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Grace to you and Peace,

Late in January, I was able to spend three days on Galveston Island at the Tri-Synodical Theological conference. This event happens every couple of years and is a gathering of all the ELCA Pastors and leaders in the three geographical synods that cover all of Texas and Louisiana and a bit of Oklahoma.

For three days, more than 200 pastors gathered in the sanctuary of the oldest Lutheran congregation in Texas. We worshipped together, we caught-up with old friends and met new ones, we drank too much coffee, but mostly we discussed how churches, families, and communities are changing. Our keynote speakers recently published a book called *Soul Force*, which discusses seven pivots we make as we reach out in mission in a changing context.

During the lecture on the second day, one of the authors, Shawn Casselberry was discussing a mission trip he took as a high school student, much like the trip to Chicago our Hosanna Youth will be making this summer. As he was encouraging us, he admitted that too often this mission work fails, but when it is successful it is *so good*. The difference, he claims, is that the successful ministries are, "In Love with the people with whom they minister." The love for the other, the love for the stranger, the love we have for Jesus shared person-toperson. This love is the fuel to our mission. As we proclaim the love of God to



all people so that they will know grow and follow Jesus, we desire for the life of the other to be as good as ours, as blessed as ours. It is in the love, that we know Jesus has loved us in the midst of failing and trials and struggles. *It is in love that we proclaim love.*

This month I will be spending four weeks preaching on love. In the Greek New Testament, there are four separate words that are translated as the English word, *Love;* and that word *Love* is used 310 times in scripture. These four aspects of love. There is love like companionship, there is love we know through service, of course there is sexual love, and then lastly, we know the unconditional love we receive from God in spite of who we are. These sermons, I hope, reflect our lives or living love.

In this newsletter, you will see opportunities to live our lives of love. Prayer and Service groups, fellowship opportunities, a fund-raising Gala's and knitting groups, new worship times and expanded study times. These events are just a few of the ways we live out God's love, proclaiming love to all.

God Bless,

Pastor Jay

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First Communion Training

Young people interested in first communion training please let Pastor Jay or the Church Office know. We will be having training Sunday April 7 at 5PM. First communion is open to all



ages at Hosanna. We will celebrate first communion as a congregation on our Maundy Thursday worship service April, 18th.

2019 Church Calendar

Februar

Click <u>HERE</u> for the online church calendar

Feb 6	Bible Study
	Divorce Care
Feb 7	Quilters
Feb 10	Youth Night
Feb 11	Biblical Greek 1
	Executive Meeting
Feb 12	Stephen Ministry Meeting
Feb 13	Bible Study
	Divorce Care
Feb 14	Quilters/Quilters Tutorial
Feb 16	Chrismon Workshop
Feb 17	Youth Night
Feb 18	Biblical Greek 1
	Church Council
Feb 20	Bible Study
	Divorce Care
Feb 21	Quilters
Feb 23	HIS Ministry Serve Day
Feb 24	Youth Night
Feb 25	Biblical Greek 1
Feb 27	Prayer and Bible
	Bible Study
	Divorce Care
Feb 28	Quilters
Mar 3	Youth Night
Mar 4	Biblical Greek 1
	His Planning Meeting
Mar 4-5	OFFICE CLOSED



HIS Planning Meeting- 1st Monday each month. HIS Service Project– Feb. 23rd will be at Camp Nora Veterans Home, in Covington. We will be sprucing up the inside/outside of the chapel building. We will meet at the church at 7:30 AM, and will be completed by 1:00 PM. The next meeting will be **March 4 at 7:00 PM** Contact: Jill Smith (985) 789-1861 or (985) 276-4546 Check upcoming bulletins for HIS Ministry updates!



CHRISMON WORKSHOP

Do you like crafting, beads, ribbons, and shiny things? We would like to invite anyone who is interested, to help create Chrismon's (ornaments of Christian symbols) to decorate the Hosanna Christmas tree next year, Come join us Saturday Feb 16 in the Fellowship Hall, There are two sessions: 10 am-12pm, and 12 pm-3pm. All supplies will be provided. Join us as we gather together to work on this project. Contact Kristene at: <u>Kristene.furan@att.net</u> or (614) 313-0164 for more information.



