

Hosanna Highlights



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Grace to you and Peace,

I hate buying tires and car batteries. It's not fun. It isn't exciting. It is just the same ol' thing. Tires and batteries work when they work- but when you have a flat or your car won't start you need to get a new one; not too flashy. You can't really make tire or battery shopping exciting and honestly, it doesn't need to be. You replace worn tires with fresh-treaded tires and you replace batteries with fresh batteries.

Jesus says something similarly regarding wine and wineskins. He tells us that you ought not put new wine in old wineskins, because the wineskins would burst. Instead, Jesus says, "You put new wine in new wineskins," they stretch as the wine expands and you are good to take these wineskins to JazzFest or to a romantic dinner or whatever. You don't put new wine into a toaster. You don't put new wine into a VW Beetle, you put new wine in wineskins. You don't replace your tires with guitars, nor do you replace your battery with a little hamster wheel. Tires get fresh tires, batteries get fully-charged batteries, and new wine gets stretchy wineskins. I bet you wonder where I am going here!?!

Hosanna has always been a church in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, since the beginning. Hosanna quickly began using the structural model of Purpose Driven Church. I love the ELCA and I love Purpose Driven Church. In fact, as I considered coming to be your Pastor, the combination of ELCA and PDC was a very inviting combination. Hosanna grew quickly and had a great history with this combination, but, as you know, along the way, Hosanna has had some struggles.

We have a history of a powerful youth program at Hosanna, but when I came it was a more than a little shaky. The memory of more than a hundred at youth night was a memory and 40 or so was a great night. This history of long-term youth ministry staff was no longer the case, in fact this years' seniors had 4 youth leaders in 4 years.

Long term church staffing was also a memory. My first day was only two-days after Trudy's last day. Because of working spouses being transferred, I have replaced the office staff twice. (We have a great team now, and I hope they stay for a long time)!

Our council had worked diligently during staff conflicts, transitions, two-years of interim ministry, followed by a lengthy call process. When I began, the tribal knowledge of “How we do things at Hosanna” was mostly memory. In practice our leadership was putting out one fire after another. The leadership was tired. Of course, there are more examples, but I think you get the idea.

Let me go back to tires and batteries and wineskins. Somehow, during crisis, transition, stress and worry, Hosanna’s tires got flat. Some hardworking volunteers, working too hard, got tired and flat too. Somehow, in the midst of severance package discussions, call committee meetings, and confirmation retreats; in the midst of a pastoral leadership vacuum, Hosanna got off course. We were doing our best, considering the circumstances but we zigged when maybe we should have zagged. During a two-year interim period (which is very long), healing that should have taken place, didn’t. Technical things like, audits and membership list cleaning, constitution and by-law updates, also didn’t happen.

If it feels like things are changing, if it feels like we are in too much transition, if it feels like the “way we used to do it” isn’t the “way we are doing it now”; believe me in saying I am trying to get us back on course--not a new course, but the course Hosanna claimed over thirty years ago.

I never saw it in the good old days. I came to Hosanna following a time of great turmoil.

What we are doing isn’t new, it is what we were doing when Hosanna was thriving. We are making moves to get us back on the Purpose Driven Church model-utilizing our five purpose areas to structure our ministries. We are reconnecting to our Lutheran theological heritage. We are moving our new normal; back on the road where we were so many years ago. Batteries for batteries, tires for tires, wineskins for wineskins.

Our church council began this year with an onboarding retreat, complete with a binder explaining council roles and responsibilities. (A new normal). Our council this year is able, for the first time in a long time to catch a breath and do visioning, rather than put out fires. At our recent council visiting retreat, Hosanna’s elected leadership lifted up three areas of focus. **First, renew the successful youth program. Second, expand our small group ministries to include professionally led support groups reaching the needs of our community. Third, create a Hosanna Operating System, including process guidelines, policies, leadership training, and structure so that Hosanna can grow, and that Hosanna is able to stay on course in times of transition.** I am so excited to see the renewing of mission here. I think that these tires and batteries will keep us moving down the road of ministry in our community!

