

Hosanna Highlights

October 2018

Grace to you and Peace,

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the instruction and Word of God in the Bible says we should give, and this should be enough to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the Law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children want to be like their parents. I see this in my girls, and even the mighty Thørin is trying to be like us. Children copy their parents at every level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything. Somehow in my mid-40's I am sitting just like my grandfather did.

And children try to copy it, which can be quite humorous when parents wish they wouldn't. It can be uncomfortable and embarrassing if a child copies or repeats something less than polite that they learned from a parent. Tv comedies thrive on this!

We are the children of God, by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan: "You are my beloved, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are the children of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are children, we are heirs – heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to copy His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the Church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are physical and earthly as well. Martin Luther teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread." What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, God gives us everything we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. This season of Celebrate Generosity is a time to prayerfully consider your gifts. How do you allocate your time, your talents and treasures. Your offering to the church fund projects in the community so we can proclaim God's love. Your weekly giving lets our love put on work boots and casserole dishes.

We don't do this simply because He has commanded us so to do; it is because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

In this newsletter you will see your gifts put to work. You will read about upcoming events and you will encounter new ways to become an active minister at Hosanna. I hope to see you at many of these important events.



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Senior Pastor

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Blessings,
Pastor Jay



Sunday, September 30th

“Changing Culture, Changing Community”
Tara Bremond
Community Forum

Sunday, October 7th

“Fellow Workers”
Stephen Wetekamm
Time, Talent & Treasure Survey
Community Form

Sunday, October 14th

Liz Johnson Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest
“Legacy Giving, Investment Group, Memorial Fund”
Julie Brown
Community Form

Sunday, October 21

Stewardship Sunday
Ministry Fair
Catered Meal
Estimate of Giving Cards
“Budget Projections for 2019” Brad Phillips



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Upcoming Events at Hosanna



The Blessing of the Pets
Sunday, October 7th 2018

Blessing of the Quilts
Sunday,
October 14th

Trunk
or
Treat
Saturday, October 27th



Church Calendar

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

- Oct 1 HIS Planning Meeting
- Oct 3 Mark Bible Study
DivorceCare
- Oct 4 Quilters
- Oct 7 Lutherhill Parent Meeting
Blessing of the Pets
Youth Night
- Oct 9 Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Oct 10 Mark Bible Study
DivorceCare
- Oct 11 Quilters
- Oct 14 Blessing of the Quilts
Liz Johnson Lutheran Foundation of the
South West
Youth Night
- Oct 15 Church Council
- Oct 17 Mark Bible Study
DivorceCare
- Oct 18 Quilters
- Oct 20 Golf Scramble
- Oct 21 Generosity Sunday
Ministry Fair
Youth Night
Sr. High mission Trip Parent Meeting
- Oct 23 Congregational Care Team Meeting
- Oct 24 Mark Bible study
DivorceCare
- Oct 25 Quilters
- Oct 27 HIS Ministry Service Project
Dyslexia Awareness Event
Trunk or Treat
- Oct 28 Reformation Sunday
Confirmation
Youth Night
- Oct 31 Mark Bible Study
DivorceCare

October 2018

Small Groups

Elizabeth Halliburton-Grave



Heart of the Congregation

Have you ever seen a child put money in the offering? It doesn't matter to them if it is a handful of noisy change, a wrinkled dollar bill, or a check for ten thousand dollars. What matters to them is that they are a part of something. They have such big hearts; all 4 pennies, 2 dimes, a nickel worth.

Small groups are another great way to be a part of something. Using your talents, time, and treasures to support small group ministry is a great way to connect in new ways here at Hosanna. I have been blessed to hear small group ideas from many people in the congregation, but also from multiple youth of our congregation. Care for creation, homeless ministry and ministry to the sick are just a few of the ideas that Hosanna youth have brought to me for group ideas. I am excited to work with these kiddos to plan and execute these programs and I hope to see all of YOU support their efforts because not only are they the future of our Church, they are also a big part of the heart.

