

# Hosanna Highlights

## November 2018

Grace to you and Peace,

October was jam packed with celebrating. We celebrated Generosity. We celebrated Confirmation. We celebrated during fellowship events and ministry events. We celebrated during our 1st Annual Trunk or Treat, with kiddos eating candy in the parking lot. We may have even celebrated some football wins, even if the Hosanna softball team didn't fare so well. We celebrated our annual stewardship drive. Our council celebrated our work together as we plan ahead to the close of the year. Hosanna Preschool celebrated in costume and the church staff joined in the fun. Celebrations all over the place!

I believe that all this celebration is a blessing from God. I believe that as our lives are transformed by Christ, we respond in service, but we also respond in joy. God wants you to enjoy sharing the gifts you have been given. You see, I believe God has a mission. God has a joy-filled plan to save people from their sins; that plan is Jesus. God has a plan to reconnect people to each other and to God; that is reconciliation. This two-fold plan of redemption and reconciliation is all over the Bible. It is in the Old and the New Testament. Jesus teaches it and the prophets foretell it. God's mission of redemption and reconciliation is still at work all around us.

God's mission has a Church to do the work. God calls, equips, nurtures and sends God's own people into the world to proclaim God's mission. Our Hosanna mission statement reflects this belief in God and the Church. We proclaim the love of God, the redeeming and reconciling love to all people. God's mission is then brought to life as we know, grow, and follow Jesus. God's mission hits the ground when God's church is living out their Faith. This mission is for the good of the neighbor. God's mission takes seriously the people across the world, across the street, and even across the table. God's mission is about drawing people together and that happens person to person.

I believe that God's church has You! That's right! As we move forward into our Hosanna Vision 2020, you will see the emphasis that is placed on YOU living out YOUR purpose areas. You are called to witness to your neighbor and invite them to participate with YOU. You are called to help those in need. You are called to open your heart and mind to deepening discipleship. You are called to fellowship with your Christian friends and also nurture your relationships with non-church-goers. You are called to increase your trust as you increase your giving. You are called to let God speak into your heart in worship. God has a mission. God's mission has a church. God's church has you!

The joy and excitement and celebration come when you participate in that mission. Trust me, God's mission will go on even if you bail. God's mission will continue even if you don't like this or that, or aren't ready to share in a new way, or don't like something new. God's mission will continue to work redemption and reconciliation all around you. But if you choose not to participate, you forfeit the God given Joy!

Friends, God has opened my eyes to a joyful celebration here at Hosanna. We are being called to participate deeply in the transformation of our community. November begins with a celebration of our dearly departed on All Saints Day, Nov. 4. We will celebrate together as we gather items for Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas stockings and even boxes for those working on river barges. All of this celebrating guides our vision into the future. Vision 2020 is a part of the powerful call we are receiving. My prayer is that you will join in this fantastic adventure of redemption and reconciliation as we proclaim the love of God to all people.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jay



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## Upcoming Events at Hosanna

# Congregational BUDGET MEETING

## Sunday, November 11th at 10AM



Once again, Hosanna is partnering with the Samaritan Center to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need in our community. **THERE ARE A FEW BASKETS LEFT!** Individuals, Families and Small Groups are all welcome to participate. 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

**Hosanna's Annual Christmas  
Party will be Saturday December 1st.  
Look for more info in the weekly  
bulletin.**



## Church Calendar

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

Nov 1 Quilters  
Nov 4 Youth Night  
ALL Saints day  
Daylight Savings  
Nov 5 Biblical Greek  
HIS Planning meeting  
Nov 7 Mark Bible Study  
DivorceCare  
Nov 8 Quilters  
Nov 11 Congregational Budget Meeting  
New Member Sunday  
Youth Night  
Thanks giving Baskets Due  
Nov 12 Biblical Greek  
Nov 13 Stephen Ministry Meeting  
Nov 14 Last Mark Bible Study  
Divorce Care  
Nov 15 Quilters  
Nov 17 Progressive dinner  
Thanksgiving Basket Distribution  
Nov 18 Special Guest Preacher at 9 & 10:30am  
No 6:00pm Service  
Nov 19 No Biblical Greek  
Church Council  
Nov 21 DivorceCare  
Nov 22 Church Office Closed  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
Nov 25 Youth Night  
Nov 26 Biblical Greek  
Nov 27 Congregational Care Team Meeting  
Nov 28 DivorceCare  
Nov 29 Quilters  
Dec 1 Hosanna Annual Christmas Party



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## Daylight Saving Time is Sunday, November 4th



