

Hosanna Highlights



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Grace to you and peace,

Every once in a while, you see a car or truck moving down the interstate with a tag that says, “In Transit.”



That tag lets you know it is moving from one place to another, not yet fully settled but in a transition. The theme of being “In Transit” will be my preaching theme this month!

We will have many opportunities to celebrate the transitory nature of life in May. We will celebrate our Quilt Blessing on May 5, we will lift up the caring women in our lives on Mothers’ day, we will congratulate and encourage our High School graduates on the 19th, and then of course we will think deeply about those who have given the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day. In each of these moments of transit in our lives, we will lift up a Biblical hero to model a life of faith.

Do you know someone in transition? A change of location or a change in status? Invite them to join you for this series.

God Bless,

Pastor Jay

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Upcoming May Events at Hosanna



MAY 2019

Church Calendar

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

- May 4 HIS Ministry Service
- May 5 Quilt Blessing
 LAST YOUTH NIGHT
- May 6 HIS Planning Meeting
- May 8 Morning Bible Study
 Divorce Care
- May 9 Quilters/Quilters Tutorial
- May 10 Preschool Mothers Day
 Brunch
- May 12 **Mother's Day!** 
- May 13 Executive Council
- May 14 Stephens Ministry
- May 15 Morning Bible Study
 JOY
 Divorce Care
- May 16 Quilters
- May 17 Preschool Step-Up
- May 19  Baccalaureate Sunday
 Chicago Parent Meeting
- May 20 Church Council Meeting
- May 22 Morning Bible Study
 Divorce Care
- May 23 Quilters
- May 25 HIS Ministry Service
- May 26 ANNUAL **BLOOD DRIVE**
- May 27 Memorial Day- Office Closed
- May 29 LAST Prayer and Coffee
 Morning Bible Study
 Divorce Care
- May 30 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

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

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 May 18th in the Fellowship Hall, 10 am-1:30 pm. All supplies will be provided. Join us as we gather together to work on this project. For more information, contact Linda Busfield at (985) 789-7965.

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!





Katie Sepcich
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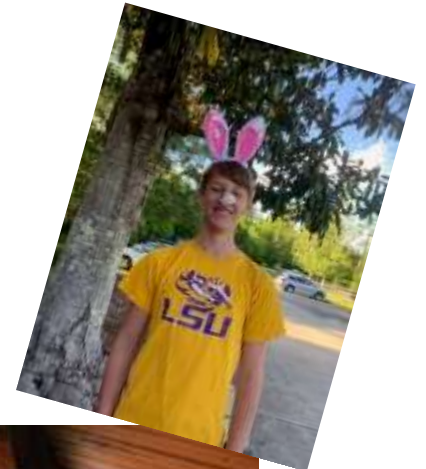
Hi all,

As I type this out, I have the lyrics, “celebrate good times, come on” ringing in my head. How fitting since May is a month of celebration! Celebrating completing another school year and the start of summer. Celebrating people and lifting them up with gratitude! We’ll be celebrating all month long with our “Nacho Average Last Youth Night” on May 5th, where we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo, a year of successful Youth Nights, and the transition into our summer program. On May 19th, we will celebrate our High School Seniors and all their accomplishments at our Baccalaureate 10:30 am Service. All are welcome to celebrate and pray for our sweet seniors as they transition into their next stage of life.

Other important dates in May,

- May 19th, 5pm - Last Chicago Parent Meeting
- May 29th, 8:45 am - Last Prayer & Coffee

Much Love,
 Katie



Congrats to the Graduating Class of 2019



Nathan Gunn

Son of Larry & Nicole Gunn, graduating May 7 with Honors from Mandeville High. After graduating, Nathan will attend LSU majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Scholarships: Tops Honors, LSU Academic Scholars Residence Award, and Mandeville Lions Club



Jakob Fos

Jakob Fos is graduating from Fontainebleau High School and plans to enter the workforce next year.

Congrats to the Graduating Class of 2019



Jamie Mayo

He is graduating from Fontainebleau High School he is planning on attending ABC Welding School.



Christine Weber

Christine Weber is a 2019 graduate from Fontainebleau High School moving forward to receive her degree in music education focused on both piano and vocals at Southeastern Louisiana University. She is looking forward to her future that God has in store for her, and wants to thank her family as well as her Hosanna family for the constant love and support she has received throughout the years. She would also like to say a thank you to the youth group for always being there with welcoming arms through everything the last 8 years in the program.

