

Hosanna Highlights

August 2018

Grace to you and Peace,

I am so excited to be your pastor! I am so excited to watch God direct and move Hosanna as we proclaim the love of God to all people. I am so enthused as we begin to ramp up into the Fall and I start to see glimpses of growing edges and eager people willing to share this love and excitement with their friends.

One of my roles as pastor is to share that excitement. This is easy for me! I tell stories of families learning a new faith formation practice called Faith 5, this is something we will share with the congregation very soon. Families and extended families learning 5 easy steps to grow faith in the home.

I am excited to tell stories of a congregation who is beyond eager to grow closer together in fellowship and evangelism small groups. So excited in fact, that in the a few months we have added a bunch of new small groups across all of our purpose areas.

I am excited to tell stories of how families touring our pre-school are also hearing about our worship community and for the first time, we have a designated staff person to assist in planning activities that will draw our preschool and our congregation closer together. I am encouraged to tell stories of how our faith community wraps itself around the hurting, the grieving and those suffering in times of need.

These stories are easy to tell. These stories unite us around the Love of God and we can proclaim easily how God is moving in our families, our personal lives, our congregation and our community. Telling these God stories is indeed part of our congregational and personal mission.

Another of my roles as pastor is equipping you to tell your story. Teaching and training you in ways that can make it easier for you to practice sharing. As a parent, as well as pastor, I know the importance of baby-steps. So, let me give you a couple ideas. Let me share a couple baby steps.

First, there are many opportunities for growth here at Hosanna and we make a lot of bulletins and flyers. Take a flyer and give it to someone you know. Does your neighbor have kids? Give them a flyer to Rally Day or Youth Night! If they come, we can share the message, if they don't come, they will know you care enough to ask them. Easy-Peasy-Lemon-Squeezy! "Here, I saw this flyer and I thought of you."

Maybe the flyer is something you can post at the veterinarian or the dentist? Maybe you play cards with a group of people every week who might enjoy some other Hosanna activity. Share a flyer, a bulletin. This might grow into a conversation or even an invitation for someone to join you in worship. This is a great start!

Second, Do you have Facebook? If so, do you "like" Hosanna on Facebook? Our Facebook page reaches out to our congregation with lots of information. I love it when a post on our Facebook page gets a "like" from you. But, do you know what I love even more? When you "SHARE" it! You see, when you like a post, we see that you like it, but when you share it, everyone of your Facebook friends sees that you shared it and all of the sudden we are proclaiming the good news of God's love to tens of thousands! So please, like and share the Hosanna good news with people on your social media.

I encourage you to read the rest of this newsletter. In it you will see lots of opportunities for your own discipleship as well as MANY great opportunities to share with people you know. You will also be encouraged by stories and reports of growing ministries, successes and hands-on examples of the Holy Spirit moving in our midst.

See you on Sunday,
Pastor Jay

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Senior Pastor

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Upcoming Events at Hosanna



Sunday, August 12th



Preschool Sunday

Sunday, August 19th

Church Calendar

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

- Aug 1 **Katie's First Day**
DivorceCare
- Aug 2 Quilters
Youth Spreading Mulch
- Aug 3 Sr. High Florida Trip
- Aug 4 Sr. High Florida Trip
- Aug 5 Blessing of the Backpacks
Sr. High Florida Trip
Youth Night Registration
Intentional Parenting
- Aug 6 Biblical Greek 1
HIS Planning Meeting
- Aug 8 DivorceCare
- Aug 9 Quilters
Quilters Tutorial
- Aug 12 RALLY DAY
Youth Night Registration
- Aug 13 Biblical Greek 1
- Aug 14 Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Aug 15 DivorceCare
- Aug 16 Quilters
- Aug 17 Confirmation Retreat
- Aug 18 Confirmation Retreat
- Aug 19 Preschool Sunday
First Night of Youth Night
- Aug 20 Biblical Greek
Church Council
- Aug 22 DivorceCare
- Aug 23 Quilters
- Aug 25 HIS Ministry Project
- Aug 26 Youth Night
- Aug 27 Biblical Greek
- Aug 28 Congregational Care Team Meeting
- Aug 29 DivorceCare
- Aug 30 Quilters

Rally DAY

Kickoff
**ALL ARE
WELCOME**

JOIN US!

SUNDAY
AUGUST 12
4:30-8:00 PM

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Small Groups

Elizabeth Halliburton-Grave

Groups with a Purpose

As we continue to raise up new small groups here at Hosanna, I am eager for our program to reflect all Five Purpose Areas. Small groups with a focus on **Discipleship** are those groups where bible and book studies are at the center of the program. Here we grow deeper in our faith life and we grow closer to one another through caring conversations. **Worship** groups, like the 6PM music team, grow through their connection to the services offered at Hosanna. They work together to help create the best worship experience for all in attendance. Our **HIS Ministry** is a perfect example of a very **LARGE** small group with a purpose of **Ministry**; doing good for the neighbor. We are excited that, this fall, we will field both a softball and sand volleyball team with the purpose of **Fellowship** and **Evangelism**. These teams are an opportunity for Hosanna to be seen in the community and show people that we are a fun and welcoming congregation! If you are a member of the team, invite your friends to come watch a game or encourage your non-member friends to **JOIN** the team. Use this laidback gathering as a chance to evangelize for Hosanna! No one purpose area is more important than another, but they **ALL** work together to help us live out our mission to Proclaim the Love of God to **ALL** people!