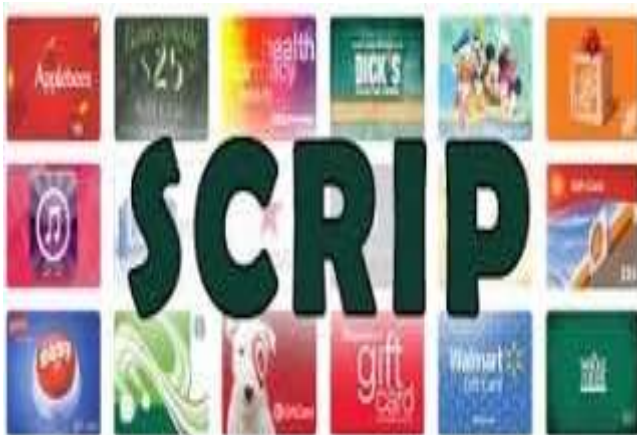
### Hosanna Quilters

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! Join us for the next Quilt Blessing in May 2019!



**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.



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](http://ShopWithScrip.com) and put in the Hosanna code 2D129L3F73L and our youth will receive credit from your purchases. Use your login at [MyScripWallet.com](http://MyScripWallet.com) to reload and purchase more scrip on your phone!

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## HIS Planning Meeting: Monday, November 5th

HIS Planning Meeting- 1st Monday each month

HIS Service Project- 4th Saturday each month— **Canceled for Nov. & Dec. due to the holidays!**

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!



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

# ADVENT FRIENDS 2018: STARTING DECEMBER 2!! SIGN UP DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AT THE INFORMATION CENTER

## WHAT IS ADVENT FRIENDS?

Advent Friends is a fun-filled, secret pal program that allows us to add to that feeling of wonder and anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

## WHAT DO I DO?

During each of the four weeks of Advent, surprise your Advent Friend with a *small* gift. Remembering the **simplicity of the Lord's birth, let's be creative and keep the gifts** simple and inexpensive. Recall the Little Drummer Boy whose gift was a humble song, all he had to offer. Though Mary and Joseph were honored by the fine gifts from the wise men, the song states that the baby Jesus *smiles* at the Little Drummer Boy. You might send a seasonal greeting card, advent calendar, a sample of your holiday baking, a holiday CD, Christmas books, or any variety of seasonal gifts. **Keep in mind the children's ages, if applicable, and the family-oriented nature of the event.** Think of simple games, things to make or things to enjoy together.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Sign-up sheets will be available at the Information Center November 4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. As well as on Church Community Builder under the forms tab. After Sign-ups are complete, you will receive notification of your Advent Friend!

## HOW DO I PLAY CREATIVELY AND HAVE THE MOST FUN?

**The major part of the participation of this program is to catch your "friend" off guard with the when and where of the arrival of the remembrances.** Be creative – use the postal system, a mysterious knock on the door for a left package, a surprise on the car, or leaving it at church. **Any way is good, just don't get caught! Have more fun by being creative about finding out more about your Advent Friend.**

## HOW DO I FIND OUT WHO HAD ME AS AN ADVENT FRIEND?

On Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>, we will gather for a pot luck dinner at church, at noon, where all will be revealed. Come with your clues and ideas, your pot-luck dish and see if you can guess who had you for an Advent Friend.

Please contact Lynne Schaeffer-Kemp (985-882-7089) or  
Ashley Burbank (985-789-0508) for any questions.

JOIN THE FUN !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



You can sign up for Advent Friends at the Info Center or online through Church community builder. Just click [this link](#) and log into your profile!





Thank you to our amazing quilters for all the hard work and beautiful quilts they made for this past Blessing of the Quilts.



About 206 quilts, 55 afghans, and 103 slip dresses filled the sanctuary. The gifts are created from donated fabrics and supplies. After quilts are blessed, they are distributed to various charities locally, nationally, and internationally: Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, The Samaritan Center, Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center, Methodist Home for Children, St. Tammy Hospital Hospice, Legacy Hospice, St. Joseph's Hospice, Specialists of Louisiana Hospice, Hospice Foundation of the South-Grief Camp, St. Tammy Hospice NICU, Heritage Manor, Lakeview Regional Hospital Pediatrics, Peace Lutheran, Mwana Mission in Africa and Fairhaven. As well as disasters, and community emergencies.

The ministry is blessed with 25-30 volunteers from the surrounding communities and snowbirds from all around the nation. We meet every Thursday morning 9:00am—12:30pm. We welcome anyone who wants to learn new skills, improve old skills or just see what we do.