Upcoming Youth Events!



VBS: Hosanna Lutheran's 2019 Vacation Bible School is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences for kids to see, hear, touch, and even taste! Science-Fun, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of

the fun activities each child will experience! June 24th-28th 9:00am to 12 noon. For children going into kindergarten thru 4th Grade. Cost is \$10 per child plus \$5 extra per child if you would like a t-shirt. Click www.hosannaluthera.com/programs/VBS to register.



Erin Forgarty
Children and Family Minister
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CHICAGO YOUTH MISSION TRIP - JUNE 15-21

Pray for our youth as they go to Chicago on this year's Mission's Trip. It will be a life changing experience for all attending, and for those being touched by our youth as they minister to the needy. 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.

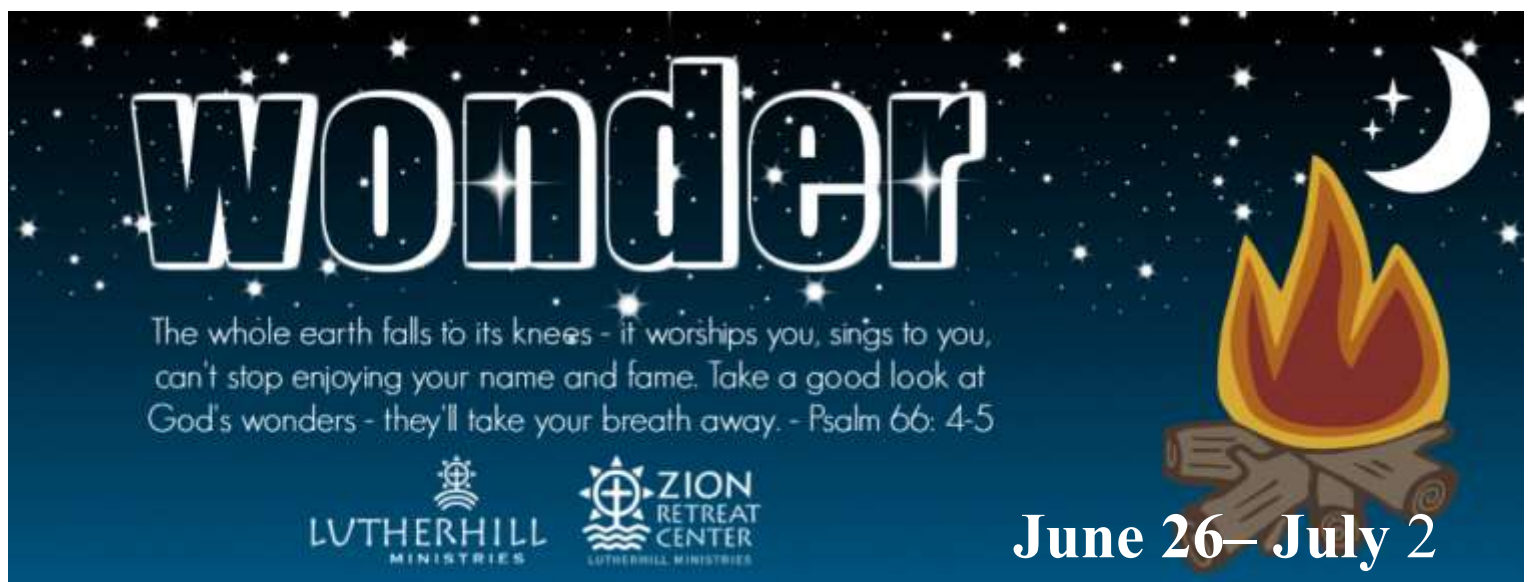
Chicago Parent Meeting

May 19th, 6:00 pm

This will be the final parenting meeting to discuss the details of the Chicago Youth Mission Trip, and answer any questions!