In the last two-years, we have made great strides to get us back toward a healthy new normal. My heartfelt thanks to all the leaders and volunteers who worked so hard during the challenging years. You kept the tires rolling and the batteries sparking. As we move into the future, it may feel like change, it may feel like new, it may feel like too much change. If that is true for you, come and talk to me. If you think we are headed off the rails, give me a call, let’s talk about faith and life and the world, and how we as Lutheran Christians understand God’s work around us. If the structure seems too weird, like I am putting toasters where tires should go, ask and we can wonder about PDC and the ELCA together.

Friends, I am eager for the future God is calling us into and I am confident in the tools that have been here from the beginning. I hope this helps.

God Bless,

Pastor Jay

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HUH?!

During the month of July, Pastor Jay R. Grave will be preaching on Bible Stories They Don't Teach You! There will be some really strange stories you've probably never been taught. But these stories have great messages of God's work in people's lives! Joins us 9am and 10:30am Sundays!

We will begin with a story of a man and his talking donkey. Followed by a story of floating tools.

On July 21st, we will have a special treat as we welcome a guest preacher. Rev. Anthony Chatman, from Hosanna Lutheran in Houston will be preaching and Pastor Jay will be preaching at Hosanna Lutheran in Houston.

Pastor Jay will wrap up the July sermon series with a man who is so fat...How fat is he? You will have to wait until 28th of July to find out.

IT'S COMPLICATED

The "It's Complicated" small group will be discussing Immigration July 22nd at 7pm. All are welcome to join in what is likely to be a lively discussion.

July 2019

Church Calendar

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

July 7-12 Jr. High at Lutherhill

July 10 Morning Bible Study
Divorce Care

July 11 Quilters/Quilters Tutorial

July 14 Chicago Trip ReCap

July 15 Council Meeting

July 17 Morning Bible Study
JOY

Divorce Care

July 18 Quilters

July 19 FCF- Family Movie Night!

July 22 **It's Complicated**

July 24 Morning Bible Study
Divorce Care

July 25 Quilters

July 27 HIS Ministry Serve Day

July 28 Lutherhill ReCap

[FCF- Leader Meeting](#)

July 31 Morning Bible Study
Divorce Care

Aug 1 Quilters

Aug 4 Blessing of the Backpacks

Aug 5 Exploring Series

HIS Planning Meeting

Aug 7 Morning Bible Study
JOY

Divorce Care

Aug 8 Quilters/Quilters Tutorial





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



Next HIS Serve day– Saturday, June 27nd

We will be doing several projects.

Finishing up the Pichon's bathroom; Going back to the Brown's & possibly Camp Nora depending on how many volunteers we get. We will be meeting at church at 7:30, and working from 8:00 am to 12 noon.

Next HIS Planning Meeting– Monday, August 5th.

For questions or more information call Jill Smith 985-276-4546.



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!



CHEMO CARE BAG PROJECT HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH 2019

To date Hosanna has donated 50 Care Bags for chemotherapy patients at the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center at St. Tammany Hospital. In August we will deliver the next 25 of our 100 total goal. The Quilters have donated fabric for the bags and people volunteered to sew. We received a \$250 grant from Thrivent Financial, the Pre School Children collected coins, and Small Groups donated items which have filled bags. We still need some items to fill the bags.

We are inviting the congregation to assist with this project by donating items to go in the bags (see list below) and/or funds to offset their cost. It is estimated that it will **cost \$15-\$20 to fill each bag**. Checks and items can be dropped off at the Information Desk anytime between now and **Sunday, August 4th**. We hope you will be able to help us and support this project that continues to be a blessing to others. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Busfield (985) 789-7965 or Sharon Hilt (985) 287-1388.

ITEMS FOR CHEMO CARE BAGS

Pads of Sticky Notes

Colorful Head/Neck Scarfs

Unscented Lip Balm or Chapstick

Inspirational Poems

Small bags of hard candies:
Lifesavers, Lemon Drops, Mints etc.