Upcoming Visions

Christmas Presence
Each Christmas it is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season. Christmas Presence is a spiritual guide to keeping a mindful presence on the Lord during the Holidays. Each week during advent, groups will focus on a one aspect of their spiritual lives. This program, written by me, will be available for couples, singles, aging members, parents and youth. All containing specific goals for each group.

Events

Ministry Fair

October 21

Trunk or Treat

October 27 5pm

...He who *refreshes* others
will himself be *refreshed*. Proverbs 11:25



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HIS Planning Meeting Monday, November 5th

HIS Planning Meeting- 1st Monday each month

HIS Service Project- 4th Saturday each month- October 27th

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

Our next planning meeting is Monday, November 5th. Check upcoming bulletins for updates on what HIS Ministry is up to next at there next Service Project on Saturday, October 27th.



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 homebound 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 Dautat (985-264-5951) or the church office (985-727-9200).



Old Mandeville Business Association



Would you consider partnering with the Old Mandeville Business Association as we try to raise local Hunger Awareness through the Empty Bowl, an international grass-roots approach to supporting food banks and organization which offer food to those in need? The Samaritan center has been serving our community for 29 years and is looking for two Sponsors. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Carol Trumbo at (985) 264-7279

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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!

The Blessing of the Quilts will be on Sunday, October 14th at all services!

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Oktoberfest Fundraiser for Mwana Mission Project

Come join the fun on November 3, 2018, from 6-9 p.m. for a fun family event! We are aware of the BIG game that day, but it is hard to find a date that doesn't conflict with something here, so we will have a TV on with the game! As in previous years we will have lots of good German food and music. So, bring the kids and invite your friends! We will have several contests like best dressed German outfits, best yodeler (start practicing!), Masskrugstemmen, and Hammerschlagen (Google those), best Chicken dancers. We will have some traditional Oktoberfest items for sale like flower headbands, decorated heart cookies, roasted almonds along with some beautiful Malawian crafts and some auction items. So, put the date in your calendar, get your German outfits together, practice yodeling, and doing the Chicken dance!! Contact Heidi Rhea, 985-502-5408, if you would like to help. More info will be coming later.



The Blessing of the Pets

Join us on
Sunday, October 7th 2018
4:00pm

For the Blessing of the Pets!
All pets are welcome!

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The **Hosanna Fellowship team** is planning a Golf Scramble at Pinewood Country Club in Slidell on Oct 20th, 2018. The cost for the Golf scramble will be \$40, which includes golf fees, golf cart and food, refreshments and fellowship/fun after the event. Tentative times for the event are 9 am to 4 pm.

A signup sheet is at the church information center or

contact Ron Entzel (985) 373-3993.

More information to come as we get closer to the date.



Once again, Hosanna is partnering with the Samaritan Center to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need in our community. I have written a Thrivent grant to fund the cost of baskets and decorating supplies. These baskets will be ready for sign out and pickup on **October 14th** by individuals, families, or Small Groups. A list of required items will be in the basket. Please adhere to this list only so that all baskets will contain the same items.

Please return the basket(s) by **November 11th** along with a check for \$50 made out to the Samaritan Center. The check will be used to purchase a gift card to be used for perishables for the family.

Please plan on joining us on **Saturday, November 17th** from 10 am until noon, as recipients will be coming to Hosanna to collect their baskets and we will have an opportunity share Hosanna Hospitality and Generosity with them.

Blessings,

Linda Busfield & Amy Ettinger



Scrip is a fundraiser to help youth who will be attending camps and mission trips throughout the year. 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

Church Council

See end of Newsletter for August
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

As your Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Member – Fellowship Purpose Area Leader, I am writing to give everyone an update on the Fellowship Purpose Area at Hosanna. If you are like me you think that the Fellowship Area is about gatherings/events (e.g. Crawfish Boil, Christmas Party, Summer Picnic, etc.) held at the church each year but there are many more items that are included in this area such as, assimilating new members into the congregation, hosting Discovery classes, helping members find small groups, regularly contact inactive members to offer assistance, arranges for a Photo Historian and scrapbook each year, etc. Were you surprised by how much is included in this Purpose Area? Now you know why it requires a Team to help manage his purpose area. If you are interested in being a member of the Hosanna Fellowship Team, please let me know.

