

Hosanna Highlights



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Grace and Peace,

Well, 2018 has passed in a blur and a shiny new 2019 is before us. We all have hopes and dreams and visions for the next days, weeks, and months ahead of us. I have personal and professional goals and dreams. I have yearly hopes for Hosanna. I wonder, "What might 2019 have in store for you?" Health? Companionship? A new adventure or peace and quiet?

With the beginning of each year, people make resolutions to change their behavior and to live their lives differently. January 1st represents for many a beginning point, a place where we can press the reset button and make needed changes in our lifestyle. For Christians, too, the beginning of the year marks a time when we can reflect on the past and look forward to living into the Kingdom.

As we begin a new year, I will be preaching a 4-week sermon series called, *Wise Words for a New Year*. Each week we will consider the wise words of Proverbs and how they apply to our lives today. This would be a great time to invite your unchurched friends and family to be a part of something new. This series starts January 6. Make sure to download the Bible app or bring your Bible with you.



Each day is a gift from God. Each moment is an opportunity to show our love for God we are and how we want to give ourselves away to our neighbors. At the end of each day, hopefully we can look back and rejoice in the service to the Lord. This basic understanding that each day is given for us to glorify God is the cornerstone of the lifestyle of each Christian.

As we begin a New Year, we also remember our Vision 2020 work. This visioning process calls us to integrate our personal faith lives within our five purpose areas in such a way that we **Proclaim the Love of God to All People, so they may Know**

Jesus Christ, Grow in Faith and Follow Christ. I understand that to bear numerical fruit. Our evangelism results in more bodies in worship. Our fellowship makes our large church feel small and our discipleship grows us deeper and our ministries grow us wider. All of this Kingdom growth proclaims the love of God and so on and so on. This is what it means to be the church.

I can't wait to dig into 2019 together as a congregation Knowing, Growing, and Following. My prayer for my own leadership and our congregation is that we continue to live each day of 2019 for God's glory and inline with our mission.

God Bless,

Pastor Jay





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Chemo Care Bags

In 2018 we provided 102 sewn bags filled with lotions, scarves, blankets and other comfort items. Thrivent Financial provided \$250 in seed money, the quilters donated fabric, several Hosanna ladies sewed, members donated items and/or money to purchase the fillers. For the first time in the 3 years that this project has been existence, we received several Thank You notes from patients letting us know that these bags do make a difference. God has used us to share his love with those in need.

The first 25 bags for 2019 will be distributed in early January. These bags were sewn by Sharon Hilt and Lynn Honold. The majority of the fillers will be provided by funds raised by our Hosanna Preschool students. For several months the children brought in extra coins and by late December, the Director, Marilyn Boudreaux, called me to say that \$182 had been deposited in our account. So, Thank You, Hosanna Preschool!

As I plan for the next 25 bags, I will need volunteers to sew and if one or two Small Groups would like to provide the fillers, just let me know and I will provide a list of needs.

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

Blessings to all,
Linda Busfield



Church Calendar

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

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| Jan 2 | Divorce Care |
| Jan 3 | Quilters |
| Jan 6 | Youth Night |
| Jan 7 | Biblical Greek 1
Intentional Parenting
HIS Planning meeting |
| Jan 8 | Divorce Care
Stephen Ministry Meeting |
| Jan 10 | Quilters/Quilters Tutorial |
| Jan 13 | Youth Night |
| Jan 14 | Executive Meeting
Biblical Greek 1
Intentional Parenting |
| Jan 16 | Divorce Care |
| Jan 17 | Quilters |
| Jan 20 | Youth Night |
| Jan 21 | Biblical Greek 1
Intentional Parenting
Church Council |
| Jan 23 | Divorce Care |
| Jan 24 | Quilters |
| Jan 26 | HIS Ministry |
| Jan 27 | Youth Night |
| Jan 28 | Biblical Greek 1
Intentional Parenting |
| Jan 30 | Divorce Care |
| Jan 31 | Quilters |
| Feb 3 | Youth Night |
| Feb 4 | HIS Planning Meeting |
| Feb 6 | Divorce Care |