1

ASSESS

If you are a small group leader, be sure to download the **LEAD App** for fast and easy attendance tracking. It's **FREE!** Keeping track helps us grow!

2

SUPPORT

I enjoyed helping some small groups find new materials for upcoming studies.

If your group wants to grow, let me know so I can connect you with new members looking to participate.

3

GROW

Over 50 People Signed Up for Koinonia so far!

2 Rec-League Teams

Number of Small Groups **DOUBLED** since May 31

Always open to **NEW** group ideas

New Programs

Fall Rec-Leagues
Koinonia

Upcoming Visions

Mission: Feed NOLA

One of our youth is starting a small group that will gather once a month to prepare, package, and deliver meals to the homeless in downtown New Orleans. She wants to add a prayer card to each sack lunch and of course include bags of puppy food for the people who have puppies with them.

Fall Parenting Session

Not sure about leaving your little for youth night? This fall, we are going to offer a parenting study that you can do while your child is at Youth Night! If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth and let her know!



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HIS Planning Meeting Monday, August 6th

HIS Planning Meeting- 1st Monday each month

HIS Service Project- 4th Saturday each month- August 25th

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

Our next planning meeting is Monday, August 6th. Check upcoming bulletins for updates on what HIS Ministry is up to next!



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).





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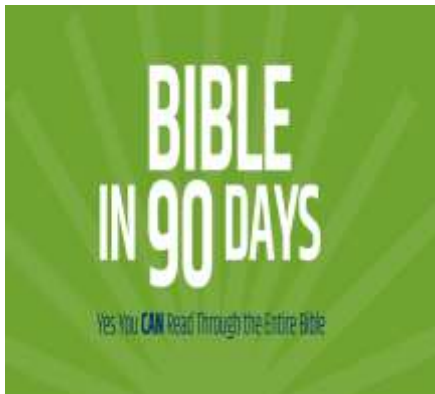
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**Join us for our
Sunday Evening
Worship Service.
6:00pm-6:45pm**



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.



Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.

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!

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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!



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 Office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day!

Church Council

See end of Newsletter for June 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



Youth and Family Ministries

New Youth Director! Rally Day! Confirmation! And Youth Night!!

Oh my goodness, it is time to get this program year rolling. Here are a few things you need to know!

Our New Youth Director, Katie S. will begin her duties with Hosanna on Aug 1st! We are excited to have her on board and she is looking forward to getting to know you all! She will be with our Sr. Highers for the Florida Beach Trip Aug 3-5. When she returns, she has a fantastic Fall building Jesus relationships with our students and their friends!

Rally Day! Free fun for all. Invite your neighbors and more. See the flyer that is in this newsletter. This is a SUPER way for us to Proclaim the Love of God to All People!

Confirmation is making a few changes. If you are a parent or a 7th or 8th Grader and you haven't gotten a confirmation email from Pastor Jay, please contact the church office. Confirmation is open to all and will be different than Youth Night!

Youth Night 2.0 begins Aug 19. There are several significant changes to the schedule this year. Please see the timing to see what works for your family. Also please note that we have Youth Night classes for Pre-K all the way to Grade 12. Pastor Jay will be offering some groups for adults during the youth night time as well.

Greetings to All,

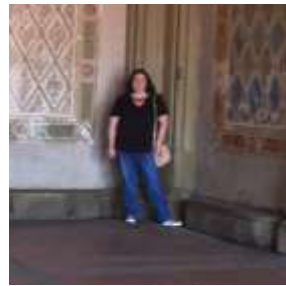
It is hard to believe that in a few days I will be celebrating my first month of employment with Hosanna Lutheran Church. The past month has truly been a remarkable experience for me. I have had the luxury of making the acquaintance of many of the congregation's members, and I am happy to say that I am getting better at placing faces with names. There are still so many of you that I have not had the opportunity to officially meet yet, but I trust that in the upcoming weeks I will be able to introduce myself to each one of you.

As the summer vacation nears its end and the beginning of the new school year is upon us, I am excited to begin our Fall schedule of Youth Nights on Sunday evenings. We still could use some more substitute teachers, so I encourage anyone who is interested in helping out to contact me at families@hosannalutheran.com. As many of you may already know, the official kick-off for Youth Night 2.0 is Sunday, August 12th, from 4:30 to 8:00 P.M. If you would like to volunteer in any way for this, please do not hesitate to email me. Please spread the word about Rally Day so we can make it a truly magical day of fun and worship!

God Bless,
Erin Fogarty



Katie Sepcich
youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com



Erin Forgarty
Families@hosannalutheran.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

SR. High Florida Trip
August 3rd– 5th

Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 5

RALLY SUNDAY
August 12th

Confirmation Retreat
August 17th -18th

First Night of Youth Night
Sunday, August 19th

**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
August 5

Youth Night Registration/ RALLY DAY
August 12th

First Night of Youth Night
August 19th

Youth Night
August 26th

NO Youth Night
September 2nd

Milestone Ministry

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.