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



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

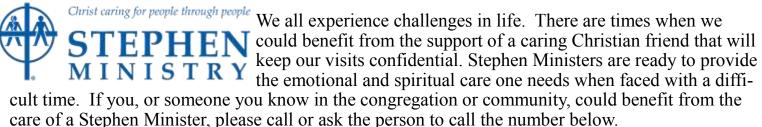
February 2019 **Small Groups**

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Sharing Your Experience

I am excited to see where 2019 continues to lead us. Koinonia Round 2 is off to a great start with new members and groups! It is fun to have people tell me about what they do with their groups. I would love it if you could take a photo or two of your group and send it to me or post it online and tag Hosanna Lutheran and use the Hashtag #Koinonia. This is a great way to show everyone else what a great time we have together as a community. The same is true for your small groups. If you are having a great discipleship conversation within your small group, share that with those around you! INVITE new people to join you. Sometimes small groups can be very intimate and it is hard to invite new people in. That's ok! Set aside a time for your small group to meet socially and invite others to that event. It is a great way to introduce new people to the people you have grown to love and care for at Hosanna! If you take photos during your small group, share them online and tag Hosanna and use the Hashtag #HosannaSmallGroups. I'd love to see our small group program continue to grow in spirituality and numbers over the next few months!



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).





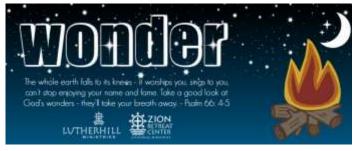
Hosanna Gala 2019

Every year, our Senior and Junior High youth go on various outings and planned activities. Our Youth Gala fundraiser is a huge part of making this possible by helping defray the costs of these events. This years Gala fundraising proceeds will help with Summer trip transportation, the Senior Youth Chicago missions trip, (see below for more details), and the Junior High summer camp held at Luther Hill in LaGrange Texas this year. These outings are so important for our youth group's development. Luther Hill provides a chance for our students to grow together spiritually and come back bonded as a group. While the Senior High mission trip provides bonding, it also provides real world experiences and connections. Our students get a chance to see what the world is like outside our community. They get a chance to help spread God's love to all through service, discipleship, and fellowship. With your attendance, donations and support of this years Gala, you can help impact the lives of our great youth by making a way for them to attend these fantastic summer opportunities. Thank you church family for your continued love and support for our youth!

CHICAGO YOUTH MISSION TRIP

In the Windy City of Chicago, the youth mission trip team will find a variety of opportunities to serve people of all walks of life. The many faces they will encounter need to see and feel the love of Jesus in a real way. Whether it is helping to encourage a local nonprofit organization or assist a local pastor, their Chicago mission trip will bring a breath of fresh air to people who pour themselves into their ministries daily. Prayer ministry in the city will also be a focus for our youth. As we are led to pray with intentionality, we expect our eyes will be opened to how God sees these specific needs and answers the prayers of His people.

Chicago is a city that has so many people who are in need of Jesus, and our youth will have the opportunity to share God's love with various groups throughout city.



LutherHill Summer Camp 2019



Senior Youth Missions Trip 2019



Getting to Know You

Each 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 the Browns! Dave and Julie Brown have been married 36 years. Julie serves on the Council at Hosanna Lutheran Church, and has attended church here since 2001. Dave and Julie have two grown sons, Derek and Kyle, and a beautiful daughter in law, Brandy! No grandchildren as of yet, only 3 grand dogs....that Julie is highly allergic to! The Browns originally met at Central Michigan University. They lived next door to each other in a co ed dorm, and over time became best friends. David and Julie are transplants, orig inally from Illinois and Michigan. They were brought here by a job opportunity....and the need to get out of the cold! With the absence of family in the area, they have raised their chil dren together with their Hosanna 'family', which have turned into many great friendships.