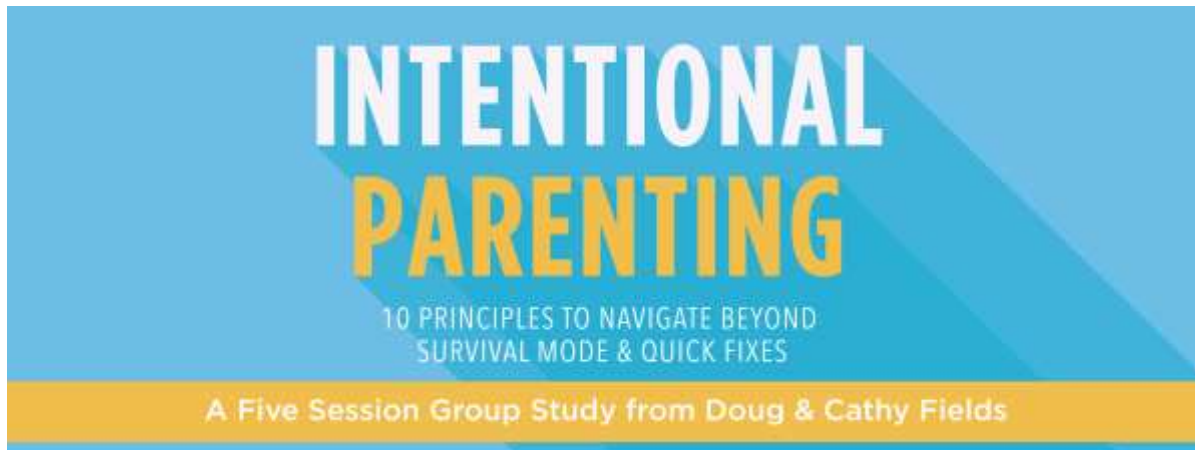


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10 WAYS TO BE AN EXCEPTIONAL PARENT IN A QUICK FIX WORLD
Every parent has dreams for their children. As parents, we all start out with the best intentions. Although, at some point, we move from **DREAMS** to **DUCT TAPE** and hope that each day everything will just stick together. Raising kids in today's culture is a difficult challenge and it requires a plan. Without a plan, parents usually default to Quick-Fix Parenting. Surviving each day is much easier than taking the time and energy to consider how parenting actions impact a child's future. To be an exceptional parent, you need to be an intentional parent. It's never too late to become an intentional parent. Remember, you are the **GREATEST** influence on the life of your child (no matter their age)! And it can all begin with these resources. Let's be intentional in 2019!

Beginning January 6th, Mondays 6:00 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.

**Wednesday Evenings
7 :00 pm- 9:00 pm**

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HIS Planning Meeting- 1st Monday each month.

The next meeting will be **January 7th**

HIS Service Project- 4th Saturday each month— **January 26th. More information coming soon!**

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

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).



Biblical Greek 1

Have you ever wanted to read the Bible in the original Greek? You have another chance to join us at the beginning. Once again, Pastor Jay will be teaching Biblical Greek 1. Come on out and join us Monday nights at 6:00 pm, as we gain a deeper understanding of the New Testament in its original form.

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



Getting to Know You

Each month, beginning this month, we will have a page to get to know each other better! We will feature families and/or individuals each month. Make a point to find them in church, and introduce yourself, and look out, it will be your turn soon!



Meet Grace Schneider! Most of you know Grace. She is the Office Manager here at Hosanna Lutheran Church. She is originally from Santa Barbara, CA. and moved here about a year ago. Grace has blessed Hosanna Lutheran Church with all her leadership and administrative skills!

She is married to Walter, and has two beautiful step daughters, ages 5 and (almost) 8!

If, somehow, you have not met Grace, stop by the office and say 'hi', and introduce yourself!

