

Hosanna Highlights



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Grace and Peace,

Last month, in my newsletter article, I addressed the return to a new normal. I wrote about how, in Hosanna's early days as a purpose-driven ELCA congregation, we saw significant growth in membership, attendance, serving and giving. Then we fell off track a bit. My intention is to get us back on that track... So, what is that track? I hoped you would ask.

I believe the path is discipleship. I believe many in our congregation have questions about vision, mission, and where we are moving and most importantly, how God is calling them to participate. I believe that our congregation will be the healthiest when our membership is growing deeper in personal and corporate discipleship. That is to say, regular worship attendance, daily prayer, small group participation, Bible study and devotional reading, and acts of service. Our congregation has a 4-step path that will help EVERY member grow in faith, and that if we are growing in faith we will be living our mission into being. We have had this process for discipleship from the beginning. It is our Exploring Series!

I believe that the Exploring Series is the next right step for you. I am inviting you and every member to retake all four sessions of the exploring series.

I am excited about what God is doing here at Hosanna, and am looking forward to the great things God has in store for not only this church, but each one of us.

The Exploring Series is offered on the first Monday of every other month. So, the next class is October 7. We gather together for food and fellowship at 6pm. Then we break off into one of the four classes. We are all on our way home by 7:30. I know you may have taken it before, maybe with another pastor, but I am inviting you to participate again. While we do not base our salvation on the exploring series, I believe it is an integral part of a healthy, growing church and is vital to an effective ministry outreach to our community.

The four classes are: 101 Exploring Church, 201 Growing Closer to God, 301 Shaped for Ministry, and 401 Telling Your God Story. These four classes build upon one another provide many off-ramps into deepening discipleship as a Christian and participation in a life of faith at Hosanna.

The Exploring series provides a glimpse into the future direction of Hosanna, it's leadership, and other important areas of consideration that may arise periodically.

We have placed a signup sheet for these classes at the information desk, and I want to personally invite you to be a part of these informative classes. If you prefer to not sign up on the sheet, but would like to indicate your intentions to attend, feel free to contact the church by phone at 985-727-9200 or send an email:

office@hosannalutheran.com.

Growing and healthy churches are discipling churches. I hope that you will join us.

God Bless,

Pastor Jay

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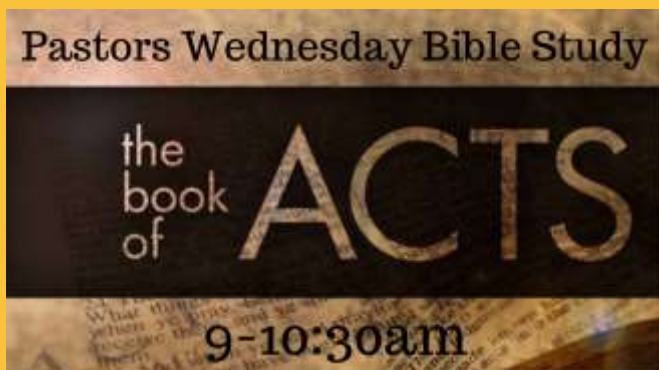
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It is a new month with a new sermon theme. This month we will be studying discipleship and see how Hosanna uses the Purpose Driven Church to be disciples making disciples!

Also, new this month, for the Wednesday AM Bible Study:



2019

Church Calendar

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

- Aug 5 Exploring Series
HIS Planning Meeting
- Aug 7 Morning Bible Study
JOY (Just Old Youth!)
- Divorce Care
- Aug 8 Quilters/Quilters Tutorial
- Aug 11 Chicago Trip ReCap
[Big Fun: FCF Rally Day!](#)
- Aug 12 Executive Meeting
- Aug 14 Morning Bible Study
Divorce Care
- Aug 15 Quilters
- Aug 16 Confirmation Retreat
- Aug 19 Church Council Meeting
- Aug 21 Morning Bible Study
JOY
Divorce Care
- Aug 22 Quilters
- Aug 24 HIS Ministry Serve Day
- Aug 26 **It's Complicated**
- Aug 28 Morning Bible Study
Divorce Care
- Aug 29 Quilters
- Sept 4 Morning Bible Study
JOY
Divorce Care
- Sept 5 Quilters/Quilters Tutorial
- Sept 8 [FCF & Exclamation Begin!](#)