Lutherhill Parent Meeting

June 9th, 6:00 pm



June 26— July 2

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 Kemps! Bill and Lynne met at a Cajun Dance in March, 2017. Lynne writes: *“Through God’s intervention and the help of His earthly matchmaker, Sheila, we were two of the five people from the singles group who went to the French Quarter Fest a few weeks later. At the end of that day, we amazingly were the only two planning to go the next day. The others seemed to “back out”. So, that was our first date, a beautiful Sunday after church, enjoying New Orleans jazz and getting to know each other. Bill knew Cajun-Zydeco and other dances and I was ready to learn! He proposed on my (Lynne) birthday and we married a year later with Pastor Jay officiating!”* Bill and Lynne love Cajun Dancing, and after incorporating the dance into their wedding celebration, were asked us to offer a Cajun Dance Small group at Hosanna Lutheran. Lynne has one son and Bill has two sons and one

daughter. All are grown and on their own. They were both born in New Orleans, and love Louisiana. Lynne has been a long-time member of Hosanna Lutheran since 1987 and introduced Bill to Hosanna. Right away Bill felt at home and thought Pastor Jay was an excellent pastor. They enjoy worship, small groups and other Hosanna events. The Cajun dances are so much fun and have a very family-friendly atmosphere. Contact the Kemps to join their small group and learn how to do a little 2-step or waltz! You can find them under small groups on the Hosanna website or catch them at church!



Getting to know the Miller’s! Being introduced by a college friend may not work out for some, but for Bill and Gayle Miller, the adventure has lasted for 41 years! When Bill, a native New Orleanian, retired from Exxon Mobil, they moved from Slidell to the Folsom area and new adventure began - life in the country with more time for Bill to fish. After retiring from the Louisiana Department of Education, Gayle, who grew up in Arkansas, now enjoys working with schools and districts across the country as an education consultant. Since everyone needs an assistant, Bill often joins her and manages to work in a fishing trip or unexpected escapade along the way. Together they enjoy traveling, gardening (Gayle is a Master Gardener), spoiling their Australian Shepherd rescue, and spending time with their daughter, son-in-law, and grandsons. After visiting several churches in the area, experiencing the friendliness of Hosanna members, seeing their level of involvement in the church, and reconnecting with former friends who are Hosanna members has been so welcoming!



Blessing of the Quilts

On Sunday, May 5, 2019 at our 9:00am, 10:30am and 7:00 pm services we will have our semi-annual Blessing of the Quilts. These quilts which, more often than not, fill the sanctuary, are the work of an eclectic group of volunteers who meet on the church campus every Thursday throughout the year. The Hosanna Quilters, made up of church members and non-members, male and female, perform a much-appreciated service for the St. Tammy parish community and beyond. These quilts will be distributed to hospices, cancer centers, crisis pregnancy centers and a youth sex-trafficked center. Through donations of money and fabric the quilters have been able, for 20 years, to let those less fortunate or in a difficult situation know they are not forgotten. To date, thousands of quilts have adorned our sanctuary every spring and fall. Along with the quilts, the members of Hosanna Quilters crochet blankets and caps for premature infants as well as sew dresses for missions in Africa. Won't you join us in our celebration of love?



Chemo Care Bags

We thank everyone who donated items or funds for the May Chemo Bags, especially the Joy and 70's Small Groups. We also used some of the Thrivent Grant to fill Twenty Five colorful bags with useful, caring items for men and women undergoing chemo treatment at St. Tammany/Ochsner Mary Bird Perkins Center in Covington.

We will begin filling the next 25 bags in June for the July delivery. If your small group would like to help sponsor these, please see Linda Busfield or Sharon Hilt for a list of needed items.

Linda



MAY 26TH

Sunday

8:00 am - 12 noon

Did you know that every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Sign up at the info center to help make this years blood drive a success!

WOMEN
OF JOY

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THE WOMEN OF JOY 2019 TOUR

*\$209/Person
(Includes Registration and 2 Nights Lodging)
Transportation NOT included*

A Trip for the Women of Hosanna to spend time together in worship, praise, and renewal on the BEAUTIFUL Riverwalk of San Antonio, TX!

It will be a BLESSED event with women from around the country!

For more information contact Erica Hoffman spindler.eric@gmail.com

Sign Up Today!

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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](#)
- [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.



Director Marilyn Boudreaux

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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
- ◆ Boxes of Tea



Registration

For the 2019-2020 School Year

Is Open

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SUMMER CAMP

Monday/Friday, June 3-28
Monday/Friday July 8-Aug 2

Pick a Month or Pick a Week!

Hosanna Christian Preschool Summer Camp is open to children who are potty trained up to six years old. Call the preschool office for additional information or to register at (985) 624-5525.

April Highlights



Field Day 2019



Easter Hunt



Ready
Set
Go!



As Hosanna’s new church council begins to meet, we have begun discussing what our (council’s) focus should be over the next year. I’m excited about the new ideas and efforts that have already begun to emerge and how all council members are working to not only expand and enhance their own purpose area but how they are looking for ways to connect all purpose area efforts for a greater impact.