Julie tells us:

My husband and I are retired and loving every minute. Exercising is important to me so I either work out at Francos doing a combat class and/or walk the Lakefront or neighborhood. We enjoy traveling/cruising and do it frequently. We also vis-

it our kids and family in Metairie, Houston, Michigan, Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina. We plan on staying in Mandeville for a long time since we love our church family and friends. Having Christ in our life is the most important priority for us, and having friends that share that same belief is truly a blessing.

Meet the Weber's! Ryan, Lacie and Ann Weber are from all over the states! Ryan is from Iowa, Lacie is from Nebraska, and their daughter, 8 yr. old Ann, was born in Texas! Work brought them to the Gulf Coast. Ryan and Lacie have been married 11yrs, and have been in the area since 2014.

The family has many hobbies and talents. Ryan enjoys beer brewing, and PC Gaming, while Lacie likes to crochet. Ann's hobbies include swimming, crafts, and Minecraft. There favorite thing about Lousisana? Seafood, St. Tammany Schools, Cultural diversity, and the lack of SNOW!

Both, Ryan and Ann enjoy playing the violin. They have been members of our Hosanna Lutheran Church Family since 2015, and love the acceptance and willingness to involve everyone at HLC. Ryan serves on Hosanna Lutheran's Church Council.



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.

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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
- <u>Online Directory</u> (Log in required)
- New Online Giving
- <u>Register for Events or Classes</u>

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Baptism Milestone

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

Milestone Ministry Website

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.



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Church Council

See end of Newsletter for December 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

Control or Faith? By Ryan Weber

My loving wife folds laundry in the living room. It drove me crazy! I used to think laundry should be folded in the laundry room! We are lucky to have a room entirely devoted to laundry, so why don't we use that room for its designed purpose? After several "discussions" I started reflecting on why does this drive me crazy? I don't particularly enjoy folding laundry. My wife seemingly agrees to fold the laundry without protest. Our clothes aren't wrinkled, and are presentable. I should be happy and at-peace that I don't have to do a chore I don't particularly enjoy. I'm happy that the laundry is folded and put away. Why do I try to control how the chore is performed?

Then, almost by design, I read a Tweet from Craig Groeschel: "A boss controls; A leader empowers. You can have control or you can have growth, but you can't have both. You have recruited great people, trust and empower them." Suddenly, I now understood that by trying to control the chore my wife graciously volunteers to perform; I'm just undermining, depowering, and demotivating her from a task that needed to be done anyway. I needed to have faith and trust instead of control.

For the doers, the organizers, and the planners; Faith can be really hard. Faith requires living with uncertain outcomes. Faith requires trust. Trust requires practice, patience, and perseverance. None of which are a lot of fun. However, we practice faith and trust all the time. We have faith that our electricity will work, or our employer will pay us, or our pet will be at the door to greet us, or the money will be there when we withdraw it from the bank. Sometimes, the thing or person we place faith in lets us down, and learning to trust again takes practice, patience, and perseverance. Growth and peace will come if we remember to employ faith as we wait for solutions.

At Hosanna, I find peace in the faith we place on each other. Sure, it is hard, as patience denies us the desire to have answers right now, practice is enduring, and perseverance is boring; but that's how we grow. I'm finding it to be a very exciting time at Hosanna. We continue to grow and face new opportunities to share the love of Christ and help each other grow. I just have to remember that it's ok to fold the clothes in an undesignated area.



Katie Sepcich Youth Director youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com

February is an exciting month because we begin our new Youth Night Schedule! While the Jr. and Sr. High will continue with their own curriculum that expands off of Pastor Jay's sermon each week, our biggest change will be joining the younger kids in playing games at the start of Youth Night. Erin and I have been working hard in planning each Sunday with intention and purpose.

Recently, I have been reminded of how wild God is. He is a God who walks on water, who tears down Temples, and who feeds thousands. That is wild, and the change in the Youth Night Schedule reminds me of that wildness. Making a big change in the middle of the school year – that's wild. All the kids out in the front of the church playing at the same time– that's wild! I am thankful that we get to have such a sweet and obvious example about a characteristic of God, and as we continue to move into the new schedule, I am excited to see what else He reveals about Himself.