Grace writes:

I love working in the office, here at Hosanna! Mandeville has been so kind to me as a California transplant. As many of you know, I got married this fall, it was such a fun time. We had a New Orleans wedding, and it was perfect! My husband Walter is in the film industry. We enjoy watching and critiquing the latest movies. We spend time with our daughters at the lake front and doing crafts with them. When the weather is just right we like to be outside in nature, exploring new places. On my days off, I enjoy baking and trying new recipes

Meet Janice Gutierrez! She is the newest member to the staff at Hosanna Lutheran Church. Janice adds her accounting and bookkeeping skills to the Hosanna team. Her welcoming personality greets our church family and guests daily, at the office front desk. She, too, is originally from California, but has acclimated well over the 6 years that she has lived in Southern Louisiana.

She is married to Will, and together they have 6 grown 'children', with only 2 of them living in the area, along with 12 grandchildren, a '6 pack of boys, and 6 pack of girls'!

If you call the church office, be sure to introduce yourself to Janice as she welcomes you over the phone.

Janice writes:

I LOVE Louisiana. I love fishing, and love to kayak, and yes, even with the alligators and snakes! I can make some pretty awesome pralines, (and pronounce them 'praw leens'), and put together a pretty spicy shrimp boil! This may be due to being married to a local Cajun!

I am blessed to be a part of the Hosanna Lutheran Church team!



Resources and Information

This video Bible study library is for every person in our church.

Watch over 2,000 kid's episodes in the RightNow Media Kid's Library. Stream them in the living room or on the road. These Bible-based shows will educate and entertain children of all ages.

Contact the Church Office for access.

office@hosannalutheran.com



We are now on YouVersion Bible app: Get the YouVersion Bible App on your phone to follow along with Pastor Jay's message each Sunday. Download the app, select 'More' in the bottom right corner, then select 'Events'!

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](#)

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Baptism Milestone

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

Contact the office.

[Milestone Ministry Website](#)



Online

Visit hosannalutheran.com and click [ONLINE GIVING](#)

Text to Give

Text [HOSANNALUTHERAN](#) to 77977

Milestone Ministry



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.

Church Council

See end of Newsletter for October
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

Happy New Year!

2018 has quickly come and gone and now we begin 2019 with excitement for great things to happen in our lives, our families, our relationship with Christ, and our Hosanna home. Great blessings will come this year with prayer, love, and compassion for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we enter the new year, we are prayerful that more souls will find a home at Hosanna, become a part of our Hosanna family, and find peace and love in Christ. We are prayerful that as Hosanna grows, we will also grow in our numbers of leaders and volunteers as there is much of God's work to be done! We are prayerful the congregation may fund a Hosanna's endowment that will grow over the years through contributions and legacy giving to enable all of us to proclaim the love of God to all people, so that they may know Jesus Christ, grow in faith, and follow Christ.

Consider adding a spiritual goal to your New Year's resolutions. Let's work to glorify God in our life every day, in everything we do. God is good, all the time!

Love,

Julie Brown

Stewardship Corner

Stewardship Ministry January 2019

It is no secret that God calls us to be generous with the gifts He has given us. Throughout the Bible, we read that just as God has generously given to us, so are we to give generously one to another. As Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35) and “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

But God also calls us to give to Him. And He, who does all things well, presses it into service for the benefit of all the people of God. See for example what God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, after he and the people were safely brought out of Egypt across the Red Sea on dry land:

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, goatskins,[a] acacia wood, oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. (Ex. 25: 1-9)

Notice in verse two that the Lord instructs Moses to tell the Israelites to “take for me a contribution” and that from everyone motivated from gratitude for what God has just accomplished and given to them, Moses is to gather up “the contribution for me.”

Pay attention, though, why the Lord wants the people of Israel to gather up these contributions for Him. God tells Moses precisely why: “let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.” The purpose for the contribution of the Israelites was so that He may dwell with them, that He would live among them.

Through the tabernacle and the priesthood, through their rites and ceremonies, through their feasts and festivals, as through means, the Lord God, who brought them out of the bondage of Egypt would live and dwell among them and be their God, and lead them into the promised land, which flowed with milk and honey.