Several of these efforts center around better identifying and connecting all congregational members (i.e., guests, new members, existing ones, or those we have lost track of). As we look at our mission statement, *to proclaim the love of God to all people, so that they may know Jesus Christ, grow in faith, and follow Christ*, we must remember how broad the term “all people” really is. Pastor Jay continues to remind us that some of the “all people” are our friends and family that are represented by the empty chairs that are beside us during Sunday worship services and at our small group events and get togethers. Even though council and church staff are working on ways and tools that will help identify our missing friends, guests, and visitors - nothing can replace You. Your call, your text, your visit, your attention, and your thoughtfulness are much more powerful than anything council or staff can do. Church is family, and family is not the same without all of us there.

Therefore, I encourage everyone to look around and see who may be missing and contact them to tell them they are missed. Look at your small groups and ask if there is someone who would be a perfect addition – whether they are a Hosanna member or not. Reach out and welcome our guests, visitors, and new members; getting to know them and connect them to others within the congregation that may have the same interests. These simple acts may appear just small jesters, but I can attest to the fact that they are more powerful that you may ever know.

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:28

Peace be with you,

Brad Phillips
Council President



Stewardship Corner

May 2019

Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way. This is why our Lord warns:

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23)

We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have. And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that, and then think that we have done what God has required.

Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us – not one for the other, but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God, and, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

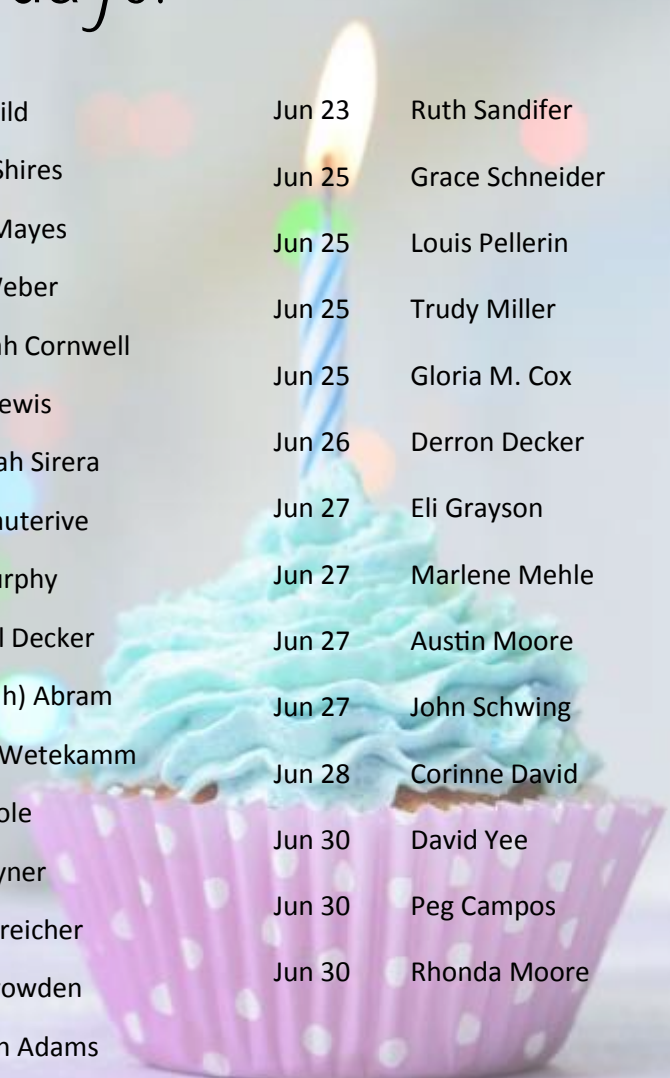
Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.

Through this we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.

CELEBRATE!
TIME • TALENT • TREASURE
giving!

June Birthdays!