This month, as we discover the importance of being connected within our church body, and community, know that there are plenty of ways for you to ‘get connected’ here at Hosanna Lutheran! Along with awesome small groups (filled with awesome people!), there are several opportunities for you to give your time to help the body of Christ, here at Hosanna, and reach out to the community! Take a look at the next few pages. Here is a sample of the various activities where you can find your place, connect with church family and make an impact on others:



↑ N 101 Exploring Class (New to Hosanna- this is the class for you)
 📖 201 Growing Closer to God (Learn the tools to grow your faith)
 🏠 301 SHAPED for Ministry (Learn how God has SHAPED you for Ministry)
 🗣️ 401 Tell Your God Story (Learn how to joyfully share your testimony)

Exploring Series

Exploring Series is offered every other month.
 NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH at 6PM
 Light Supper Provided



Casserole Club

We prepare and/or deliver casseroles to members in times of illness, family crisis or Hospitalization.

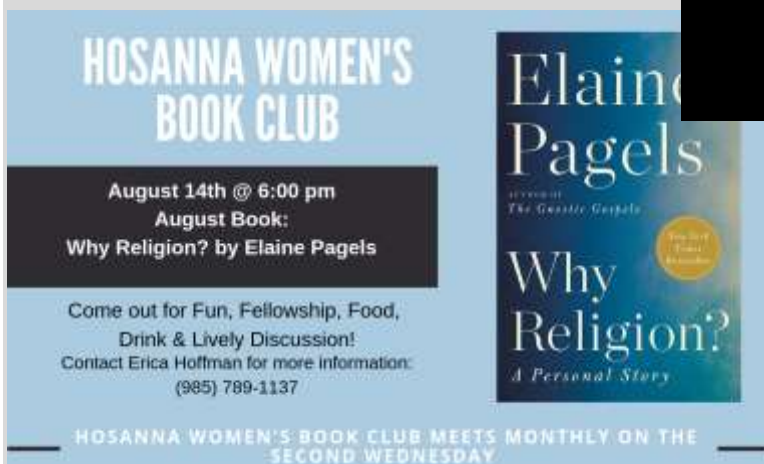
What a great way to love, help and support our church family!



IT'S COMPLICATED

We talk about complicated issues, debate on tough topics and leave as friends

It's Complicated meets the 4th Monday of Every month at 7:00 pm



HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

August 14th @ 6:00 pm
 August Book:
Why Religion? by Elaine Pagels


Come out for Fun, Fellowship, Food,
 Drink & Lively Discussion!
 Contact Erica Hoffman for more information:
 (985) 789-1137

HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB MEETS MONTHLY ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY

Call the church office for more Information about any of the Different groups/ministry Opportunities available

Get Connected!

Do You Like To Get Down and Dirty?



...They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

Join Hosanna's Mud Run Small Group
The Hosanna Hustlers

Contact Pastor Jay for more information:
rev.jgrave@hosannalutheran.com

7:11 Coffee



Wednesday's at 7:11AM
@ Starbucks
3461 E Causeway Approach
Mandeville, LA 70448

Questions Contact:
Ron Entzel: (985) 373-3993
Nathan Hoffman: (504) 259-9165
All are Welcome!

Veterans Small Group



All Active Duty and Veterans of the Armed Forces invited to participate

For More Information:
Contact Carlos Pearce @ carlpearce@gmail.com
The only requirement is that you have served in the military.



FELLOWSHIP CULTURE FUN COMMUNITY

CAJUN DANCE
small group
WITH LYNNE & BILL

Abita Springs Town Hall Dates:
August 17
September 14
October 5
November 23

Learn how to Cajun Dance, then join us as we strut our stuff at the Abita Springs Town Hall and other locations around the parish!