# November 18th

Tom Rhoades is a maritime chaplain for the Seamen's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey. The website is [www.seamenschurch.org](http://www.seamenschurch.org). He is stationed in Baton Rouge and serves river mariners in the Lower Mississippi and Gulf region. Before this position, Tom worked as a deckhand and cook for almost ten years on push boats in the river towing industry. He was ordained in the United Methodist Church and served as a pastor in rural Arkansas from 1999 to 2008. Tom is a pastoral candidate for the ELCA hoping to be installed next year following seminary classes that include Reformation Readings with Dr. Jay Grave. He is married to Stacey, a watercolor artist, and they have two college-aged girls, Clara, and Tressie, who attend St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Annapolis, Maryland respectively.

## **Services & Ministry**

Hardworking men and women of the maritime industry make huge sacrifices to provide the world with a way of life to which it has become accustomed. Spending many months on board a vessel, away from family and friends, mariners face dangers and challenges unique to their round-the-clock profession.

Away from the support of their local communities, SCI gives mariners a place to feel "at home." The Institute offers a warm welcome at a seafarers' center in the [Port of New York and New Jersey](#). SCI also meets mariners right where they work—aboard cargo ships and on the vessels that travel the inland river waterways of the United States and the Gulf of Mexico.

As part of its round-the-clock ministry, SCI maintains a staff of professional chaplains with interfaith and cross-cultural backgrounds. Chaplains and volunteers assist thousands of mariners each year, offering a hand of friendship and pastoral care. They also bring with them practical services like wire transfer forms, calling cards, and cell phones to connect with loved ones at home.

SCI provides a wide spectrum of support services—chaplaincy, legal aid, and continuing maritime education. Whenever a mariner connects with SCI, he or she can count on a comprehensive response.



# The Blessing of the Pets!

Thank you to all who came. We loved getting to meet & bless your animal family members!





# Church Council

See end of Newsletter for September  
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

Hello again Hosanna,

The month of October was full of activity at Hosanna. The build up to completing our Stewardship Campaign, “Celebrate Generosity” involved many hands and minds from conception to conclusion. There were a variety of presentations given along the way. A big part of comfortably traveling the road to somewhere is the vision of where that road can take us. Pastor Jay has laid out a vision that is beyond current times; one of not just months or a year or two, but much longer.

Vision 2020 sets goals in a new way for achieving our Mission along a longer road than the now, and it does so in a measured way of growth. I believe the notion to think ahead did energize many of us. We heard about our Time, Talent, and Treasure survey “The Triple T!” and numerous calls to support our Ministries. The results of the Ministry Fair showed the elevated interest in beginning on the path to achieving the growth. As for Ministries, 25 of our more than 40 ministries gained a new member. There were 30 people who signed up for something new; and many signed up for multiple ministries. That is fantastic growth compared to recent years.

And now for the advertisement: If you are still thinking about joining a Ministry, there are still more spaces where you can help. If you are still wondering where you may fit, but have not completed a Time, Talent, and Treasure survey (The Triple-T; aka TTT), then please complete one to help prompt your vision. You may request a TTT from Grace in the office or complete it online at [hosannalutheran.com](http://hosannalutheran.com) via the Online Community link to access your Church Community Builder account.

Stephen Wetekamm

# Stewardship Corner

## Stewardship Ministry: November 2018

Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or overseas than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like – how we are supposed to love our neighbor.

The fact that we don't like hearing about stewardship certainly means we ought to face it. Here are a few simple and practical realities.

God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. This means we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else.

We don't pay for all the stuff we need, and think we need, and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10 percent? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

So, if 10 percent was needed in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

First-fruits, sacrificial, generous giving – that's the way. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've out-given God's goodness or that we've given plenty.

We might be tempted to think so but consider – no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

Or, as St. Paul said, bringing the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church:

"I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's law, and the law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance.

The law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the law. If first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus took the disciples' five loaves and two fish and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing.

Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.

He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them, the givers – not just in that they wind up with (a basket full for each loaf) but that they learned to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

He does all things well and works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, they love Him, and they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.







**Katie Sepcich**  
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From Lutherhill to Chicago, from Senior High Skits to Confirmation, and from Denim Night to Trunk or Treat, October has been a busy month for our Jr. and Sr. High. We announced the dates of the Jr. High's trip to Bible Camp at Lutherhill, and we announced that the Sr. High Mission Trip will be in Chicago! It's been a fun month!

This month, we have two opportunities for the entire congregation to get involved with the Jr. and Sr. High. The first is in celebrating a cherished, Hosanna tradition, the Progressive Dinner, on November 17<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for families to serve either the appetizer, dinner, or dessert course, so please let me know if you're interested in hosting. Another opportunity is our first Prayer & Coffee time on November 28<sup>th</sup>, which will occur on the last Wednesday of each month. This will be a time to pray for our Jr. and Sr. High specifically and especially for their trips to Chicago and Lutherhill this summer.