New Youth Night times for Sundays

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

5:30 – 6:00 PM Early Dining

6:00 – 6:45 PM Sunday Night Worship

6:45 – 7:15 PM Later Dining

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



LUTHERHILL MINISTRIES





Director Marilyn Boudreaux

(985) 624-5525

hosannapreschool.com



 facebook.com/hosannachristianpreschool

Hosanna Preschool is invited to participate in the Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 5th at all services!



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!



If you have little ones that need structure, socialization, and want to prepare them for a classroom environment... come check out Hosanna Christian Preschool!
www.HosannaPreschool.com
Call 985-624-5525

SUMMER CAMP FUN!



September Birthdays!

Frank Loicano Sep 1

Annie Batte Sep 1

Jason Gray Sep 2

Ethan McInteer Sep 2

Oliver Hahn Sep 3

Jessica Wetekamm Sep 3

CJ Boynes Sep 3

Leah Horst Sep 4

Nathan Hoffman Sep 4

Jessie Reese Sep 5

Emma Piazza Sep 5

John Lyeki Sep 5

Elise Marchand Sep 6

Heather Putnam Sep 8

Douglas Burbank Sep 8

Elizabeth Grave Sep 8

Scarlett Schroeder Sep 9

Cinda Anderson Sep 9

Alex Torrey Douglass Sep 9

Nicole Gunn Sep 9

Matthew Duris Sep 10

Lauren Lacoste Sep 11

Steve Thompson Sep 12

Kaidin Dannewald Sep 12

Gaynell Lyeki Sep 13

Ryker Alley Sep 13

Presley Glashan Sep 14

Beverly Muller Sep 14

Olivia Wetekamm Sep 15

Rob Rhea Sep 15

Madalynn Avery Sep 16

Phyllis Schehr Sep 16

Jeremy Saacks Sep 17

Nancy Miller Sep 17

Gavin Saacks Sep 17

Abigail Douglass Sep 19

Vanessa Russo Sep 19

Jon Bagley Sep 19

Jesse Davis Sep 19

Matthew Saacks Sep 21

Anna Clark Sep 21

Kathryn James Sep 22

Claire Putnam Sep 22

Anthony Berzas Sep 23

Peggy Murphy Sep 23

Audrey Anderson Sep 23

Skip Smith Sep 25

Eric Campos Sep 25

Haley Kieff Sep 26

Trevor Colbert Sep 26

Jamie David Sep 27

Logan Peters Sep 27

Brian Jakes Sep 27

Dan Maloy Sep 27

D'Wanna Hanes Sep 28

Kim Dauzat-Thompson Sep 29

Alan Furan Sep 30

Logan Pearl Sep 30

Jordyn Campo Sep 30

September Anniversaries

Robert & Gayle Francke Sep 3

Harland & Marlene Johnson Sep 28

John & Gaynell Lyeki Sep 25

Alan & Katty LeVasseur Sep 2

Bob & Mona Sparacello Sep 11

Bill & Gayle Miller Sep 24

John & Cathy Gomila Sep 28

Larry & Nicole Gunn Sep 17

Keith & Nana Bagley Sep 8

June 18th, 2018 Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Attendance: Alex, Brad, Carlos, Ron, Ryan, Ginny, Jay

Brad called meeting to order at 7:02pm and announced a quorum is established

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Ron motioned to accept minutes for April and May's council meeting; Carlos seconded; Discussion about executive session re: small group coordinator candidates should be added to the minutes; Ron motioned amendment; Carlos seconded amendment; no further discussion; unanimous approval

New Business

Ron motioned to accept area reports including Treasury, Fellowship, Ministry, Discipleship, Worship, and Evangelism; including sanctuary use for Boy Scout Movie night in the Ministry report; Carlos seconded; no discussion; unanimous approval

Old Business

Brad updated the status of A/V upgrades; still pending conversation with restricted account

Brad motioned to hire Erin Fogarty for the part-time Young Children's Ministry Coordinator position; Ryan Seconded; no discussion; unanimous approval

Brad motioned to hire Elizabeth Grave for an interim part-time Small Group Coordinator reporting to Executive Council with 6-month reevaluation; Carlos seconded; unanimous approval

Ginny motioned to accept the All-Temp Quote for repairs to the Kitchen HVAC system; Ryan seconded; unanimous approval

Focus Area Discussion: Evangelism

Council held a brainstorming session on the definition of Evangelism and Hosanna's role. Discussion felt like this area is mostly marketing for the church, and how to reach the Word to all people or how to get information out to the public. Youth Night seems to be trending to an evangelical purpose, and perhaps Confirmation should be separated into ministry or discipleship. Many of Hosanna's ministries have an evangelical purpose and multiple opportunities exist to coordinate these areas.

Worship is to be the next focus area discussion.

Ginny motioned to adjourn; Ron Seconded; Ginny led the Council in Closing Prayer at 8:58pm.

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](#)

The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is September 4th at 9:00am
Click [here](#) to submit information



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