

# Hosanna Highlights



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## March 2019

Grace to you and peace,

Sometimes I wish I just wrote sermons. Earlier this morning I was on the telephone with a pastor friend of mine. The pastor was driving to the courthouse to get a restraining order placed on a congregation member who was vandalizing some church property and now was making violent threats against the church. Not the kind of thing you might think a pastor was up to on a Wednesday morning, but important work making sure the rest of the congregation is safe.

Not too long ago, a colleague was telling me about a multi-million-dollar gift their church had received and how quickly it became necessary to become an expert on mineral rights and property law. In case you are wondering, there is no such class in pastoral training at the seminary.

If you have been reading the news lately, you certainly have heard about our Methodist neighbors and their general conference. We have something similar called the churchwide assembly and it is a weeklong meeting every other summer where our church body make important decisions. I have never gone to a churchwide assembly, but from what I understand it is a very different expression of church, in a good way. A couple of Saturday's ago, I met with the volunteers of our own Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod council. They were working diligently on budgets spreadsheets as well as excitedly sharing plans for new congregations and mourning the closing of some.

This past month, our council met for the last time with current members. We celebrated some important work completed in the last year and lamented work still to be completed. I am thankful for the Many, Many hours these diligent volunteers have given to the business of the church. I am also thankful to their families for sharing them with us.

Later this month, you are invited to our own Hosanna annual congregational meeting. All members in good standing in our congregation can participate. We will elect members of our congregation to serve on our own church council. They will busy themselves with the business of the church and they will no doubt, experience this congregation in a different way. We will also vote to update our constitution to match changes that have been made by our synod and churchwide assemblies. Most of these changes have to do with vocabulary changes like "Deacon" is now "Ministry of Word and Service." You should have received an email with the complete draft constitution.

The structures of the church such as, officers, meetings, paperwork, etc., might seem boring. However, God uses the structure to advance the kingdom of God. Here at Hosanna, we are a purpose driven church in the ELCA. That means we have a certain structure, including five distinct purpose areas (Ministry, Worship, Evangelism, Fellowship, and Discipleship). We have a mission statement that we recite together each worship service reminding us that we Proclaim the Love of God so that people can Know, Grow, and Follow. We have a particular understanding of Holy Scripture as the living Word of God that speaks law and gospel into our lives. These things combined help us to make decisions about what programs we continue, how we staff our church, what we might do with the building in the future. Constitutions and by-laws and policies help us to do the ministry of our church. The purposes and mission become the lens through which we see that world and make faith-filled decisions for our participation in the Kingdom of God.

It isn't always just writing sermons. See you on Sunday!

Pastor Jay

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## Easter Schedule Of Events



Wednesdays 6:00 pm  
 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10



Saturday 4/20 10:30 am

## Holy Week

Palm Sunday 4/14 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 7:00 pm  
 Maundy Thursday 4/18 6:00 pm  
 Good Friday 4/19 6:00pm



9:00 am Traditional Service  
 10:30 am Contemporary Service  
 No Evening Service



## Church Calendar

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

- Mar 7 Quilters
- Mar 9 Hosanna Gala
- Mar 10 Youth Night
- Mar 11 HIS Planning Meeting  
Executive Meeting
- Mar 12 Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Mar 13 Lent Mid-Week Service  
Divorce Care
- Mar 14 Quilters/Quilters Tutorial
- Mar 17 Youth Night
- Mar 18 Church Council
- Mar 20 Lent Mid-Week Service  
Divorce Care
- Mar 21 Quilters
- Mar 23 HIS Ministry Serve Day
- Mar 24 Youth Night
- Mar 27 Prayer and Coffee  
Lent Mid-Week Service  
Divorce Care
- Mar 28 Quilters
- Mar 29 Confirmation Retreat
- Mar 31 Youth Night
- Apr 1 His Planning Meeting
- Apr 3 Lent Mid-Week Service  
Divorce Care
- Apr 4 Quilters

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## 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 Dautzat (985-264-5951) or the church office (985-727-9200).



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.



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**

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!  
All Biblical Greek Classes  
and

Pastor Jay's Wednesday morning Bible Study Classes are POSTPONED until after Easter Sunday!

### 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



# Small Groups

Elizabeth Halliburton-Grave

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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!

**HIS Planning Meeting- 1st Monday each month.**  
**HIS Service Project- Mar. 23rd At Hosanna -We will be organizing the back shed -Labeling equipment & we will see what works & what doesn't.**  
**The next meeting will be March 11 at 6:00 PM**  
**Contact: Jill Smith (985) 789-1861 or (985) 276-4546**  
**Check upcoming bulletins for HIS Ministry updates!**



## 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 14 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, 18<sup>th</sup>.



## Opportunity:

Hosanna needs cheerful individuals willing to volunteer part of their Sunday operating the Information Desk before and after each service! If this sounds like something you are interested in, please contact Grace in the office at : [officemanaer@hosannalutheran.com](mailto:officemanaer@hosannalutheran.com) or call her at: 985-727-9200.

