input type="checkbox"/>	48	Ecc 6	Isa 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Gen 41	Ex 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	49	Isa 2	Isa 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Ex 3	Ex 15	<input type="checkbox"/>	50	Isa 15	Isa 29:10	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Ex 16	Ex 29	<input type="checkbox"/>	51	Isa 29:11	Isa 41	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Ex 30	Lev 4:26	<input type="checkbox"/>	52	Isa 42	Isa 52	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Lev 4:27	Lev 16:14	<input type="checkbox"/>	53	Isa 53	Isa 65	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Lev 16:15	Num 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	54	Isa 66	Jer 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Num 2	Num 11	<input type="checkbox"/>	55	Jer 9	Jer 20	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Num 12	Num 23	<input type="checkbox"/>	56	Jer 21	Jer 31:22	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Num 24	Num 36	<input type="checkbox"/>	57	Jer 31:23	Jer 44	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Dt 1	Dt 11	<input type="checkbox"/>	58	Jer 45	Jer 51	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Dt 12	Dt 28:14	<input type="checkbox"/>	59	Jer 52	Eze 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Dt 28:15	Jsh 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	60	Eze 7	Eze 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Jsh 7	Jsh 19	<input type="checkbox"/>	61	Eze 21	Eze 31	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Jsh 20	Jdg 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	62	Eze 32	Eze 42	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Jdg 8	Jdg 19	<input type="checkbox"/>	63	Eze 43	Dan 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Jdg 20	1Sa 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	64	Dan 6	Hos 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	1Sa 9	1Sa 20:17	<input type="checkbox"/>	65	Hos 8	Am 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	1Sa 20:18	2Sa 3:21	<input type="checkbox"/>	66	Am 5	Mic 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	2Sa 3:22	2Sa 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	67	Nah 1	Zec 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	2Sa 17	1Kg 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	68	Zec 4	Mal 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	1Kg 2	1Kg 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	69	Mat 1	Mat 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	1Kg 11	1Kg 21	<input type="checkbox"/>	70	Mat 13	Mat 23	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	1Kg 22	2Kg 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	71	Mat 24	Mk 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	2Kg 10	2Kg 20	<input type="checkbox"/>	72	Mk 6	Mk 15:20	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	2Kg 21	1Chr 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	73	Mk 15:21	Lk 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	1Chr 6	1Chr 17	<input type="checkbox"/>	74	Lk 9	Lk 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	1Chr 18	2Chr 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	75	Lk 19	Jn 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	2Chr 2	2Chr 17	<input type="checkbox"/>	76	Jn 5	Jn 13	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	2Chr 18	2Chr 31	<input type="checkbox"/>	77	Jn 14	Act 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
33	2Chr 32	Ezr 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	78	Act 5	Act 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
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35	Neh 10	Est 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	80	Act 28	Rom 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
36	Job 1	Job 19	<input type="checkbox"/>	81	Rom 15	1Cor 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
37	Job 20	Job 36	<input type="checkbox"/>	82	1Cor 15	Gal 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
38	Job 37	Ps 17	<input type="checkbox"/>	83	Gal 4	Col 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
39	Ps 18	Ps 37	<input type="checkbox"/>	84	1Ths 1	Tit 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
40	Ps 38	Ps 60	<input type="checkbox"/>	85	Phm 1	Jam 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
41	Ps 61	Ps 78	<input type="checkbox"/>	86	Jam 3	3Jn	<input type="checkbox"/>
42	Ps 79	Ps 102	<input type="checkbox"/>	87	Jude 1	Rev 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
43	Ps 103	Ps 119:72	<input type="checkbox"/>	88	Rev 18	Rev 22	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	Ps 119:73	Ps 146	<input type="checkbox"/>	89	grace day		<input type="checkbox"/>
45	Ps 147	Prv 11	<input type="checkbox"/>	90	grace day		<input type="checkbox"/>



Youth and Family Ministries

June was a busy month, but July is like a whirlwind!!

Hosanna was able to proclaim the Love of God with 76 children and their families during the week of VBS. We look forward to many of these folk becoming more connected with our congregation.

We have blessed our teens going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering and to Lutherhill Bible Camp. Lots of blessings and changed lives!!