Although November is traditionally a month of giving thanks and celebrating gratitude, I have spent October feeling deeply grateful for all the support our congregation gives to the Jr. and Sr. High youth ministries. My friends make fun of me because one of my frequent phrases is, "I'm just so thankful". So I'll try to contain myself here. But, hearing the entire congregation pray for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders during Confirmation Sunday was special, the giving from Celebrate Generosity month is so encouraging, and the excitement for our two summer trips - I'm just so thankful.

Much Love,  
Katie

All youth  
are  
Welcome!



Come enjoy  
Youth Night  
fun Sunday  
evenings!!





## Erin Forgarty

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October is nearly finished, and I am looking forward to the month of November. Before I focus on November's activities that our youth will be involved in, I would like to emphasize how amazing Hosanna's first Trunk or Treat went for those who could not attend the festivities. The vehicles of all of those who participated were superbly decorated and creative with many different themes represented. I commend all volunteers for the effort they employed to "deck out" their vehicles. Several hundred people attended and many were new faces that I have never encountered at Hosanna before. Now that our first Trunk or Treat is in the history books as a success, we have so many things that we will implement next year to make it twice as fun!

In less than two weeks, our younger Youth Night members will be busy stuffing the stockings with all of the goodies that our congregation has been donating to the underprivileged youth of our community. Earlier today, I had to empty the container for donations into another one because the original was starting to overflow! Problems are usually not good, but this one definitely is. We want to stuff as many stockings as we can to give these children a truly remarkable Christmas this year, so please feel free to add your contribution if you desire to be a part of this event.

Since November is all about giving thanks, our preschool students are also busy creating unique Christmas cards that will accompany another project that our youths are involved in for the Christmas season. During an upcoming Youth Night, our younger children will be assembling gift boxes for riverboat captains that will contain the preschoolers' cards.

I am very excited that our church is going to be responsible for giving so much holiday cheer this year to others! Good things are definitely in the works at Hosanna!

Sincerely,

Erin Fogarty

## 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

**November 4: Regular Youth Night**

**November 11: Youth Night stocking stuffing**

**November 18: NO YOUTH NIGHT**

**November 25: Regular Youth Night**

### 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.







Director Marilyn Boudreaux

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## Registration

For the 2018-2019 School Year

## Is Open



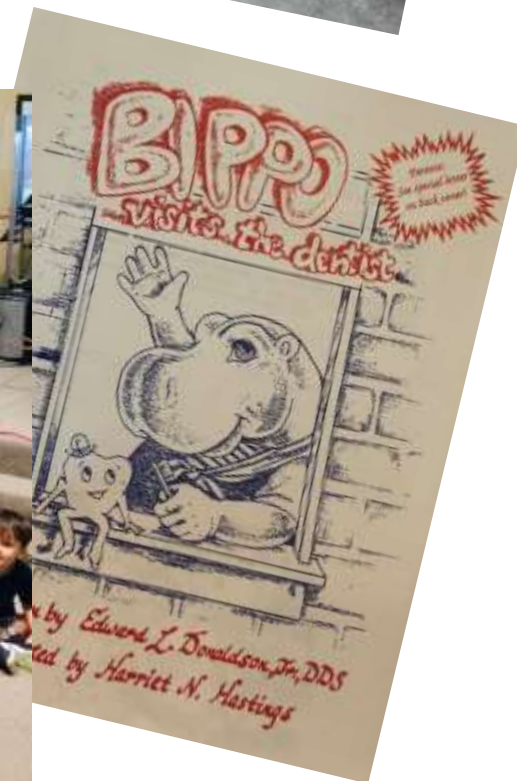
**This month Hosanna Christian Preschool is collecting nonperishable food for the Samaritan Center. They will be teaching the children the importance of helping others in the community and to be thankful for what God has given them!**



Hosanna Christian Preschool  
Would like to invite you to their  
upcoming **Christmas Program**  
on Wednesday, December 19th  
at 11:00am in the sanctuary









# December Birthdays!

Ashlynn Elwood Dec 1  
Lisa Warren Dec 1  
Andrew Moore Dec 1  
Jamie Wetekamm Dec 2  
Sean Warren Dec 2  
Alan LeVasseur Dec 2  
Jay Bearden Dec 3  
Stephen Wetekamm Dec 4  
Christine Cousins Dec 4  
Jake Tournillon Dec 5  
Jacob Goodgion Dec 5  
Angie Tennant Dec 5  
Teresa Abram Dec 6  
Holly Turgeau Dec 6  
Steven Michell Dec 6  
Stacy Hurley Dec 7  
Vickie Lemieux Dec 7  
Haley Dean Dec 7  
Jill Maloy Dec 8  
Shanickwa Jackson Dec 8  
Janet Michell Dec 9  
Charles Colbert Dec 10  
George Michell Dec 10  
Janis Mayfield Dec 10  
Connor Ettinger Dec 11