For More Information Contact:
Elizabeth at
Smallgroups@hosannalutheran.com

THE FUN GUYS



casual small group gatherings



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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 homebound 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– September 28.
More information to come!**

**Next HIS Planning Meeting–
Monday, September 9th, 7:00 pm.**

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



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!



There are many ways to be involved
At Hosanna! Some other areas are:

Youth Ministries:



Fun Church Fun - Various help
Exclamation - Helpers
Assist with food at youth

Other Opportunities:



Worship Assistants
Sunday AM Information Desk help
Drivers for those needing rides
Weekly Prayer
AV Team

Event Opportunities:

Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Vacation Bible School
Rally Day
Trunk or Treat
Annual Christmas Gala





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Youth Director
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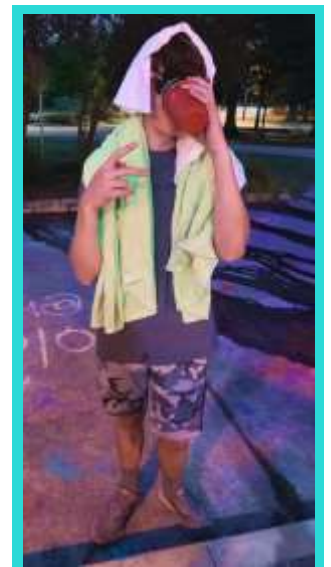
Hi y'all,

School is starting this week, and summer has officially ended! We have a lot to look forward to this fall with new programs getting ready to start. Exclamation starts September 8th. Point and Ark Groups will start shortly after, and soon we will start the process of choosing our trips for next summer. This weekend we launched our new Instagram, @hosanna_teens, and next weekend we will have our first Confirmation Retreat of the year. And of course Rally Day this Sunday! There's a lot coming for our Teen Ministry, and we are so excited!

Last month I asked us to pause and marvel at what the Lord has done. This month I ask that as we prepare for all that's to come, we spend time preparing in prayer. Praying for these new programs and that the Lord would use them to show Himself to our teens and teens in our community! Praying for growth in the size of our ministry as well as spiritually! Praying for those who are called to volunteer and assist with this ministry! We are expectant this year and excited to see what the Lord will do!

Much Love,

Katie





Rally Day

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

5:30-7PM

HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH

2480 HIGHWAY 190
MANDEVILLE

Free!

**ALL
are
welcome!**

Free!

**FOOD, INFLATABLES, MUSIC,
FAMILY ACTIVITIES,
AND MORE!**



exclamation

Sunday Nights
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm
Beginning September 8th!

hosanna teens ministry

We've got new names with some familiar programs. Our Teen Ministry has restructured in a way that better incorporates all five purposes areas of our Purpose Driven Church. From fellowship at Exclamation to service in Exploration. From discipleship in Point and Mark Groups to evangelism and worship at Exclamation Events. 7th-12th grade students are given a variety of opportunities in all purpose areas to grow their relationship with God.

exclamation

Beginning Sunday, September 8, Exclamation is a fellowship event from 7:15-8:30pm. The night will start with dessert and yard games and move into more games and a fun filled program ending with a Teen focused lesson.

point gr!ups

A place for highs and lows and a bible study led by a member of the Hosanna congregation. Point Groups will meet every other week. Our hope is to divide groups based on boys and girls and lower and upper classman. An even bigger hope is to have as many groups as possible being led by as many Hosanna members who are willing.

exclamation events

Once a month, Exclamation turns into an Exclamation event designed to be an evangelism tool for teens to bring their friends.

exploration

From Confirmation Retreats to Mission Trips to Bible Camp, our Hosanna Teens will continue to serve the nations and spread God's love to all people.

ark gr!ups

As small groups for 7th - 8th graders, Ark Groups are an opportunity to support our students through their confirmation. Ark Groups will meet monthly and divide up similarly to Point Groups.

exclamation



Contact Katie Sepcich with questions regarding youth:
Jr. & Sr. High

youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com



BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPT. 8TH 5:30-7PM

Games, crafts and fun, followed by a vibrant youth focused worship, a snack and more games, crafts and fun!