The Crawfish boil is one event that has been held this year. I was very fortunate to have Ronnie & Rachel Couvillion and Sean & Dee Dee Goodgion help with organizing and coordinating this event. Also, there were many more Hosanna members people who helped with set up and take down for this event, which is always greatly appreciated.

Events remaining for 2018 include:

- October 20th - Golf Scramble (Pinewood CC)/Social (in Mandeville) afterwards – Cost \$40. We have 16 players signed up as of Sept 29th so there is plenty more spots for those who want to have fun. Greg Thompson will be surprising us with some food/refreshment after we have finished golfing (spouses are invited for the food/refreshment)

- October 21st – Stewardship luncheon

- Dec 1st – Annual Church Christmas Party – The Couvillion's and Goodgion's have volunteered to assist with this event again this year. They did this last year and it was a great time for all. I will be organizing a planning meeting in October so if anyone is interested in being part of this team/helping this year, please let me know.

Ron Entzel



Katie Sepcich
youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com

Last week at Youth Night, I asked our Jr. and Sr. High to complete a scavenger hunt of tasks around Hosanna. The sanctuary was filled with kids playing leap frog. The upstairs classrooms were turned into dance floors with kids doing the Cupid Shuffle and the Chicken Dance. You couldn't hear anything besides operatic renditions of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star", and it was wonderful. Wonderful to watch them joyously run around the church. Wonderful to watch them enjoy their time together.

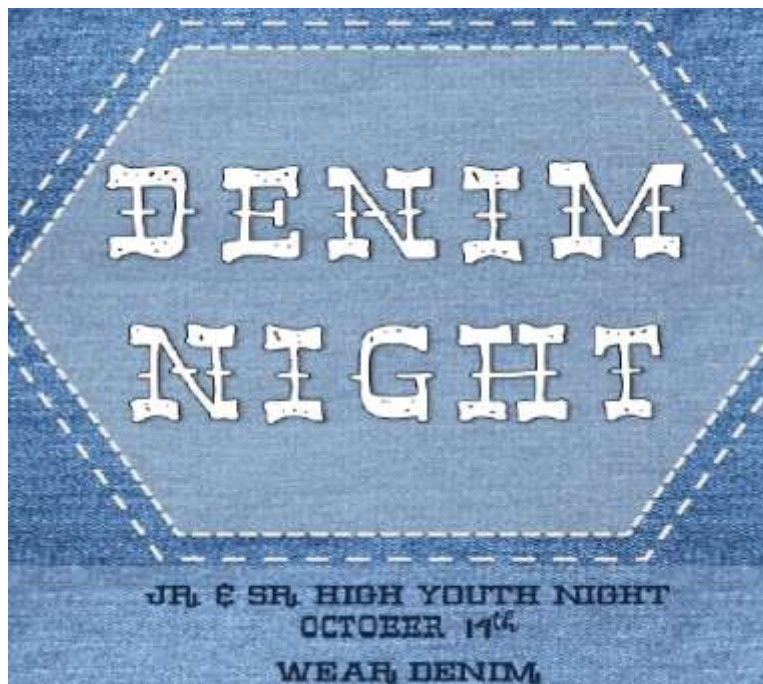
October is here, and there's more wonderful moments to be had with something exciting for the Jr. and Sr. High every week!

- October 7th at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary we will announce the details of Bible Camp at Lutherhill. Any future 7th, 8th, and 9th graders and their parents are encouraged to attend.
- October 14th we will celebrate our Lutherhill announcement at Youth Night with Denim Night. Jr. and Sr. Highers are encouraged to come dressed in their best denim for a western themed night to celebrate our Jr. Highers trip to Texas.
- October 21st at 5 pm in the Sanctuary we will have a Sr. High parent meeting to discuss the details of the Sr. High Mission Trip next summer. Our high school seniors have been keeping our trip destination a secret and have a big reveal plan to the other members of Jr. and Sr. High at Youth Night.
- October 28th is Confirmation Sunday. We will celebrate our 8th graders taking the steps to be confirmed at our 10:30 am Service.