Fleece Blankets
(\$2.50 at Walmart)

Small containers of unscented Hand
Lotion



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



Katie Sepcich
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Hi all,

As I write this, I am sitting in an Austin, TX coffee shop after eating some delicious tacos and after dropping our Jr. High off in LaGrange for a week of Bible camp at Lutherhill. We spent Yesterday riding scooters around the University of Texas at Austin campus and the Texas Capital building, and I couldn't help but think that this is what Heaven looks like. Heaven looks like kids without a care in the world laughing and smiling as they hang out with each other in the Texas heat. A couple of weeks ago, we travelled to Chicago with the Sr. High, we spent the majority of the time serving, but on Sunday, we walked around the Portage Park neighborhood – the neighborhood of the church we were serving. There we sat at a coffee shop, outside in the cold, and the same thought crossed my mind – this is what Heaven looks like. Heaven looks like deep relationships and talking to kids, asking them about what they are worried about and need prayers for. Heaven looks like being completely surrounded by God and feeling Him all around you.

Before we move onto what “after Summer ‘looks like (hint: Sunday night is called Exclamation!), I'd ask that we take time to praise God for what He has done this Summer. I'd ask that you'd also join me in prayer. Prayers for the Jr. High this week at Lutherhill. Prayers for the Sr. High as they process their time in Chicago serving. Prayers for all our kids and that they can grow in relationship with the Lord.

Much love,
Katie



Sr. High in Chicago, on Missions Trip



Games, crafts and fun, followed by a vibrant youth focused worship, a snack and more games, crafts and fun! Every Sunday, August-May.

ONE BIG FAMILY: MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, JULY 19 6-9PM

All ages welcome. We will be watching "Breakthrough"

BIG FUN: RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 5:30-7PM

A kick off to Fun Church Fun with food, bounce houses, games and more!

UPCOMING ONE BIG FAMILY EVENTS:

September: St. Tammany Children's Museum

November: Miss Heather's Pumpkin Patch



Jesus & me

SMALL GROUPS FOR KIDS



Youth & Family Ministry

Hosanna is a Purpose Driven Church in the ELCA, which means we follow a structure where big evangelism activities lead into fellowship and worship events, which lead into discipleship and ministry events.

I like to think of it as a big cake, and who doesn't like cake?

BIG FUN events are designed to welcome unchurched or under-churched friends and family to the ministry of our congregation.

- Rally Day
- Trunk or Treat
- Easter Egg Hunt



FUN CHURCH FUN begins Sunday August 18. This weekly event from 5:30-7pm on Sundays is a time for kids to have fun with games and crafts and share in a youth focused worship.

ONE BIG FAMILY events are regularly scheduled (about once a month) to help the families of our congregation connect with each other in a social way.

- Movie Night
- Pumpkin Patch
- Roller Skating

SERVE BIG offers ministry opportunities throughout the year.



Jesus & me

SMALL GROUPS FOR KIDS

JESUS & ME are monthly discipleship small groups leading the youngest members of our congregation towards a committed relationship with Christ.

The age groups are broken into FOUR GROUPS:

- Tinies (PreK-K)
- Littles (1st and 2nd Grade)
- Middles (3rd and 4th Grade)
- Bigs (5th and 6th Grade)

The **Tinies & Littles** will meet at Hosanna with a trained leader teaching a Bible story and craft. Of course, parents are encouraged to stay with their child, as they feel comfortable.

Middles & Bigs will meet off-site in a public space where Mom and Dad can be close, but not too close (like Target, WholeFoods, Café Du Monde, etc).

We hope to have multiple small groups meeting in multiple locations.



Upcoming Youth Events!

July 14th Chicago Missions Trip Re-Cap
July 19th Family Movie Night
July 28th Lutherhill Camp Re-Cap
August 11th Rally Day!
August 18th FUN CHURCH FUN/EXCLAMATION BEGINS!