Hosanna is excited to add Erin Fogarty to our ministry team. Erin will begin her duties as the part-time Children and Family Minister on July 1. Erin will focus her work on our children in grades 6 and younger and she will be very involved in Youth Night. Erin will also be working closely with Hosanna Christian Preschool, ministering to the needs of our preschool families and planning activities to incorporate more of them into our congregation

Youth Night is making a few changes. We are going to call it Youth Night 2.0. I am the most excited to share with you that we are adding Christian Education for grades Pre- 2. Hosanna once again has Christian Education for all ages. Youth Night 2.0 will have a new format and schedule.

New Youth Night times for Sundays

4:45 – 5:30 PM Preschool – 6 Grade Youth Night.

5:30 – 6:00 PM Early Dining (that's what they call it on a cruise ship)

6:00 – 6:45 PM Sunday Night Worship for Everyone

6:45 – 7:15 PM Later Dining (I didn't know what else to call this)

7:15 – 8:30 PM Jr and Sr High Youth Night.

Youth Night! Registration begins July 22.

With these new changes we will be recruiting at least 6 new Youth Night Leaders. If you feel the Lord leading you to share faith, fun, and fellowship at Youth Night! 2.0. please contact Erin or Pastor Jay.

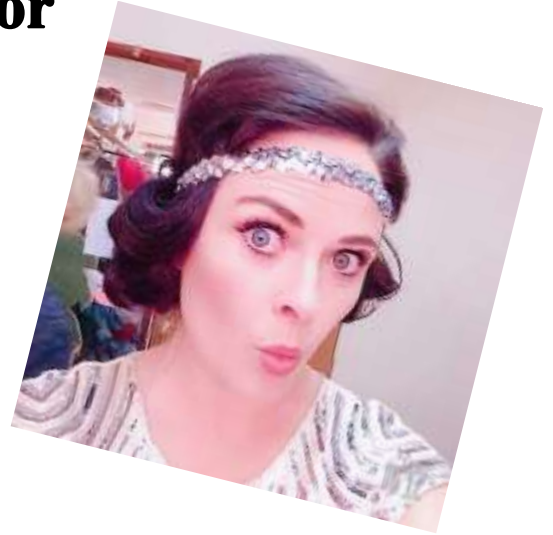
Our Jr. and Sr. High are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Katie, Hosanna's new Jr and Sr High Minister. During the month of July our Sr. high group meets following the 6 PM Sunday service. We have some EXCITING adventures coming up in the near future.

Blessings,
Pastor J

Meet our New Staff Members at Hosanna

Interim Small Groups Coordinator

Elizabeth Halliburton-Grave, native Texan, transplanted to Louisiana via Minnesota and Missouri, was raised Catholic but broke the family mold when she married a Lutheran pastor. She served as the Director of Religious Education for St. Michael's Catholic Church in Madison, Minnesota, where she coordinated curriculum and programming for Kindergarten through Senior High. While in Minnesota, Elizabeth enjoyed leading small group book studies as well as planning events for the congregation such as the Christmas Home Tour and Women's Revive Weekend Retreat. While in Missouri, she stepped out of the church work and into the kitchen where she was the executive chef for a small mediterranean restaurant. Now on the Northshore, Elizabeth looks forward to serving in God's Mission at Hosanna.



Children and Family Minister



Erin grew up in Metairie, but has been a resident of Covington the last 8 years. She earned a BA in History from the University of New Orleans. Along with her new role as Children and Family Minister, Erin teaches several Social Studies classes at Northshore Home Education Center, two days a week. She loves children and enjoys encouraging youth in matters both academic and spiritual. Together, she'd like to work to educate our youth on the unlimited love that God has for each and every one of us!

Jr and Sr High Minister



Katie Sepcich and her dog Beignet are excited to join the Hosanna Lutheran family. Originally from Mandeville, Katie has spent the past five years living in Austin, Texas, eating many tacos, and ministering to students at LASA and LBJ High Schools with NorthEast Austin Young Life. A proud graduate from the University of Texas at Austin, Katie will continue her education at Loyola Law School in the Fall. Katie is looking forward to meeting everyone and cannot wait to get started.