Yep, it's busy, but wonderfully busy.

Much Love,
Katie







Erin Forgarty

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Fall is finally here, and October promises to be a month filled with fun festivities at Hosanna. To kick off the month, on Sunday, October 7th at 4:00 P.M., we will be hosting our Blessing of the Pets event. As an avid animal lover, I am super excited for this upcoming event. Currently, I am purchasing goodies to fill treat bags for your furry friends to receive. In addition, all pets will leave with a cute St. Francis medal as a token to watch over and protect them. If for some reason, your pet can not attend the event, no worries. You can bring a photograph of your pet that Pastor Jay will bless, along with a goody bag to bring home.

The next major event for the month will be our Trunk or Treat event scheduled for Saturday, October 27th. Participants will decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out special treats to the children. In addition, we will have Halloween themed music playing and food offered. Parents and children alike are encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes. If you want to participate in the fun, there is still time to sign up your vehicle. I am looking forward to seeing all of the clever ideas people come up with for their cars!

Also, we are looking forward to the Holidays. As of yesterday, a plastic tote has been placed outside the office to collect donations for needy children this Christmas. We are seeking small and basic toys for these children so they have something to open during the holidays. If you are interested in helping, you can drop off your donation until November 11th, when the youth night children will place all of the donations into beautiful stockings given to us by the quilters. If you would like a list of recommended items to donate, just stop by the office or ask me.

Sincerely,
Erin Forgarty

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.



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.



[Youth Calendar](#)

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

October 7th

11:30pm Lutherhill Parent Meeting
Youth Night

October 14

Youth night

October 21

Youth Night

October 21

5:00pm Sr.High Mission Trip Parent Meeting
Youth Night

October 27

Trunk or Treat

October 28

Confirmation Sunday
Youth Night



Director Marilyn Boudreaux

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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!

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.



FOR CANCER AWARENESS!

Dear Parents,

Our little school will be collecting change for cancer awareness during the month of October. We will donate all change collected to our own HLC Chemo-Care Bag Ministry, which supplies Chemo patients with handy, needed items, in a handmade bag, which is made by HLC members. These bags are very important to Cancer patients, as I have experienced this personally.

We will have a bottle out in each classroom for the children to put extra change into, and they can see how high the coins can reach to make a change for Cancer. This is a great way to show the children how a little change can go a long way, and help a person going through a difficult time. Once again, thank you for your continued support!

Many blessings,

Marilyn Boudreaux, Director





November Birthdays!

Vella Gaffney Nov 2
Mia Spaulding Nov 2
Patrick Lloyd Nov 3
Rose Shepherd Nov 3
Cora Langendoerfer Nov 3
Jake Gardner Nov 3
Jacob Giffin Nov 4
Molly Gray Nov 4
Thomas Loicano Nov 4
Charlotte Regenhardt Nov 4
Jack Anderson Nov 4
Barry Campos Nov 4
Amelia Knebel Nov 5
Faith Albert Nov 5
Marilyn Boudreaux Nov 5
Nicholas Hoffman Nov 6
Vivian Moore Nov 6
Jaxon Edwards Nov 6
Angelle King Nov 6
David Moore Nov 6
Avery Gennaro Nov 6
Rachael Couvillion Nov 7
Jackson Haynes Nov 7
Toby Tournillon Nov 7
Andrew Bonvillain Nov 8
Sarah Bradley Nov 9
Matt Wetekamm Nov 9

Toby Belk Nov 10
Sharon Shallenberger Nov 10
Danny Garretti Nov 10
Tyler Belk Nov 10
Sadie Belk Nov 10
Allen Sanders Nov 10
Molly Green Nov 11
Harper Crain Nov 11
Todd Gregory Nov 11
Steve Burbrink Nov 11
Lucy High Nov 11
Mason Warren Nov 12
Anna Crawford Nov 13
Lance Lalanne Nov 13
Aubrey Richie Nov 14
Carly Salvaggio Nov 14
Fred Wetekamm Nov 15
Ava Adams Nov 16
Heidi Rhea Nov 16
Alanna Torrey Nov 17
Tommy Naka Nov 17
Casie Lalanne Nov 18
Charli Salvaggio Nov 19
Gabriel Dunham Nov 19
Gage Lisle Nov 19
Mallory Gregory Nov 20
Michael Aicklen Nov 20