Erin Forgarty
Children and Family Minister
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Hosanna Youth is having a

★ MOVIE NIGHT ★

All Youth Invited
July 19th 6-9pm
in the Fellowship Hall

We will be watching
"Breakthrough"
Parents are welcome to stay
or drop their children off

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FUN CHURCH FUN

Rally Day

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH
5:30-7 PM
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Free! **ALL are welcome!** *Free!*

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Hosanna Lutheran Church

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 Ruth's! Ashley is originally from Beaumont, Texas, and John is a local, from New Orleans. They have been married 2 yrs. with one daughter, 6 months old.

When asked how Ashley ended up at LSU, she writes:

"I went to a very small Christian School growing up so I wanted to go to a really big college. LSU is only 2.5 hours away from my hometown. I graduated with a degree in Political Science, and later got my Masters degree from Southern University in Criminal Justice."

With both of them working in law enforcement, John and Ashley met at a police function in the fall of 2014, went on a date a few weeks later. Ashley says that John even let her bring her Yorkie, Chloe, with them on that date! They have been together ever since.

Their favorite Vacation? Ashley writes: "Our favorite vacation is always Disney World. We got engaged at Disney. John proposed to me with the ring in Cinderella's glass slipper. It was magical. We love to go there because we really feel like we can be kids there!"

John and Ashley are always excited to meet families at Hosanna Lutheran Church, with little ones, their daughters age.

Getting to know the Stone's! Louann is originally from Illinois, and Charles was born and raised local, in Metairie area. They met and married in San Antonio Texas, have been married 46 years, and have two adult children! The Stone's have lived many different places, with Charles being in the Army. Louann moved to Covington in December 2018 to be close to family. Charles stayed behind in Washington DC, until retirement in 2020.

Louann enjoys reading, crafts, DIY projects, and visiting her grandchildren. She especially loves to travel to England, where her daughter currently lives.



From the Council:

Seeds:

Did you know there are 47 verses in the bible that mention **seeds**, and that the word **seed** occurs 349 times? One of the many definitions of the word **seed** is: *noun; a flowering plant's unit of reproduction, capable of developing into another such plant. Verb; cause (something) to begin to develop or grow. Have you heard that a seed possibly 2,000 years old has been grown to produce a beautiful flower? Or that in some places, such as Omaha Nebraska, you can go to the library and "check out" seeds at the seed library? You take some to plant, and bring some of your favorite back to share with others.*

Being from the Midwest I know that **seeds** are *VERY* important. They can make or break a family in their harvest for the year, all depending on how the **seed** needs to be nourished. Too much rain, too little, too hot, a freeze, those little buddies are temperamental, yet can grow in unexpected places such as cracks in any cement, and even gutters! They can grow beautiful large green squash plants with huge orange or yellow blossoms, just waiting to plump up into a watermelon, pumpkin or yellow squash. Then just as you think the coast is clear and a routine watering is all they need, another of God's creatures gets hungry, the squash borer, i.e. instant burrowing larva of a moth that sneaks into the stems and vines eating it from the inside out. Your beautiful handiwork from the **seed** starts to wilt and die while you stand by not knowing what snuck in and made it sick.

So why am I referencing the destruction of a plant that you may or may not have ever grown or even eaten? Well, nature is God's artwork, and his creative side. Seeing the colors, shapes, and variations; the miracles that spring forth from seemingly nothing, a small hard **seed**. It is where our science and His creation slam into each other. Thus all the biblical references maybe? People of the Bible, and today, understand about growing things, it's relatable and we all eat, right? This leads me back to **seeds**. The kind planted in our hearts.

Hosanna has always had a heart for youth. The youth programs have been strong, and families with children have raised their kids with other Hosanna families, and now are raising grandchildren under Hosanna's roof in some way shape or form. Families who have been transplanted from other states, countries, and continents find a home at Hosanna.

They feel nourishment in Sunday morning greetings, coffee, and worship. Their faith **seed** is watered and fertilized in small groups, membership classes, Luther Hill Camp, Catechism retreats, fellowship events, and ministry activities like Rally Day, Trunk or Treat, and the Easter Egg Hunt. Their children foster relationships with other youth and adults while playing Gaga Ball, attending Fun Church Fun, or dancing like crazy to a VBS song. Also their faith grows and spreads to others as they go to school, work, sports activities, and friends' houses or birthday parties.