Much Love, Katie





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we need

We will be making Mardi Gras floats out of shoe boxes for a class art project and are in need of shoe boxes, and items to decorate the boxes i.e. beads, doubloons, etc. If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them to church and drop them off at the information desk.

Upcoming Youth Events!



We received the following 'Thank you' letter from the Seamen's Church, in response to packages that our youth filled with scarves and other winter items for Christmas:

Dear Jay and Hosanna,



Your involvement with The Seamen's Church Institute's Christmas on the River 2018 is deeply appreciated. With your help, we served over 60 maritime companies and reached over 13,000 mariners.

Over 300 volunteers from churches, Sea Scouts and the San Jacinto Maritime Academy packaged COR boxes. Along with our River Chaplain Associates, we drove over 5,000 miles and delivered 1,900 packages to boats and their crews. These numbers represent almost 1/3 of our 5,500 vessel Merchant Marine fleet. Our new Christmas on the Sea Director, Joanne Bartoski,

and her volunteers did an outstanding job receiving, recording, and then redistributing over 5,000 hand-made knitted items to our COR packing stations. Suggestions of new companies or improvements for next

year are greatly appreciated.

Thank you again and blessings for 2019, Tom

Rev. Tom Rhoades River Chaplain – Lower Mississippi & Gulf The Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) Ministry on the Rivers and Gulf





Stewardship Corner

February 2019

The season of Epiphany focuses on how God was made manifest in the flesh of Jesus. The church spends time hearing of the miracles, the signs and wonders, of Jesus in the world.

And this made plain to all that Jesus was who He said He was: He was the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the only-begotten Son of the Father, in the flesh. For "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

It is revealed for all the world to see that Jesus is God in the flesh. It is made manifest by His words and His work, by what He said and by what He did. And these belong together, for "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

Jesus is the Word and will of God in the flesh, that is, He is the walking, talking, enactment of God's Word.

It is no different for us. We are called not just to believe in God in hearts, but also to trust in God in word and deed.

As James wrote: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22), and again, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? ... So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ... Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ... For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead" (James 2:14, 17–18, 26).

Our faith is lived out in works for our neighbor. Our trust in the Word and will of God is lived out not in word only, but also in deed and in truth.

In other words, the Epiphany of the Lord creates in us an epiphany of our faith in our works of obedience to God who commanded them. By this, our faith is made manifest to the world. It is, as Luther wrote of faith:

"Faith is a divine work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God (John 1). It kills the old Adam and makes altogether different people, in heart and spirit and mind and powers, and it brings with it the Holy Spirit.

"Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly. It does not ask whether there are good works to do, but before the question rises, it has already done them, and is always at the doing of them.

"He who does not these works is a faithless man. He gropes and looks about after faith and good works and knows neither what faith is nor what good works are, though he talks and talks, with many words about faith and good works.

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times. This confidence in God's grace and knowledge of it makes men glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and all His creatures.

"And this is the work of the Holy Spirit in faith. Hence a man is ready and glad, without compulsion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, in love and praise to God, who has shown him this grace.

"And thus it is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate burning and shining from fire. Beware, therefore, of your own false notions and of the idle talkers, who would be wise enough to make decisions about faith and good works, and yet are the greatest fools." (*Preface to the Book of Romans*)

So, then, let our faith be active by God's power in the Word through the Holy Spirit. And let then our faith be made manifest to the world by what this faith does: serving our neighbor — in church, in the family, and society — with the works of faith in time, talents, and treasures.





Director Marilyn Boudreaux

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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 fuds 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.



Linda Busfield showing the preschoolers what they helped purchase during the Change for Cancer campaign

March Birthdays!