Jun 1	Mona Sparacello	Jun 12	Dylan Bild	Jun 23	Ruth Sandifer
Jun 1	Carlos Pearse	Jun 12	Griffin Shires	Jun 25	Grace Schneider
Jun 2	Tara Boynes	Jun 12	Debra Mayes	Jun 25	Louis Pellerin
Jun 2	Maggie Gray	Jun 14	Lexie Weber	Jun 25	Trudy Miller
Jun 2	Lisa Gros	Jun 14	Jeremiah Cornwell	Jun 25	Gloria M. Cox
Jun 3	Quad Mulligan	Jun 14	Alexis Lewis	Jun 25	Derron Decker
Jun 3	David Rees	Jun 15	Susannah Sirera	Jun 26	Eli Grayson
Jun 3	Eugene Helmstetter	Jun 17	Allen Sauterive	Jun 27	Marlene Mehle
Jun 4	Justin Greenleaf	Jun 17	Erin Murphy	Jun 27	Austin Moore
Jun 5	John Ruth	Jun 18	Eli (Elijah) Abram	Jun 27	John Schwing
Jun 5	Bebe Stich	Jun 18	Joshua Wetekamm	Jun 28	Corinne David
Jun 5	Mandy Slye	Jun 19	Perry Cole	Jun 30	David Yee
Jun 6	Carlos R. Pearse	Jun 21	Sara Joyner	Jun 30	Peg Campos
Jun 6	Valerie Smith	Jun 21	Mike Streicher	Jun 30	Rhonda Moore
Jun 8	Mike Taylor	Jun 22	Brad Growden		
Jun 9	Lisa Greenleaf	Jun 22	Brendan Adams		
Jun 10	Carole Nungesser	Jun 23	Dominic Glorioso		
Jun 11	C.J. Mehle	Jun 23	Emma Slye		
Jun 12	Andrew Collins	Jun 23	Donna Hoblack		
Jun 12	Morgan Lewis				



June Anniversaries

Jun 1	Mike & Sue Streicher	Jun 16	Jack & Nancy Anderson
Jun 2	Stephen & Wendy Lewis	Jun 16	Jason & Jessica Gray
Jun 4	Charles & Kathy Colbert	Jun 19	Matthew & Beth Saacks
Jun 6	Fred & Barbara Wetekamm	Jun 25	Matt & Jessica Wetekamm
Jun 6	Blair & Lois Sundquist	Jun 26	Carol & Scott Trumbo
Jun 6	Jack & Brenda Tolley	Jun 27	Douglas & Ashley Burbank
Jun 9	Carlos & Maria Pearse	Jun 27	Todd & Marie Gregory
Jun 9	Christopher & Vanessa Russo	Jun 30	Steve & Jill Burbrink
Jun 12	George & Janet Michell	Jun 30	Ryan & Lacie Weber
Jun 13	Jason & Jeanette Mayo		



Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting March 24, 2019

Attendance: Jay, Teresa, Rob, Carlos, Brad, George, Ryan, Ashley, Julie, and Sandy
Jay called meeting to order at 5:19 pm and announced a quorum is established

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes & Reports

No previous minutes to approve

Acceptance of Treasurer, Pastor, and Purpose Area Reports

End 2018, Jan-Mar 2019, Treasurer report was not prepared in time for HLC Council approval.
Pastor prepared a retreat for Council.

Election of Officers

Brad motioned, seconded by Carlos, to elect George Michell as Worship Purpose Area representative; nine were for, zero against; motion carried

Sandy motioned, seconded by Carlos, to elect Teresa Abram as Discipleship Purpose Area representative; nine were for, zero against; motion carried

Rob motioned, seconded by George, to elect Julie Brown as Vice President; nine were for, zero against; motion carried

Brad motioned, seconded by Ashley, to elect Ryan Weber as Treasurer; nine were for, zero against; motion carried

Sandy Nieto was elected Secretary by blind vote

Rob Rhea was elected Ministry Purpose Area representative by blind vote

Brad Phillips was elected President by blind vote

Carlos Pearse was elected Evangelism Purpose Area representative by blind vote.

Ryan motioned, seconded by Julie to take Tara Bremond off all financial accounts including Hosanna TOY account. And to add Brad Phillips to Hosanna TOY account. And add Sandy Nieto as a signer to bank account. Nine were for, zero against.

New Business

Teresa motioned, seconded by Ryan, to nominate Sandy Nieto, Mike Nieto, and Elizabeth Grave as representatives for 2019 TLGC Synod Assembly; nine were For, zero was Against, motion carried.

Julie motioned, seconded by Carlos to approve a fundraising proposal for an event in October 2019 at Abita Brewery's property. A committee will be organized by Heidi Rhea and report progress to Evangelism Purpose Area. Eight were for, zero against, one abstained, motion carried.

Old Business

None to discuss

Carlos motioned to adjourn; Ryan Seconded; All in favor; Council closed with Prayer at 5:59pm.