Vacation Bible School

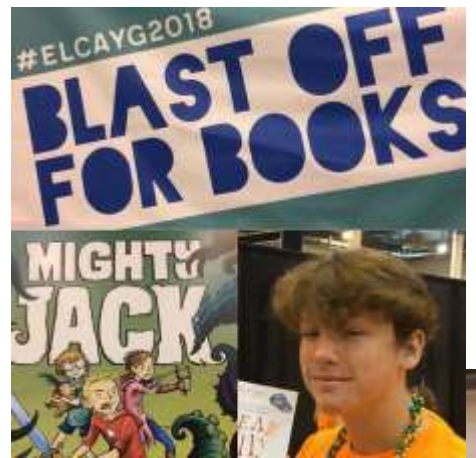




Heading off to Houston!



Service Day!! The ELCA Youth Gathering collected more than 15,000 books to be donated to FREE Book Fairs around Houston.





DATES TO REMEMBER

Milestone Ministry

ELCA National Youth
Gathering
June 26-July 1

Lutherhill Camp
July 7 – 13

Campshare
July 15

Gathering Share
July 22

Baptism Milestone

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

Contact the office.

[Milestone Ministry Website](#)



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 the office.

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We proclaim God's love to the world as we grow and develop together as a faithful community.

[Youth Calendar](#)

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

Youth Night Registration

July 22

July 29

August 5



Youth Night Menu
Coming soon!

The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is August 31st at 9:00am
Click [here](#) to submit information

Hosanna Christian Preschool

Director Marilyn Boudreaux

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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 Is Open

Plastic Bottle tops are need for the Hosanna Preschools "Art from the Heart" art show. Please bring them by the church office or leave at the information center!



Registration Open Now!

Monday/Friday July 9-27

Pick a Month or Pick a Week!

Hosanna Christian Preschool Summer Camp is open to children who are potty trained up to six years old. Call the preschool office for additional information or to register at (985) 624-5525.

SUMMER CAMP FUN!



August Birthdays!

Sean Moore Aug 1
Paul Ulfers Aug 1
Nathan Wilkinson Aug 2
Clayton Matherne Aug 2
Michael Woodruff Aug 2
Ashley Burbank Aug 3
Madison Greenleaf Aug 3
Olivia Cundiff Aug 3
Jacob Clesi Aug 4
Chris Pettus Aug 4
Ella Guillory Aug 4
Grayson Fontenot Aug 4
Eva Sanchez Aug 5
Yuki Naka Aug 5
Carla Pearse Aug 5
Alan Savoie Aug 5
Angela Griffitt Aug 5
Janice Ouber Aug 5
Gary Moskau Aug 5
Cindy Brocklesby Aug 5
Mike Murphy Aug 5
Ava Burbrink Aug 5
Greg Thompson Aug 5
Carol Henderson Aug 6
Cindy Nichols Aug 7
Sarah Goodgion Aug 8
Samantha Lemus Aug 9

Evelyn St. Clair Aug 9
Kirsten Wee Aug 9
Jason Horst Aug 10
John Gavel Aug 11
Chris Miller Aug 11
Vicki Entzel Aug 12
Kelli Brown Aug 12
Julie Taglauer Aug 13
Colter Lakes Aug 13
Taylor Doyle Aug 13
John Ball Aug 14
Katie Lisle Aug 14
Decland O'Leary Aug 14
Donna Lloyd Aug 14
Barbara Wetekamm Aug 15
Braylee Hood Aug 15
Brenda Tolley Aug 15
David Eike Aug 15
Jayley Mayo Aug 15
Byron Putnam Aug 16
Noah Carlin Aug 16
Molly Dwyer Aug 16
Andrew Berzas Aug 17
Catherine Buchholz Aug 18
Don Provo Aug 19
Bill Miller Aug 19
Roy Keenan Aug 20

Jake Murphy Aug 20
Campbell McSwain Aug 20
Shea Sharp Aug 20
Bella Pellegrin Aug 21
Jonah Baier Aug 21
Bob Busfield Aug 22
Deanna Rush Aug 22
Andrew Kern Aug 23
Harris Ikeda Aug 23
Jordan Mathers Aug 23
Rachael Moore Aug 23
Rita Letellier Aug 23
Cash Ikeda Aug 23
Roger Hoffman Aug 24
Dominic Sanchez Aug 24
Kristina Pearson Aug 25
Karen Schindler Aug 25
Meagan Murphy Aug 25
Jean Schulz Aug 25
Kim Ross Aug 25
Hailey Lewis Aug 26
Kelsey Vath Aug 27
Patti Soteropulos Aug 28
Susan Nicklas Aug 28
Juliana Johnson Aug 29
Evan Wetekamm Aug 29
Victoria Johnston Aug 29

