

# Hosanna Highlights



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## June 2019

Grace to you and Peace,

This month marks the beginning of my third year as Hosanna's pastor and from the very beginning I have been praying that God would lead me in our mission statement,

**“Proclaim the Love of God to All People,  
so, they may Know Jesus Christ, Grow in Faith, and follow Christ.”**

I use this as the lens through which I evaluate our programs, our activities, our staffing. This mission statement is how I judge what is working and what isn't. Are we proclaiming? To All people? Does the proclamation lead to growth and discipleship? Lots of questions.

But as you know this proclaiming business is hard. There are all kinds of little steps that lead to bigger steps. There are so many people to get to know in the ALL. There are stories to here and meetings to call, classes to teach as we keep the normal church operations going, while at the same time ministering to those for whom the last season was painful. There are lot of moving pieces in leading a congregation and I will tell you, honestly, I have loved, *almost* every bit of it. We all have *those days*, don't we?

In pastoring Hosanna, I have heard God speak many times. For almost a year, God has been speaking to me that I am called to preach on Ephesians in June. Until April, I didn't really know what God wanted me to say about Paul's prison letter to the church in Ephesus, but I put it on the calendar, dutifully and I trusted that God would let me know when it was time. As we begin this sermon series this month, I am eager for the prophetic word to be shared about living God's mandate in community. God certainly spoke to me in this series.

In leading this congregation, I have often prayed that the all and the growing would manifest in more Sunday worshippers, but lately God has been speaking a clear word to our church that we aren't quite ready yet. We let too many people slip through the cracks, we don't have a clear path for assimilating a new worshipper into our faith family. God won't bless us with more new families than we can handle, and we still have some processes to put back into place.

But God has also been clearly speaking that our church is doing something special in our community. We are sharing a Gospel where all are welcome. We are worshipping in a style that is very open. We are a happy bunch that likes to get together. God is setting the pieces in the right place to pour blessings on us. Friends, we are about to enter a time where our mission statement will guide us through many new blessings.

This newsletter is a testament to the work we are doing in Jesus name in our community. You will find in these advertisements and articles opportunities for mission, new groups for fellowship, discipleship and new member classes and prayers for our youth and children as they experience mission trips and vacation Bibles school. In this work of proclaiming the love of God, there is a place for you. You are already part of the body of Christ, you are the church.

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Jay

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## New News!

### Malawi Update:

In April of this year, three hurricanes ripped through Malawi: 'The Warm Heart of Africa.' The entire country has been affected by hunger and now disease is rampant. Our partners, Fairhaven Ministries, are processing 20,000 pounds of rice and 20,000 pounds of beans that we will be shipping by the end of the month. The aftermath has affected the children, so we want to add a little bit of joy for them! We need \$600 to purchase 2,000 bouncy balls and 1,500 matchbox cars. We appreciate your consideration. Please make checks out to Malawi Missions and leave with the church. Cash is accepted as well.

Thank you very much,

Jan and Greg Sawa

New Small Group!



**Hosanna Women's Book Club**  
 Launches June 12!

Our first book is **VELVET ELVIS** by Rob Bell

Come out for Fun, Fellowship, Food, Drink & lively discussion!

Contact Erica Hoffman at (985) 789-1137 for more information

## June 2019

## Church Calendar

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

- June 5 Morning Bible Study  
JOY  
Divorce Care
- June 6 Quilt Blessing  
LAST YOUTH NIGHT
- June 9 Council Vision Retreat  
Lutherhill Parent Meeting
- June 10 Executive Council
- June 11 Stephens Ministry
- June 12 Morning Bible Study  
Divorce Care
- June 13 Quilters/Quilters Tutorial
- June 14 Sr. High Missions Trip
- June 16 **Happy Father's Day!** 
- June 17 Church Council
- June 19 Morning Bible Study  
JOY  
Divorce Care
- June 20 Quilters
- June 22 HIS Ministry Serve Day
- June 23 Vacation Bible School Begins!
- June 25 JOY  
Divorce Care
- June 27 Quilters
- June 30 Camp Sending Service
- July 1 HIS Planning Meeting
- July 3 Morning Bible Study  
JOY  
Divorce Care
- July 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 Dausat (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.