We might not see them every Sunday, or sometimes for many years, but trust me I truly believe Hosanna plants **seeds**, and many of them. As a council we also have a huge heart for the youth, and want to grow those **seeds**. We never know when something might sneak its way into the hearts of our children causing spiritual sickness, but truly if we "Proclaim the Love of God to All People, so they may Know Jesus Christ, Grow in Faith, and follow Christ," we will watch those **seeds** grow, thrive, travel out and produce more **seeds** wherever they are planted. These little ones are the fresh fertile dirt where the **seeds** of God's Word are eager to be planted. They are honest, curious, trusting, and excited (just attend one day, or hour, of VBS and you will feel it!) They want to overshare ALL the time, so let's help them share the love of God, by sharing it with them first.

"But the **seed** in the good ground-these are the ones who, having heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it and by enduring, bear fruit." Luke 8:15

So how many times did you just read the word seed????

Blessings to you and yours,

Teresa Abram - Discipleship



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- ♦ Boxes of Tea



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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](#)
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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.

Stewardship Corner

July 2019

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: “How much should I give?” Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions also vary.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though, as Lutherans, we know we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus’ substitutionary atonement, the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God’s favor by what we do.

Take, for example, the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all he has and give it to the poor and then follow Him.

This rich young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions. Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God’s favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know their duty as Christians in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been “breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

So, we begin to answer the question, “What should I give?” with the question, “What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?”

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe – 10 percent – of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.

“And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire – oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves.

“And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.” (Deut. 14:22–29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth the following:

We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the “Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

This is our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we have also been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

If we have been lax in this, let us, like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame, likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God’s giving to us.

And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us – with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love – to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.



August Birthdays!

Aug 1	Paul Ulfers	Aug 6	Carol Henderson	Aug 15	Braylee Hood	Aug 24	Roger Hoffman
Aug 1	Sean Moore	Aug 7	Cindy Nichols	Aug 15	Brenda Tolley	Aug 25	Kristina Pearson
Aug 2	Nathan Wilkinson	Aug 8	Sarah Goodgion	Aug 15	Barbara Wetekamm	Aug 25	Meagan Murphy
Aug 2	Michael Woodruff	Aug 9	Samantha Lemus	Aug 16	Byron Putnam	Aug 25	Karen Schindler
Aug 2	Clayton Matherne	Aug 9	Kirsten Wee	Aug 16	Noah Carlin	Aug 25	Jean Schulz
Aug 3	Olivia Cundiff	Aug 10	Grace Nungesser	Aug 16	Molly Dwyer	Aug 25	Kim Ross
Aug 3	Madison Greenleaf	Aug 10	Jason Horst	Aug 17	Andrew Berzas	Aug 26	Hailey Lewis
Aug 3	Ashley Burbank	Aug 11	John Gavel	Aug 18	Catherine Buchholz	Aug 27	Kelsey Vath
Aug 4	Chris Pettus	Aug 11	Chris Miller	Aug 19	Don Provo	Aug 28	Patti Soteropulos
Aug 4	Ella Guillory	Aug 12	Vicki Entzel	Aug 19	Bill Miller	Aug 29	Evan Wetekamm
Aug 5	Yuki Naka	Aug 12	Kelli Brown	Aug 20	Jake Murphy	Aug 29	Juliana Johnson
Aug 5	Ava Burbrink	Aug 13	Taylor Doyle	Aug 20	Roy Keenan	Aug 29	Victoria Johnston
Aug 5	Alan Savoie	Aug 13	Colter Lakes	Aug 20	Campbell McSwain	Aug 31	Martin Sirera
Aug 5	Angela Griffitt	Aug 13	Julie Taglauer	Aug 21	Bella Pellegrin	Aug 31	Kennie Schindler
Aug 5	Cindy Brocklesby	Aug 14	John Ball	Aug 22	Deanna Rush	Aug 31	Rick Peterson
Aug 5	Gary Moskau	Aug 14	Katie Lisle	Aug 22	Bob Busfield	Aug 31	Cameron Osborn
Aug 5	Janice Ouber	Aug 14	Donna Lloyd	Aug 23	Rachael Moore		
Aug 5	Carla Pearse	Aug 14	Decland O'Leary	Aug 23	Jordan Mathers		
Aug 5	Mike Murphy	Aug 15	David Eike	Aug 23	Andrew Kern		
Aug 5	Greg Thompson	Aug 15	Jayley Mayo	Aug 23	Rita Letellier		