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 September 8th. 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

Jesus & me

SMALL GROUPS FOR KIDS

SERVE BIG offers ministry opportunities throughout the year.

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)
- Middles (3rd and 4th Grade)
- Littles (1st and 2nd 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.



Contact Erin Fogarty with questions regarding kids:
PreK-6th

families@hosannalutheran.com

Jesus & me
SMALL GROUPS FOR KIDS

From the Council:

Worship Purpose Groups Report

The most notable action is the Sanctuary Revamp. It has started with the repairs to the walls and the painting. Upcoming is the floor, the lighting and the AV booth changes. We do not have an end date for all of the upgrades, but as the individual upgrades start, we will keep you posted as to the progress and completion.

Most of the Worship Groups are status quo with no issues and no upcoming changes.

However

As you know the 7:00 PM service has been discontinued. We will let you know if it will start back up and if so, the date and time.

Another change is happening with the Worship Assistants. The Council is working towards getting a handle on attendance, not only at the Sunday Services, but also, all other functions, such as Small Groups, and Gatherings not only at church but in about the community. As far as the Worship Assistants, we are starting to use the Community Church Builders Software that maintains the church's database to schedule the Worship Assistants. This will make scheduling simpler and also track the attendance of the volunteers. This is important as volunteers is what helps the Hosanna Staff keep Hosanna running smoothly.

If you have any questions about any of the Worship Groups do not hesitate to contact me at:

George Michell

email (gmichell1942@hosannalutheran.com) or

Cell (985-302-9423).

Thanks for your support,



Important Info!

WOMEN
OF JOY™

DEEPLY ROOTED

THE WOMEN OF JOY 2019 TOUR

SEPTEMBER 6 - 8, SAN ANTONIO, TX

Ladies: Deeply Rooted will be here soon!
All money is due by August 11th!

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

Financial Information Session

Join Lizabeth Johnson
from the

Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest

Wednesday, August 14

10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

*Are you using qualified retirement funds to your advantage
for charitable purposes and convenience?*

Find out at this financial information session designed
for those near or at the age of retirement.

Brunch will be served

Lutheran Foundation
of the Southwest



Director Marilyn Boudreaux

(985) 624-5525

hosannapreschool.com



 facebook.com/hosnachristianpreschool

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

Hosanna Lutheran Church 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



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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Stewardship Corner

August 2019

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony of receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? The offerings are collected in plates or baskets, and they are brought forward and given to the pastor or an assistant. The pastor turns toward the altar, and, as he slightly bows his head, the offerings are raised slightly to the Lord and placed on the altar or an adjacent table.

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion – the bread and the wine – were brought forward with the offerings. The offerings and elements were lifted toward the Lord and placed upon the altar. The altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

Gifts brought to the altar come from the sweat of His people's brow. They are the bread and wine, the fruits of His people's labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people are to bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. Gifts set upon the altar are offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into service for His gracious work.

For what is offered to the Lord from the sweat of His people's brow – the bread of anxious toil – comes back to us as the bread of life. The bread comes down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

“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.” (Deut. 14:22-26)

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows. He receives this from us in the first-fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise, and He turns these into spiritual bread. He gives this heavenly bread – the bread of eternal life – back to us so we might have joy.

So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder. The offerings we have given to Him, the Lord gives back to us in His supper so that we may rejoice in the salvation He won for us upon the cross.



September Birthdays!