### Next HIS Serve day– June 22nd

We will be helping a family that recently lost a young child. Saturday June 22nd, we will be meeting at the church at 7:00 am leaving at 7:30 heading to Rosedown Drive in Pearl River, La.

We will be helping spruce up the outside with yard work, tree trimming, shaping bushes, picking up brush, lawn cutting. We will also be helping them get rid of unwanted items by reorganizing their open garage and some light inside carpentry work. Please bring yard equipment. We hope to wrap up by 3:00pm. If you can only spare the morning or a few hours please still participate for this worthy cause. We need to get a head count because the family wants to serve us lunch in appreciation for our help. Please sign up at the information desk. **QUESTIONS call Jill Smith 985-276-4546.**



## DIVORCE Care

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**

## 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**  
Youth Director  
youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com

Hi all,

Another year of Youth Night has ended, and we are so thankful for all the volunteers and kids who came every Sunday! The ministry staff has been looking at what worked, what didn't work, and prayerfully creating our program for next year that helps share God's love with all people.

In the meantime, June is here, which means we will be leaving for Chicago in less than two weeks! Since announcing our trip location in October, we have been praying for the city of Chicago and the specific community of Portage Park where we will be staying. I'd ask that you'd join us in prayer over the next month. Praying for safe travels to and back from Chicago. Praying for our Jr. & Sr. Highers and that their relationship with God would grow. Praying that we serve this city well.

As Pastor Jay begins his series through Ephesians, my prayers for our Jr. & Sr. High have been centered around Ephesians 3:20-21.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

This verse is a reminder of God's character. A reminder and a hope that He can do far more than we could ask or imagine. In our plan for next year's program and for this mission trip, my prayer is that He would do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine.

Much love,

Katie

POOL PARTY!

# CINCO DE MAYO



## Upcoming Youth Events!

### CHICAGO YOUTH MISSION TRIP JUNE 15-21

Pray for our youth as they go to Chicago on this years 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.



**Erin Forgarty**  
Children and Family Minister  
Families@hosannalutheran.com

### Lutherhill Parent Meeting : June 9th, 6:00 pm

**wonder**

The whole earth falls to its knees - it worships you, sings to you, can't stop enjoying your name and fame. Take a good look at God's wonders - they'll take your breath away. - Psalm 66: 4-5

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Vacation Bible School

IT'S A JUNGLE  
OUT THERE!

SEEK JESUS!

HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MANDEVILLE, LA

JUNE 24-28

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Collecting items for our  
VBS craft stations!

A donation bin is located in the Welcome Area.

We appreciate your help in making VBS a very special week for kids all around town!

- 20 Cups of RICE
- TIN FOIL
- SCOTCH TAPE
- PAPER TOWEL TUBES (LOTS AND LOTS!!!)
- Large PAPER GROCERY BAGS
- YARN
- YELLOW FLEECE: 5 yards
- POLY FILL (pillow stuffing)
- 160 Large GOOGLE EYES
- FABRIC GLUE



# What Now?

By:  
Monica Growden

As you may already know, I recently graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in Mass Communication. During my time at LSU, I was involved with a campus ministry called Cru. Being involved in this community of Kingdom-centered laborers helped me grow in my faith more than I could have ever imagined.

Last summer, I was given the opportunity to work as a summer intern at Cru's Ministry Headquarters in Orlando using the skills I have learned during my time at LSU. I worked on the social media team and got to see God move in incredible ways in the digital realm. And I have the privilege of saying that I will be joining the Digital Marketing team at Cru's Headquarters beginning in August, and I cannot wait to continue seeing God use the digital space for His Glory.

Everyone is on a spiritual journey. The digital devices people carry give us a chance to meet them where they are. Some people are unaware or apathetic towards spiritual things, some are curious, others are following Jesus, and some are even guiding others toward Jesus. I want to help meet the needs of the person who is experiencing hardship, the skeptic who is wondering how a loving, all-powerful God could allow tragedies to happen, or the Christian who wants to share Jesus with their family but doesn't know how. Digital makes this possible. We can now use the Internet as a way to reach more people and serve them like never before. The end goal of the Cru Marketing team is to help people everywhere move toward Jesus.