August Anniversaries

Aug 4	Jamie & Colleen David	Aug 25	Sean & Dee Dee Goodgion
Aug 6	Alex & Teresa Abram	Aug 26	Greg & Jan Sawa
Aug 13	Daniel & Lisa Gros	Aug 27	Perry & Valarie Cole
Aug 15	John & Debbie Coleman	Aug 28	Dave & Julie
Aug 24	Allen & Rita Dauterive		



Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting May 20, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Hosanna Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on May 20, 2019 by Brad Phillips. Brad opened meeting with prayer. A quorum was established.

Present

Brad Phillips, Pastor Jay Grave, Julie Brown, Rob Rhea, Teresa Abrams, George Michell, Sandy Nieto

Purpose area/Committee Needs

Worship (George Michell)

Teams in place include worship team, worship assistants, ushers, altar guild, email prayer team, Revivors, weekly prayer team, drama team, SALT team, traditional music, A/V team and Sanctuary upgrade

Vice President (Julie Brown)

Members for RAISE team are in place.

Discipleship (Teresa Abrams)

Identified teams are Youth, small group, confirmation, jr./sr.high, mission trips, VBS (mtg next week), Class 101

Secretary (Sandy Nieto)

Will need team to address filing system (decide which documents are to be kept by hard copy, which to keep on computer (Cube), and how long to keep them

Will be responsible for sending out notices on Church Community Builder (CCB) along with communication plan

In future, will need team to manage social media communications

Ministry (Rob Rhea)

Appointed Heidi Rhea to serve on Preschool board

Will plan Ministry Fair

Treasurer (Ryan Weber)

Leading investment team, finance team, audit team

Fellowship (Ashley Burbank) Written report submitted

Team is in place for fall fellowship event, to be a chili cook-off held in conjunction with Ministry Fair on October 19, 2019

Calendar Review

Instruction and encouragement for scheduling all meetings and events on CCB as well as recording attendance

Purpose Area Vision Thoughts

Each council member in attendance briefly explained their vision for their purpose area

President's Report

Grace was approved by executive council to sign LA state reports pertaining to water and sewerage

Submitted Action Plan list for new or one-time tasks. Council members will communicate with Brad with updates on the progress of the tasks

Pastor's Items

Attended Synod assembly in Houston last weekend. Bishop Mike Rinehart was re-elected to Bishop for his third 6-year term. It was approved that our synod will be an AMMPARO synod (to assist immigrant/refugee children)

Met with small group leaders and trained them on use of CCB to take attendance and send follow-up communications to group members that may have just joined group or have missed group

Met with Youth leaders to begin discussions on plans for youth

Financial items

Account transition update: It is going well. Church is saving money on late fees since bills are being paid on time

Synod Benevolence Audit Report Issue Update: More information is being searched for by the Synod

IRS Payroll Tax Issues: Tax lawyer is working on the 2013 and 2016 problems. In 2017 and 2018 one quarter return each year is missing and IRS has issued penalties

Financial reports not finished yet but should be ready next month

New Business

Motion by Rob Rhea to approve board members for HCP (Beth Saacks, Val Griffitt, Heidi Rhea, Ryan Weber as treasurer, and Pastor Jay) was seconded by Julie Brown and passed unanimously

Homework for Council Meeting in June

What kind of church metrics do we adopt? Pastor Jay will send out a few sources that discuss these

Prayer by Pastor Jay

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm

Motion to adjourn by Rob Rhea, seconded by Brad Phillips

Submitted by Sandy Nieto