Paige Putnam Nov 20
Jo Peterson Nov 20
Leia Zierhut Nov 23
Inge Horst Nov 23
Kyle Brown Nov 23
Alexandra Concepcion Nov 24
Alex Williams Nov 24
Jeffrey Lemoine Nov 25
Joe Dongieux Nov 25
Sue Streicher Nov 26
Liam Burbrink Nov 26
Annalee Burbrink Nov 26
Scott Quillin Nov 26
Elijah Burbrink Nov 26
Sharon Hilt Nov 27
Judy Pellerin Nov 27
Yvette Laws Nov 27
Yvonne Sentilles Nov 28
Jack Tolley Nov 28
Sara Grace Sirera Nov 28
Hayden Felder Nov 28
Dawn Knebel Nov 28
Zachary Sirera Nov 28
Julia Briganti Nov 29
Mike Slye Nov 29
Elise Glorioso Nov 29

November Anniversaries

Bill & Sylvia Wallace Nov 14
Rick & Jo Peterson Nov 16
Joe & Cindy Brocklesby Nov 10
David & Rachael Moore Nov 14
Barry & Peg Campos Nov 17
Paul & Kim Gelbke Nov 25
Jason & Inge Horst Nov 19

Brian & Beverly Jakes Nov 12
Stephen & Melanie Wetekamm Nov 30
John & Beth Riedel Nov 28
Louis & Judy Pellerin Nov 7

August 20, 2018 Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting

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

Absent: Stephen

Julie called meeting to order at 7:06pm and announced a quorum is established

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes & Reports

Brad motioned to approve July's meeting minutes and Purpose Area, Small Group Coordinator, and Pastor's reports; Ron Seconded, no discussion, unanimous consent

Approval for July's treasurer report was delayed until next council meeting as members had not had time to review before the time of the meeting. Treasury reports were also corrected for April and May to account calculation error.

New Business

Ron motioned to continue offering a third service on Sundays at 6pm through the end of the school year. Discussion centered on a Council-supported communication to the congregation to be delivered by Carlos or delegate. Discussion & Votes tabled to online: 6 approve, 3 abstain. The reasons given to support this initiative include:

Increasing attendance at 6 pm service by current Hosanna members whereas complete families attend together

Provides an alternate time for visitors and members to attend worship service beyond Sunday morning

Increasing visitor attendance and involvement at the 1030 service is likely due to shifting attendance of current Hosanna members to the 6 pm service provides space for visitors to feel welcome and involved.

Provides increasing involvement and participation by Hosanna Youth members (music, choir, A/V booth, etc.) in Worship service

Aligns and complements the new Sunday Night Youth Program and Faith5 initiative to bring discipleship to families

Provides additional opportunities for Hosanna church members to take on service roles in our worship services

Carlos motion to renew the 2018-2019 subscription to Church Community builder website; Ryan seconded, discussion raised about investigate features and benefits that we may not be utilizing, all were in-favor, motion passed.

Brad motion to choose Henderson Lawn Care as landscaping and lawn maintenance vendor; Ginny seconded; discussion centered that although Henderson Lawn Care may not be the most competitive price but that they give ex-convicts an opportunity for redemption. All were in-favor, motion passed

Old Business

Continued discussion on 2020 vision and Stewardship Campaign; Tabled to special meetings in July

Focus Area Discussion: Fellowship

Reviewed the council handbook and pleasantly surprised the handbook reflected Pastor Jay's values on fellowship and small groups in the context of a purpose-driven church.

Brad motioned to adjourn; Carlos Seconded; Jay led the Council in Closing Prayer at 9:15pm.

The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is October 30th at 9:00am
Click [here](#) to submit information