Using the tools created for advertisers by sites like Google and Facebook, we are able to specifically meet the needs of people at certain parts of their spiritual journey. For example, we can advertise an article about the evidence of Jesus' life to someone who is skeptical about Jesus. We can show an article about living as a Christian with depression to followers of Jesus who struggle with this. The possibilities to meet people's needs are endless, and the Cru Marketing team has already seen God move in amazing ways through their work.

The staff members of Cru invite others to partner with us to reach people for Christ. In order to begin my ministry with Cru, I will be taking this summer to put together a team of ministry partners who will support my prayerfully and financially. If you have any questions or are interested in meeting with me and hearing more about what my ministry will look like, I would love to speak with you! Please contact me at [monica.growden@cru.org](mailto:monica.growden@cru.org).



# 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 Pellerin's!** Louis and Judy Pellerin have been married since 2009. Louis has a son, who is married, and one granddaughter who is the apple of their eye. Judy was raised in Kansas, and Louis was born and raised in New Orleans. Lou and Judy were introduced 26 years ago by friends, and didn't date anyone else after they met. They started coming to Hosanna Lutheran Church, while the church was on the service road, around 2003.

Judy writes: We both cook—he (Lou) does the basics such as red beans, roasts, etc. and I do more of the recipe entailed cooking! We both like to read. I like to travel, so I take off once a year with my sister for vacation, and have travelled around the country. This year's trip will include Arizona, New Mexico and Las Vegas.

In my spare time, I usher at church and help with the AV team set up slides for Sunday. And, yes, I will own up to some of those mistakes you see on the slides Sunday mornings!

I think Hosanna is awesome and have loved the friendliness and mentoring that I have received from many people here.

**Getting to know the Keenan's!** Roy and Cecile Keenan have been married for 21 years. Both originally from New Orleans, they met at work, for the LA dept of labor, and were married under the Oak Trees, on the Lake Front. Now retired, they love to travel the United States, read, and garden. Cecile enjoys needlework, Roy enjoys playing pool. Roy and Cecile were once known for their annual Kentucky Derby parties, until they out grew their home! They have one daughter, two grandsons, Brendan 20, Brady 19, and their baby dog, a 12 ½ yr. Puggle- Patsy Lynne.

The Keenans love their family at Hosanna Lutheran Church, and have been members since 2016. Roy says "We really do feel at home here at Hosanna Church"! They both are involved in small groups, attend Hosanna's weekly Bible Study, and Cecile enjoys being a part of the Quilters that meet each week.





## From the Council:

### Best Little Secret on the Northshore - Hosanna

Have you ever worried about how you might be accepted by family, friends, strangers? Some people are blessed with outgoing personalities and welcome everyone without even trying. We all love those people! Then there's everyone else. We worry about how others might perceive us or worse, judge us. But that's what humans do, we compare physical and mental attributes against others to determine worth. People want to be loved, liked, wanted, missed, and be a part of something. Hosanna strives to be a place where we are not judged, but blessed for being part of this Hosanna family.

The Hosanna family is made up of lots of different types of people where we don't all have to agree and we don't have to be alike, yet we work together to do God's work. I love how Hosanna Council, staff, volunteers and members strive to do better, be better, and be understanding. I've seen the many ways people of Hosanna reach out to share the love of Christ to all people. We have small groups, youth programs, preschool, VBS, divorce care, HIS ministry, quilting, ministry fairs, Crawfish boils, Oktoberfest's, Makin Stuff for crafters, music teams, fellowship teams, property teams, financial teams, worship teams, and lots more. Take a chance, get involved in the best little secret on the Northshore. Your thoughts and ideas merged with others can make Hosanna even better, while allowing you to grow and meet more people. Step out and greet someone at church, talk to people, volunteer, engage in small groups, be an actionable part of the Hosanna community. It's worth the risk.