Paisley Dragon Aug 30
Cameron Osborn Aug 31
Rick Peterson Aug 31
Kennie Schindler Aug 31
Martin Sirera Aug 31



August Anniversaries

John & Debbie Coleman Aug 15
Allen & Rita Dauterive Aug 24
Dave & Julie Brown Aug 28
Perry & Valarie Cole Aug 27

Greg & Jan Sawa Aug 26
Sean & Dee Dee Goodgion Aug 25
Daniel & Lisa Gros Aug 13
Jamie & Colleen David Aug 4
Alex & Teresa Abram Aug 6

Treasurer's Summary Report May 2018

With respect to church operations, the unrestricted giving has been below both the budgeted expectation and the church's operating expenses for the fifth straight month this year. May's giving was well below budget and among the historical lows for the church. However, the monthly expenses for May were equally well below budget thus offsetting the lack of revenue. The average monthly deficit in 2018 year-to-date is just under \$10,200 with a total year-to-date loss at just under \$51,000. The year to date per person giving dropped from last month to an average of \$31.46 in 2018 as compared to \$41.91 (excluding large gifts) and \$39.00 in 2017 and 2016, respectively. Weekly attendance is still around the 240 people per Sunday worship. This is about 24 people more per week than this point last year and 6 more than 2016 (YTD).

Numerous unexpected and expensive building expenditures have occurred in 2018 with another one looming (septic tank repair) and possibly the air conditioner. However, overall our office staff and church leaders should be commended for scrutinizing church expenditures, while working to expand our programs.

Hosanna needs to consider an action plan to address the deficit spending including items such as membership drives, a stewardship campaigns, and curtailment of unnecessary expenditures. It is noted that Hosanna is blessed with larger reserves than most churches and this buffer helps us to weather such short-term deficits, but the value is beginning to encroach on the operating reserves.

Other significant activities associated with the finances include the changing of banks from Chase to Gulf Coast. This transition has slowed somewhat lately due to vacations, and an additional effort of the financial team is needed to push this to completion by the end of June. Also, the revisions to the accounting guidance and audit procedures for the church accounts are being prepared to better assist future church treasurers. Last year, Hosanna received a notice from the IRS concerning missing employee tax data and possible missing payments from several years ago. Hosanna contends that all data was provided, and the taxes paid. Hosanna continues to provide information and is in the process of developing a letter to request the IRS drop the violation notice and refund all penalties imposed on Hosanna to date. This effort has been slow and needs to be pressed for resolution in June. Lastly, the audit of the previous year's financial records is underway, but progress has slowed due to busy schedules among the audit team. Another push to complete the audit is needed and the results will be available when completed.

Church financial reports and a full treasurer's report is available in hard copy outside the pastor's office and a copy of these can be obtained by contacting the church office.

Regards,
Brad Phillips, Treasurer

Hosanna Church Council Meeting

Date: 5/21/2018

Attendee: Pastor Jay, Julie, Brad, Tara, Carlos, Ginny, Alex, Stephen

Absent: Ryan, Ron

New Business/Discussion:

Discussed Retreat goals: focus decisions using Hosanna's mission statement; increase souls in seats to 450.

Sunday evening worship starts June 3rd.

Interviewing candidates for open positions.

Increasing use of the Community Church Builder. George is starting to use it for worship planning instead of Excel.

Staff morale is good; eager for more staff.

Synod Assembly update: No resolutions, it was a Pep rally, Reunion, and Business meeting. Our synod is doing very well; Fewer church closures than others, just 1 closed. Jay was grateful to be nominated for a position but was not elected.

Discussed Faith Incubators – Faith 5; model for building faith in the home. Objective is to use the model in every church home every night. Discuss High/Low of the day, read scripture, discuss how the high/low and scripture work together, bless each person and include family in distant locations.

Discussed Endowment opportunity put on by Liz Johnson of Lutheran Foundation. This is an opportunity to earn market returns on a minimum account balance of \$25k. Could be funded by individuals or by the church. This is a church ministry financial business model where the fees support churches and the dividend/interest from the endowment can be targeted as Hosanna designates for missions, operations, etc.