Allee Bild Dec 11  
Bill Wallace Dec 12  
Brianna Warren Dec 13  
Zachary Dale Dec 13  
Terrence Mathers Dec 13  
Mary Wilson Dec 14  
Madison Horst Dec 14  
Kate Tournillon Dec 14  
Chris Bild Dec 16  
Brittany Macha Dec 16  
Katy Soong Dec 16  
Maxine Eiserloh Dec 17  
Karen Wohlers Dec 18  
Carol Torrey Dec 18  
Stacy Robertson Dec 18  
Ron Clark Dec 19  
Christine Johnston Dec 19  
Reid Patterson Dec 20  
Thørin Grave Dec 20  
Ariel Moore Dec 20  
Bill Kemp Dec 20  
Maximus Johnston Dec 21  
Joe Brocklesby Dec 21  
Toni Matherne Dec 21  
Zach Nichols Dec 22

Troy King Dec 22  
A.J. Hood Dec 23  
Gray Thorpe Dec 23  
Karter Perry Dec 23  
Walker Entzel Dec 23  
Glenn Giffin Dec 24  
Cullen Campo Dec 24  
Jill Burbrink Dec 26  
Lena Gunn Dec 28  
Hayden Helmlinger Dec 28  
David Schaeffer Dec 29  
Charlotte Lescale Dec 30  
Josh Bearden Dec 30  
Jonathan Davis Dec 30  
Caitlyn Williams Dec 31  
Bill Laurence Dec 31  
Loanne Ibele Dec 31



## December Anniversaries

John & Karlyn Ball Dec 20  
Bob & Linda Busfield Dec 27  
Michael & Sandy Nieto Dec 26  
Skip & Valerie Smith Dec 30  
Yuki & Cynthia Naka Dec 27  
Ginny & Martin Sirera Dec 27  
Michael & Shelley Batte Dec 14

Sean & Lisa Warren Dec 30  
Greg & Sharon Bennett Dec 29  
David & Mable Rees Dec 29



# September 17, 2018 Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Alex, Brad, Ron, Ryan, Ginny, Jay, Tara, Stephen

Absent: Julie, Carlos

Tara called meeting to order at 7:11 pm and announced a quorum is established

## **Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes & Reports**

Brad motioned to approve August's meeting minutes and Purpose Area, Small Group Coordinator, and Pastor's reports; Alex Seconded, no discussion, all were in favor

## **New Business**

No new business was presented or discussed

## **Old Business**

Brad, as Treasurer, motioned that the following reports be approved as presented and amended (as necessary):

- Revised April 2018 Accounting Reports and Treasurer Review (labeled as Rev 1)

- Revised May 2018 Accounting Reports and Treasurer Review (labeled as Rev 1)

- June 2018 Accounting Reports, Treasurer Review, and Treasurer's Summary

- July 2018 [Accounting Reports, Treasurer Review, and Treasurer's Summary](#)

- August 2018 Accounting Reports, Treasurer Review, and Treasurer's Summary

Ron seconded; all were in favor.

Brad also mentioned that the motions to transfer funds to Gulf Coast Bank would be ready for approval in October's council meeting

Meeting went into Executive session for to discuss staffing; minutes not recorded.

Upon exiting the executive session, Stephen motioned that in light of the planned growth and expansion of the church and its congregation and the need to re-distribute workloads to accommodate this future growth, that a division of duties be established for the bookkeeping activities. It is moved that the receipt, payment, and entry of the bills and invoices for the church and preschool be moved to the office manager and/or designee as determined by the pastor. This will require the establishment of the accounting system (QuickBooks) at the office, which will become the official books for Hosanna. Additionally, the establishment of the accounting system at the office will facilitate payroll from this location and will be managed by the office manager. Other functions such as monthly account reconciliations (bank, credit card, credit card points, brokerage, investment, and savings), accounting reports to council, and review of accounts payable will remain with the bookkeeper after the transition. Ginny seconded; all were in favor.

All were in favor to extend session to 9:30pm.

Council then reviewed the current status 2018 Stewardship Campaign and reviewed the forward plan.

**Ginny motioned to adjourn; Ron Seconded; Jay led the Council in Closing Prayer at 9:25pm.**

The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is December 4th at 9:00am  
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