We are loved so much by Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! Enjoy this love and show this same love to others the best way you know how. Share the secret, spread the word. Hosanna is filled with fun, broken and loving people and has room for more!

God Bless,

Julie Brown

Council Vice-President

WOMEN  
OF JOY

# DEEPLY ROOTED

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](mailto:spindler.eric@gmail.com)

## Sign Up Today!

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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.

# Highlights: Water Day 2019!



Summer Fun!



Splash!



## Step Up 2019



# 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](#)

## Did you know?

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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](#)



## Online

Visit [hosannalutheran.com](https://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.

# Stewardship Corner

June 2019

Some disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. Many disciples were going to Jesus instead of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist answers: “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven” (John 3:27).

John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. God provides everything we have in body and soul.

We are taught this in the meaning of the Apostles’ Creed in the *Small Catechism*.

In the First Article of the Creed, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe.

“He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself by taking the form of a servant.

In so doing, He “has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.”

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

“That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”

Indeed, “a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.”

But how easy is this for us to forget? How easy is it for us to think that what we have in life is because we have earned it?

How easy is it for us to forget that all our skills – the abilities of our hands and minds, the ethic to work diligently, and the desire to improve – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said?

How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone, and the work of the Holy Spirit, that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and that none of this is our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God’s Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing.

But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven. These duties are not earned; they are given in response to what He has accomplished for us.

Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven.

Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.



# July Birthdays!

Jul 1 Michelle Hemlinger	Jul 7 Maggie Miller	Jul 15 Allie Guillot	Jul 27 Isaac Abram
Jul 1 Michael Reed	Jul 9 Jackson Soong	Jul 16 Lauren Moore	Jul 27 Alex Reed
Jul 1 Chrissy Weber	Jul 10 Elliot Schehr	Jul 19 Doug Knebel	Jul 27 Nathaniel Knebel
Jul 1 Lynne Kemp	Jul 10 Keith Bagley	Jul 19 Elliot Mathers	Jul 28 Haley Cundiff
Jul 2 Aidan Pellegrin	Jul 11 Taylor Bevilacqua	Jul 19 Audrey Borde	Jul 28 Jack Maloy
Jul 2 Debbie Picou	Jul 11 Evan Ulfers	Jul 20 Julia McKnight	Jul 28 Jason Mayo
Jul 2 Amelia Russo	Jul 11 Cole Ulfers	Jul 20 Bradley Campos	Jul 29 Johanna Hurley
Jul 2 Brooke Henderson	Jul 11 Rebekah Joyner	Jul 20 Marc Reed	Jul 29 Jim Henderson
Jul 3 Shelley Batte	Jul 11 Robert Johnston	Jul 21 Alix Vath	Jul 31 Erin Nelson
Jul 4 Jillian Garrett	Jul 12 Serge Bremond	Jul 21 Will Ettinger	
Jul 4 George Soule	Jul 13 Caroline Ross	Jul 21 Wyatt Stropolo	
Jul 5 Emil Eike	Jul 13 Fred Wetekamm	Jul 22 Maddii Hallenborg	
Jul 5 Jackson Johnston	Jul 13 Beth Saacks	Jul 22 Ryan Moore	
Jul 5 Rita Dauterive	Jul 14 Ben Burbrink	Jul 22 Jonathan Sparacello	
Jul 6 Carol Trumbo	Jul 14 Brian Nichols	Jul 22 Jim Joyner	
Jul 6 Katelyn Doyle	Jul 14 Lauren Horst	Jul 23 Katty LeVasseur	
Jul 6 Madeline Tedesco	Jul 14 Shannon Doyle	Jul 24 David Lloyd	
Jul 7 Nick Miller	Jul 15 Marie Growden	Jul 25 Deborah Anderson	
Jul 7 Julian Gros	Jul 15 Gayle Miller	Jul 26 Michael Batte	
Jul 7 Grant Gros	Jul 15 Julia Ann Hodgson	Jul 26 Evan Mathers	