Discussed a new format for confirmation. Desire to separate confirmation from other youth programs. 7th/8th grade youth group experience will be more social with games, art/crafts, etc. Want to do confirmation on a shorter time, but more focused. Program will still be 2 years – can be more if a student doesn't have time to get it all done in 2 years. Used to be taught by pastor but hasn't been that way for several years. Mentor program needs improvement as kids/mentors were out of alignment. They didn't get to know each other.

Old Business/Discussion:

Discussed qualifications of Katherin Sepcich (Katy) for the Jr/Sr High Position. She is from Mandeville, lives with her parents and will be attending Loyola for her law degree. Very active in Young Life and building relationships. Hosanna desires this same model. She's experienced in building clubs – on the ground evangelism;

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Brad made a motion to approve Jan Sawa's daughter's Boy Scout Troops movie event request at Hosanna assuming no conflicts with other church activities. Alex seconded, all were in favor.

Decided confirmation will not be on Mother's Day in the future. Not a good to combine. Confirmation will likely be on Reformation Sunday next time.

Ginny volunteered to be a counter.

Pastor Jay to schedule a Skype interview with Katherine and other people from council or congregation; if the majority approves the hiring, Pastor Jay is authorized to hire her. Brad seconded the motion, all were in favor.

ACTION ITEMS/ TIMELINE OBJECTIVES:

Executive Council to enter into discussion of candidates for the part-time small group coordinator position.

Clean membership list (need to assign and target date)

Different name badges for church council members (needs to be assigned)

Church Council to become more transparent to congregation; will have very short speakers from purpose areas on occasion at worship to update and invite congregation to participate in purpose areas.

Fix communion cup challenge since they all stick together. Use root cause analysis on issues. (Carlos)

MAY:

5/27 – Speak to all services about his purpose area (Carlos)

Schedule interview and participants for Katherine interview (Jay)

Schedule interviews and participants with Small Group candidates (Jay)

JUNE:

Talk to individuals regarding Restricted Memorial Garden (Tara)

Develop letter to confirmands; review in Executive Council Meeting (Jay)

Develop confirmation format draft (Jay)

Develop a timeline of all goals, events, and deliverables (Jay)

Determine Sunday in June to speak to all services about his purpose area (Alex)

Brainstorm marketing opportunities for Hosanna – testimonies, video snippets, etc. (Ginny)

Brainstorm evangelism ideas to train ourselves and others on how to invite people to church, how to handle push back from neighbors (Alex)

Executive Council Meeting Agenda or email to include: Review of Confirmation letter/format, timeline draft. (Tara)

Council Meeting Agenda to include: Update on Confirmation letter, timeline draft, brainstorm progress, staff hiring. Discuss AED, Trauma bag updates (Tara)

JULY:

Develop plan for Marketing campaign (who, what, where, when, how) (Ginny)

Develop stewardship plan (Jay)

Develop plan for August Training for Faith 5 (need to assign)

Develop plan and supporting tools to support the January Rich Morhand event. Small group engagement, tools, etc. (need to assign)

Executive Council Meeting Agenda to include: Review stewardship plan, Faith 5, Rich Morhand (Tara)

Council Meeting Agenda to include: Update on stewardship plan, Faith 5, Rich Morhand and discuss progress on marketing plans (Tara)

AUGUST:

Execute Training for Faith 5 model (need to assign)

Develop preliminary 2019 budget; this is the basis for the stewardship campaign (Brad)

High level plan of improvements/growth opportunities outlined for Small Groups. (New in position for Small Groups)

Executive Council Meeting Agenda to include: Review updates to stewardship plan, Faith 5, Rich Morhand plan, review preliminary budget and Small Group plan (Tara)

Council Meeting Agenda to include: Communicate updates to stewardship plan, Faith 5, Rich Morhand plan, share preliminary budget and Small Group plan (Tara)

SEPTEMBER:

Executive Council Meeting Agenda to include: Finalize preliminary budget and stewardship plan (Tara)

OCTOBER:

Execute Stewardship Plan (Jay)

Executive Council Meeting Agenda to include: Discuss Stewardship plan (Tara)

Confirmation (Jay)

NOVEMBER:

DECEMBER:

JANUARY:

Community for Rich Morhand

New Online Resources

Check out our new additions the church website:

- [ONLINE COMMUNITY](#)
- [Online Church Calendar](#)
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