Sep 1	Annie Batte	Sep 12	Steve Thompson	Sep 23	Audrey Anderson
Sep 2	Jason Gray	Sep 13	Gaynell Lyeki	Sep 23	Anthony Berzas
Sep 3	Jessica Wetekamm	Sep 15	Rob Rhea	Sep 25	Skip Smith
Sep 3	CJ Boynes	Sep 15	Olivia Wetekamm	Sep 25	Eric Campos
Sep 4	Nathan Hoffman	Sep 16	Phyllis Schehr	Sep 26	Haley Kieff
Sep 4	Leah Horst	Sep 16	Madalynn Avery	Sep 26	Trevor Colbert
Sep 5	Jessie Reese	Sep 17	Nancy Miller	Sep 27	Jamie David
Sep 5	John Lyeki	Sep 17	Jeremy Saacks	Sep 27	Dan Maloy
Sep 8	Elizabeth Grave	Sep 17	Gavin Saacks	Sep 27	Logan Peters
Sep 8	Douglas Burbank	Sep 19	Jesse Davis	Sep 27	Brian Jakes
Sep 8	Heather Putnam	Sep 19	Abigail Douglass	Sep 28	Kathryne Douglas
Sep 9	Cinda Anderson	Sep 19	Vanessa Russo	Sep 28	D'Wanna Hanes
Sep 9	Scarlett Schroeder	Sep 19	Jon Bagley	Sep 29	Kim Dauzat-Thompson
Sep 9	Alex Torrey Douglass	Sep 21	Matthew Saacks	Sep 30	Braedon Elwood
Sep 9	Nicole Gunn	Sep 21	Anna Clark	Sep 30	Alan Furan
Sep 10	Matthew Duris	Sep 22	Kathryn James	Sep 30	Logan Pearl
Sep 11	Lauren Lacoste	Sep 22	Claire Putnam	Sep 30	Jordyn Campo
Sep 12	Kaidin Dannewald	Sep 23	Peggy Murphy		

September Anniversaries

Sep 2	Alan & Katty LeVasseur	Sep 24	Bill & Gayle Miller
Sep 3	Robert & Gayle Francke	Sep 25	John & Gaynell Lyeki
Sep 8	Keith & Nana Bagley	Sep 28	Harland & Marlene Johnson
Sep 11	Bob & Mona Sparacello	Sep 28	John & Cathy Gomila
Sep 17	Larry & Nicole Gunn		



Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting June 17, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Hosanna Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 6:30 pm on June 17, 2019 by Brad Phillips. A quorum was established. New council member, Steve Beene, was welcomed.

Present

Steve Beene, George Michel, Sandy Nieto, Rob Rhea, Teresa Abram, Brad Phillips, Pastor Jay Grave and Ashley Burbank.

Open Issues

Repairs are needed in sanctuary back hallway where A/C pan overflowed and caused water damage to floor and walls. New flooring and painting are needed. It would be good to begin Sanctuary Revamp at same time.

Sanctuary Revamp Team Report

Carlos Pearce presented the recommendations for improvement of appearance and function of the Sanctuary. Scope of work includes electrical rewiring with replacement of lighting fixtures and dimmer switch, A/V upgrades (new wiring, new computer), new flooring (carpet tiles on floor, wood on altar and stage), construction of permanent stage for the SALT Team with handrails on each side of the stage, adding new smooth doors for the storage behind the altar, sheetrock repair and painting. The electrical and A/V systems have already been failing sporadically. Multiple quotes were obtained for the work. The team selected the companies with the best quotes and reputation.

Below is the breakdown of cost for each area recommended for improvement:

Paint walls and trim, repair sheetrock, remove popcorn ceiling \$11,750

Flooring \$18,113

Carpentry (labor done by church members) minimal

Electrical \$36,000

Dimmer switch \$2,500

Audio-visual upgrades \$16,500

Subtotal \$84,863

Allocated money in 2019 budget for A/V \$(4,000)

Allocated money in 2019 budget for Repairs **\$(7,500)**

Total Needed **\$73,363**

Recommendations to Start Sanctuary Upgrades/Repairs

A motion by Rob Rhea to begin "Phase 1" with the painting job, paying for it out of the emergency fund then replenishing with donations, was seconded by George Michel. Motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that the "Building Fund", from the last capital campaign, cannot be used for Sanctuary Re-vamp because it is in a restricted account that can only be used for a NEW building.

A designated Sanctuary Re-Vamp fund will be established to allow congregation to donate to this specific project.

Project to be presented briefly to congregation during both services on June 30, and after each service in Fellowship hall questions/discussion will be available.

Preschool Board Meeting will be held Tuesday June 25th at 1 pm.

14 Motion to adjourn by Rob Rhea, seconded by Steve Beene, passed, and meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.