# July Anniversaries

Jul 1 Jim & Erin Joyner	Jul 16 Brian & Heather Burbrink
Jul 3 Jerry & Jean Schulz	Jul 19 Alex & Katie Reed
Jul 3 John & Tami Gavel	Jul 21 Rob & Heidi Rhea
Jul 11 Bryan & Kim Walters	Jul 28 Joe & Lynne Dongieux
Jul 14 Ron & Vicki Entzel	Jul 30 Robert & Kim Ross
Jul 15 Robert & Terri Huet	



# Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting April 15, 2019

Members Present: George Michell, Carlos Pearce, Ashley, Julie Brown, Rob Rhea, Pastor Jay Grave, Teresa Abrams, Ryan Weber, Sandy Nieto. Pastor Jay opened with prayer at 7 p.m. A quorum was established.

## Purpose Area Committees:

Ashley (Lead of fellowship) talked with Ron Entzel who was lead of fellowship last year. He recommended she plan entire year's events now, and also plan to have post-event evaluations with her committee.

George (Lead of worship) talked with Carlos Pearce who was lead last year. The challenge is that more volunteers are needed. Some ideas to increase volunteers in the worship purpose area were to have volunteers recruit and train their own apprentice, plan volunteer schedules farther ahead of time, and get to know more fully what each volunteer is responsible for.

Teresa (Lead of discipleship) spoke with her predecessor (Alex Abrams) and her committee leads.

## President's Report:

Small groups encompass any group which meets (ex: bible study, softball, ministry team, etc.) They also serve to help new people get involved in a group, and help small groups grow.

Council Mapping: It is important to have each purpose area interact with all other purpose areas in some way as this can improve our church.

Opportunities: (1) Find ways to identify people who have not been at church as they usually were and find way to reach out. (2) Find way to get exit information from those who have left the church. (3) Integrate next level of Church Community Builder (CCB) to make it easier for volunteers to sign up online.

Calendar on CCB: Can see entire year schedule for all things happening at church or can select to view only a specific area of interest. All events will be booked on the calendar to avoid overbooking and will require specifics about what rooms, chairs, equipment, etc. will be needed.

## Pastors Report:

Completed events: Confirmation retreat went well. New council onboarding was successful. Pastor officiated an off-site wedding. New:

1) year-long stewardship program with help from a company recommended by our Synod. Estimate of cost approx. \$2000. Pastor Jay will get more information to consider.

2) Synod has identified Hosanna as an "Anchor" or healthy church that could help other less healthy churches. Pastor recommends we wait at least a year to consider participation.

3) Change in church office hours to 8-3:30 will be handled by Pastor and office staff.

4) Pastor Jay was honored by nomination for Bishop for the Kansas/Missouri Synod. At this time he is unable to decline the nomination, but if elected he will turn the position down.

## Financial items:

1) January income of \$15,000 is more than usual for January.

2) Worship attendance is slightly increased.

3) Synod Benevolence Fund Audit is in progress. Hosanna contributes \$2800-\$3000 per month, but QuickBooks entries do not match the Synod's receipts.

4) IRS has charged Hosanna \$33,000 penalty for late or incorrect filing for 2013 and 2016. Upon review, normal annual payroll penalties and late fees are about \$1,200 per year.

Motion: Julie motioned to hire a tax attorney contacted by Brad to help straighten this out. Rob seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5) Asset Management Policy Development

6) Counter's Procedure Development in progress of being drafted by Brad since different volunteer counters methods are causing problems for office staff.

## New Business:

Hosanna Preschool has informal policy to allow Pastor's children to attend free of charge.

MOTION: Carlos motioned for a formal policy to offer this benefit to all called and ordained pastors of this congregation. George seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Biblical Purpose Area Overview is coming up.

Sanctuary upgrade project is in idea and design phase. Quotes for flooring, painting, A/V and electric are being obtained.

VBS dates and information are on the Hosanna website now.

Full council's retreat in June will be focusing on vision for the church. Council members are asked to start thinking of what should be included in the vision, and then later, as a group, we will discuss and decide what is most important.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm with prayer by Brad.