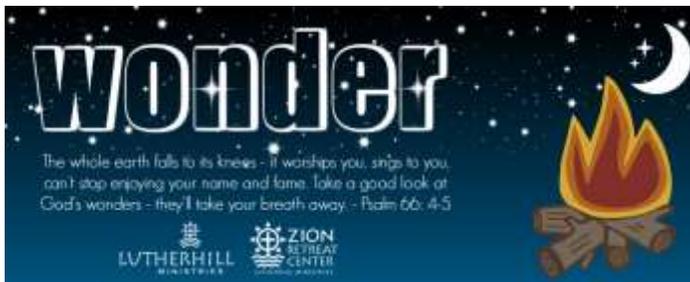
# Hosanna Gala 2019

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 Putnams!** Byron and Heather met in Seminary in the states, and were married in India! They have been married for 33 yrs. They moved to the area in 2008, because of A ministry opportunity.

Heather was asked to play the piano during the 9:30 am service in 2010, and has been doing it ever since!

Byron serves as Chaplain for the New Orleans Police Department, and Heather is a piano, and vocal instructor at Northlake Academy of Music in Mandeville. Byron and Heather have 6 children, 4 girls, and 2 boys!

Heather writes: I was born in Calcutta, India. I came to the U.S in 1983 and graduated from Asbury Seminary. That is where Byron and I met and later went home to India to be married.

We love singing and making music to the Lord anywhere and everywhere He calls us to minister. I love teaching the Word and am currently hosting a women's Bible study weekly.

That's us, the Putnams! Always looking for opportunities to serve Him who is faithful!

**Getting to know the Abrams!** Alex and Teresa have 4 children: Morgan (12), Tessa (10), Isaac (7), and Eli (4). When Teresa is not managing their "mostly loud but loving" household, she is a Special Education Teacher working with children who have communication and behavioral struggles, and who usually live with Autism. In 2006 they started attending Hosanna and became members when their first daughter was born. Just before their 2nd daughter was born, Alex and Teresa started moving around the Midwest and landed back in Mandeville into the Hosanna family, once again, in 2016. Since moving back, Teresa has been involved in various Hosanna outreach events and programs.

Teresa writes: I enjoy learning new recipes or working on simple sewing projects, and am always entertained by our children, chickens, ducks, and dogs as they run around our 2 acres; from the deck while drinking my coffee (strong coffee). We regularly attend the 7pm service on Sunday after youth night and dinner.



# 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](mailto: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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**Amazon** you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support your church by starting your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).



## Baptism Milestone

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

Contact the office.

[Milestone Ministry Website](#)

## Milestone Ministry



### Online

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

### Text to Give

Text [HOSANNALUTHERAN](#) to 77977



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.

## Samaritan Center Update:

Because of your generous donations  
To our Food Bank and Thrift Shoppe,  
In 2018, the Samaritan Center Food Bank  
Served:

3,197 families, comprising:  
3,857 Children, 4,695 adults,  
And 474 seniors.

### These families received:

2,623 food units  
(valued at \$341,022)  
1,337 personal units  
(valued at \$16,044)  
\$6,118 in clothing and household items  
From Gran's Attic

### Your donations also enabled us to pay:

\$55,528 in utility bills  
\$93,643 in rent and house notes  
\$6,866 in homeless expenses



**Art from the Heart**  
**March 21, 2018 Thursday**  
**6:30 to 8:00 P.M.**

You and your family are cordially  
invited to our annual art show at  
Hosanna Christian Preschool.

Our students have worked hard all  
school year to display some of their  
finest crafts. The artworks will be  
displayed in the fellowship Hall and  
Welcome Area. Each class has  
made a group project to be auc-  
tioned off.

Please join us for an evening of  
family fun. Light refreshments will  
be served.





**Katie Sepsich**  
 Youth Director  
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While Pastor Jay has spent the last couple of weeks discussing different types of love, the Jr. and Sr. High have been discussing love specific to their age, including dating and relationships. A conversation that started as a one week study continued for three weeks. It has been incredibly sweet to have the Barn filled with such lively and deep conversation.

Last month, we began a new Youth Night schedule. The new schedule has been incredibly successful. Simply changing the start time has allowed for more kids to attend and has contributed to the deeper conversations in the Barn over the past three weeks.

As our new Youth Night schedule becomes the normal schedule, the Jr. and Sr. High have a busy March planned.

- The first Hosanna Gala is on March 9th!
- Erin and I will hold our monthly Volunteer Leader Meeting on March 17th.
- We will be joining HIS ministries and their work on March 23rd.
- The Jr. High will participate in a Confirmation Retreat on March 29th - 30th.

Excited to see how the Lord will move in these events, and how He will continue to move in Youth Night!

Much Love,  
 Katie



# Upcoming Youth Events

## EASTER EGG HUNT!

This year we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for the church and the community! We are in need of plastic Easter eggs, and bags of candy, (that can fit inside of plastic eggs), For more information contact: Erin Forgarty at [families@hosannalutheran.com](mailto:families@hosannalutheran.com),



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## Vacation Bible School



**JUNE 24-28**



# LOOK!

## Other Upcoming Events:

**Confirmation Retreat March 29-30**

**Youth Chicago Trip June 15-21**

**Jr. High Camp July 7-12**

# Stewardship Corner

March 2019

Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God's providential care. We understand that we're not islands unto ourselves. We could not exist without those who have gone before us and those who walk alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers so we can eat. But more than that, God created and gave us all the things those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste, their nutritional value, etc., we would not exist.

God gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments, and, of course, He gave us everything to make those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties to be utilized for those purposes. Without God creating and instilling healing properties into those things – and without God creating the ability within man to learn this and implement it to serve our medical needs – we would not enjoy the health we do now. But there's more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands:

"Then Moses said to the people of Israel, 'See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.'"  
" (Exodus 35:30–34)

And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands, and attached to hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds to make those arms and hands move and accomplish the work set before us. And with that mind, He has given us reason and senses.

That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes, as well as from the accomplishments, of ourselves and others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us.

So, everything we have and everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we "believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth."

But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God's provision for our spiritual well-being. He sent his Son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. He delivers that justification through the means of grace (baptism, preaching and the Word of God, and the Lord's Supper). And to give you those means of grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Literally everything we have and everything we are in this life – and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.

And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about — giving thanks for God's provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts.

It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn't stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God's gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church.

"For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him" (*The Small Catechism*, 16).

So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gifts — for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not only in word but also in deed.



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## School Registration

Is open for the 2019—2020 school year

Monday, January 14, 2019

Registration for Summer Camp

begins March 11, 2019



### 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



Mrs. Boudreaux's Annual Tea Party, February 8, 19. Our PreK classes using their best manners (after a week of manners classes).

# April Birthdays!



Apr 1	April Aguiard	Apr 14	Catherine Lucas	Apr 28	Anna Dwyer
Apr 1	Shuntez Jackson	Apr 14	Ella Pearson	Apr 29	Kylie Kieff
Apr 1	Christian Hansen	Apr 14	Jacques Dufrene	Apr 29	Donna Lacoste
Apr 3	Asger Hansen	Apr 15	Anthony Wetekamm	Apr 30	Wendy Lewis
Apr 5	Jessica Nolan	Apr 15	Alecia Peck	Apr 30	Jeanette Mayo
Apr 5	Colleen David	Apr 15	Poki Hampton	Apr 30	Tiffany Lemus
Apr 6	Harold Flettrich	Apr 16	Emma Pearson	Apr 30	Morgan Growden
Apr 7	Tristan Mohr	Apr 16	Gil Boudreaux		
Apr 8	Beverly Jakes	Apr 16	Brenda Schwartz		
Apr 8	Terri Huet	Apr 16	Sandy Nieto		
Apr 8	Christina Gardner	Apr 17	Mary Ann Meader		
Apr 9	Daryl Daus	Apr 17	Daniel Lewis		
Apr 10	Michael Nieto	Apr 18	Grant Honold		
Apr 11	Ethan Bearder	Apr 19	Reese Langevin		
Apr 11	Ryan Adams	Apr 19	Sylvia Wallace		
Apr 11	Zachary Wetekamm	Apr 19	Colton Phillips		
Apr 12	Brittany Bennett	Apr 21	Rebecca Decker		
Apr 12	Erin Joyner	Apr 21	Joey Reese		
Apr 13	Shane Ulfers	Apr 22	Jackson Greenleaf		
Apr 13	Noah Saacks	Apr 26	Tristan Peck		

# April Anniversaries



Apr 4	Roy & Cecile Keenan	Apr 14	Andrew & Rhonda Moore
Apr 4	Alan & Kristene Furan	Apr 14	Danny & Jillian Garretti
Apr 9	Don & Sue Provo	Apr 15	Steve & Janis Mayfield
Apr 14	Terrence & Stacy Mathers	Apr 18	Todd & Toby Tournillon
Apr 14	Myron & Lisa Greenleaf	Apr 28	Mike & Mandy Slye

# Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 21, 2019

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

Absent: Julie, Ginny

Tara called meeting to order at 7:10 pm and announced a quorum is established

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes & Reports

Brad motioned to approve previous minutes, Ron seconded. Discussion to amend minutes to include Executive Session; all were in favor to approve.

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

Brad motioned to accept Elizabeth Grave as part-time small group coordinator; Carlos seconded; 6 were For, 1 was Against, motion carried.

Alex motioned to approve the youth group to hold a Gala Event in the Sanctuary as a fundraiser for youth travel, Carlos seconded, Discussion for Ginny or Alex to follow-up if another ministry or volunteer group would want to organize a yard sale; all were in favor, motion carried.

Alex motioned to donate \$100 per month from the general funds to Bethlehem Lutheran Church of New Orleans, Carlos seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Carlos motioned to accept Vanessa Russo to fill the Sunday Night Music Director position, Stephen seconded; no discussion; 6 were For, 1 Abstained; motion carried

Old Business

Continued discussion regarding procedure documents on HLC fileshare and website.

Continued discussion on Council handbook material.

Carlos motioned to adjourn; Ryan Seconded; All in favor; Council closed with Prayer at 9:15pm.