God dwells among us still. In the fullness of time, God’s son was born of woman, born under the law to redeem those under the law. He brought us out of bondage to sin, death, the devil, and Hell, and He did this by His obedient suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension. But He is not gone. He dwells with us through the means of His Word and His sacraments, through the preaching and the teaching of our pastors, through the rites and ceremonies of our liturgy. He dwells with us in the Church through those means. And He is leading us to the true promised land, to the new heavens and the new earth in the new creation.

In the meantime, as God, even now, continues to call us to give to Him, let us, who have been saved from slavery to sin and death, the devil and hell, be so moved in our hearts as to give generously to Him so that the means of grace, the means of His gracious dwelling among us, would continue now and into the future. For just as He did then so does He do now. He presses the gifts given to Him into service for the benefit of all His people. He puts it to use so that we may have Him with us always, even unto the end of the age.





Katie Sepcich
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Happy New Year!

I love this time of year because it is a time to reflect on the past year and reset for the year to come. My reset lately has been to refocus on how God loves me. How God's love is extravagant. How He is always surprising us with His love. With Youth Night returning on January 6th, my prayer for this semester is that every week Youth Night is a reset for our Jr. and Sr. Highers. A reset and a reminder of how much God loves and cares for each of them.



We also have two more events for the Jr. and Sr. High in January. On January 19th at 10 am, we will kick off a new event, Beignets with Benny, at Café Du Monde. My hope is this time will be used as a time of fellowship and community. On January 30th at 8:45 am, we will also have our second Coffee and Prayer in the prayer room at Hosanna. Our first prayer time was so sweet and encouraging. If you are available, please consider joining us to pray for our Jr. and Sr. High.

Much love,
Katie





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Registration

Will open for the 2019—2020 school year
Monday, January 14, 2019

Plastic Bottle tops are still needed for the Hosanna Preschools "Art from the Heart" art show. Please bring them by the church office or leave at the information center! We appreciate your help!

Community Coffee Labels

Continue to 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

Hosanna Christian Preschool collected \$182.75 in change for our Change for Cancer campaign! Thank you for your partnering with the Hosanna Christian Preschool in our efforts in collecting change for cancer.




A few pictures of the Thanksgiving meal served to the preschoolers during the Thanksgiving season!

Hosanna Christian Preschool Christmas Program 2018



February Birthdays!



Feb 2	Robert Ross	Feb 11	Marlene Johnson	Feb 19	Jan Dimitry
Feb 2	Ginger Gregory	Feb 12	William Kenley	Feb 19	Kyle Entzel
Feb 3	Karen Jefferson	Feb 12	William Kenley	Feb 20	Brian Burbrink
Feb 3	Lexi Lalanne	Feb 13	Carl Hilt	Feb 22	Gary Bettencourt
Feb 4	Nancy Anderson	Feb 14	Timothy Lloyd	Feb 22	Trish Hellmers
Feb 5	Jayden Shaw	Feb 14	Cristine Gowland	Feb 24	Danielle Pearse
Feb 5	Cheryl Dausat	Feb 14	Juliet Gaffney	Feb 25	Monica Growden
Feb 6	Savannah Boynes	Feb 15	Josh Vath	Feb 25	Sharon Bennett
Feb 6	Kim Gelbke	Feb 16	Cooper Slye	Feb 26	Kelly Deason
Feb 6	Anna Reed	Feb 16	Isabella Pearse	Feb 28	Kendall Couvillion
Feb 6	Elizabeth Kenley	Feb 17	Demetre Fortin	Feb 28	Kirk Warren
Feb 7	Shelby Gregory	Feb 17	Bob Sparcello	Feb 28	Lucy Perry
Feb 8	Lynn Honold	Feb 17	Loren Cornwell		
Feb 8	Stephen Lewis	Feb 17	Cedes Wells		
Feb 8	Karen Gidman	Feb 18	Chase Menden		
Feb 9	Alex Abram	Feb 18	Jacob Hoffman		
Feb 10	Corbin Holifield	Feb 18	Erica Hoffman		
Feb 10	Terrie Warren	Feb 19	Liz Davis		
Feb 10	Carrie Lloyd	Feb 19	Erin Giffin		

February Anniversaries



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