Mar 1	Larry Lemiex	Mar 11	John Griffitt	Mar 22	Shannon Beardon
Mar 4	Eric Nungesser	Mar 11	Kristen Bevilacqua	Mar 23	Ethan Dauterive
Mar 4	Jonathan Gunn	Mar 12	Lacie Weber	Mar 23	Lois Sundquist
Mar 4	Christine Moskau	Mar 12	Kathy Colbert	Mar 24	Emery Burbrink
Mar 5	Kathlyn Dannewald	Mar 13	Robert Huet	Mar 24	Natalie Rick
Mar 5	Kelly Mayfield	Mar 13	Barbara Ho <mark>od</mark>	Mar 25	Alexandra Collier
Mar 6	Lynne Dongieux	Mar 14	Brian Johnson- Osborn	Mar 25	Gayle Francke
Mar 7	Cameron Doyle	Mar 14	Richie Helmlinger	Mar 25	Adam Duri
Mar 7	Ginny Sirera	Mar 14	Shelley Pettus	Mar 26	Bryan Walters
Mar 7	Dylan Nichols	Mar 15	Jordan Lacoste	Mar 27	Jessica Johnson
Mar 7	Isabelle Grave	Mar 15	Gina Weber	Mar 27	Valerie Griffitt
Mar 7	Kristene Furan	Mar 15	Ryland O'Leary	Mar 27	Brianne Hood
Mar 9	Steve Picou	Mar 15	Katie Starner	Mar 28	William Pope
Mar 9	Adam Moore	Mar 16	Greg Bennett		
Mar 9	Kimberly Salvaggio	Mar 20	Stacy Mathers	Mar 28	Roy Dauzat
Mar 9	Blair Sundquist	Mar 20	Robert Burbank	Mar 31	Lydia Beebe
Mar 9	Jamie Mayo	Mar 21	Dana Reed	Mar 31	Nathan Entzel
Mar 9	Nana Mejia	Mar 22	Cynthia Naka	Mar 31	Katie Sepcich
Mar 10	Linnea Savoie	Mar 22	Jennifer Thompson		
Mar 11	Brenda Eike	Mar 22	Jason Greenleaf		

IVIarch Anniversaries

Mar 6	Schindler	Kennie & Karen
Mar 9	Wetekamm	Fred & Laurie
Mar 12	Mehle	C.J. & Marlene
Mar 13	Hilt	Carl & Sharon
Mar 15	Giffin	Glenn & Phyllis
Mar 16	Pearson	Lee & Kristina
Mar 19	Bild	Chris & Desiree
Mar 19	Boynes	CJ & Tara

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28	Decker	Derron & Stephanie
29	Picou	Steve & Debbie
29	Berzas	Julie & Burk
29	Peck	Bryce & Alecia
29	Lalanne	Lance & Casie
80	Savoie	Alan & Linnea
80	Lacoste	David & Donna
80	Bremond	Jacques & Tara

Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 10, 2018

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

Tara called meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced a quorum is established Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes & Reports

Previous minutes were approved via email as there was no November Council Meeting. 7 approved; 2 abstained.

Acceptance of Treasurer, Pastor, and Purpose Area Reports

Treasure report was not prepared in time for HLC Council approval. Pastor, Ministry, Discipleship, and Evangelism, Nominating reports were all accepted unanimously by Council New Business

Carlos motioned that the HLC Council approve the Executive Council, acting as the Investment Committee until their establishment, to execute the transfer of \$100,000 of the current funds designated as part of the Restricted Building Fund account to the newly established brokerage account at Gulf Coast Bank. This brokerage account was established as a managed brokerage fund using a 50%/50% equity / fixed asset investment portfolio. All interest and dividends from this brokerage account are to be directed back into the same account to become additional funds directed solely for use under the Restricted Building Fund. Ginny second the motion, discussion centered on flexibility and that council resolutions and Secretary Signature are required to make any changes to the plan, all were in favor.

Carlos motion that the HLC Council approves the appointment of the following congregational members to the Financial Audit Team: Steve Burbrink, Lead; Brian Burbrink; and Jim Murphy. These members will complete the two-year term that started in January 2018 and will continue until January 2020. This team will be responsible for the review of the 2017 and 2018 financial records. Ginny seconded; Discussion of Scope of Work and Credentials were presented, all were in favor.

Old Business

Continued discussion on file-sharing and posting policy and procedure documents on HLC website.

Tara motioned to adjourn; Ron Seconded; All in favor; Council closed with Prayer at 9:05pm.