

# Hosanna Highlights



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## September 2019

God's grace and peace,

In the history of Lutheran pastors there is this funny German word, *seelsorger*. It is just funny to look at and funny to say. It sounds like *seal-soorger*.

Unfortunately, the word *seelsorger* has nothing to do with this cute baby seal. *Seelsorger* is usually just translated as pastor or priest, but the word actually means something deeper than that. A *seelsorger*, is a person who *sorgens* a person's *seel*; that is to say cares for a person's soul. A soul-caretaker. A pastor.



As the *seelsorger* of our congregation, I take seriously the care of souls. Hosanna is blessed to have an active and conscientious Congregational Care tTam, who is ready and able to visit you and bring communion, or send a card, in time of need. Hosanna's Casserole Club is ready in an hours-notice (at 350 degrees) to provide meals to friends and members of the congregation who find themselves homebound in an emergency. Our Stephen Ministry group has advanced training in long term caring relationships and would love a few more folks to visit. Hosanna is a congregation with a variety of small groups who gather in support of participants in times of need and our divorce care group cares for the souls of individuals in the struggles of relationship crisis. As a congregation, we care well for *seels*.

In the past, and in smaller congregations the *seelsorger* would spend many years developing relationships, learning the histories, participating in milestones within families. The *seelsorger* would live life together and through experience be able to encourage people in different ministry opportunities. This is true here as well. Longer pastorates of course lead to deepening relationships and more effective leadership. In fact, a study done some years ago report that a pastor-effectiveness really doesn't get rolling until their SEVENTH year of leadership. Whoa! Now, I don't really intend to just hang out for four-and-a-half more years to get effective, I plan on keeping on our momentum.

I would love to get to know you more. I also would love to have an opportunity for you to hear my understanding of our congregation, our church body, the ELCA, and of course our mission. I invite you to participate in our 101 class for this reason. In fact, I would love for every member of our congregation to participate in all four of the classes every year. Every member/Every year. These classes are core to our Hosanna disciple-making process. As your *seelsorger*, I take your *seel* very seriously.

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Jay



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Dear Friends,

It is with a humble and grateful heart that I write this. You, and the members of the Hosanna family, have been a fixture in my adult life for more than 22 years. You have graciously allowed me the opportunity to serve God's people, first, in the capacity of Youth Director and second, as the Music Director for the contemporary service.

Throughout the years, I have been blessed to work alongside fellow musicians, singers, and A/V people that have made worship possible. Your dedication to ministry involved endless practices, preparation, and courage to put yourselves up front with me during services. We have shared moments of laughter, tears, and reverence. Thanks to you I have many wonderful experiences of spirit-filled worship.

I love and appreciate the people and the ministry of this church. I believe in the purpose and mission of Hosanna, as well as the ELCA Synod. Recently, I have asked for discernment in terms of my continued involvement with the music ministry. At this time, I feel God is leading me in another direction. I am resigning as Music Director and my final service will be September 29th. God has a plan for Hosanna and I ask for your prayers for the music ministry during this transition.

Again, I cannot thank you enough for your support over the years. I take with me many fond memories. The members of Hosanna will always hold a very special place in my heart.

With love and gratitude,

Brian Osborn

## THANK YOU, BRIAN!

**We will be having a Farewell Reception for  
Brian Osborn on Sunday, Sept. 29th,  
immediately following the 10:30 am  
service.**





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## Upcoming Events



*Blessing  
of the Quilts  
Oct. 20, 2019*



## Church Calendar

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

Sept 6-8 Women of Joy Conference

Sept 8 [Fun Church Fun/](#)  
[Exclamation BEGINS!](#)  
Executive Committee

Sept 10 ELCA Discussion Group

Sept 11 Morning Bible Study  
Divorce Care

Sept 12 Quilters/Quilters Tutorial

Sept 14 **FCF: Family fun Children's**  
Museum

Sept 15 FCF/Exclamation

Sept 16 Church Council Meeting

Sept 17 ELCA Discussion Group

Sept 18 Morning Bible Study  
JOY (Just Old Youth!)  
Divorce Care

Sept 19 Quilters

Sept 21 [Oktoberfest](#)

Sept 22 FCF/Exclamation

Sept 23 **It's Complicated**

Sept 24 ELCA Discussion Group

Sept 25 Morning Bible Study  
Divorce Care

Sept 26 Quilters

Sept 29 FCF/Exclamation

Oct 1 ELCA Discussion Group  
Oct 2 Morning Bible Study  
JOY  
Divorce Care

Oct 3 Quilters

## Get Connected!

*There are PLENTY of opportunities to get to know others in our Hosanna Lutheran Family! We need each other, and small groups are a great way to share your needs, become friends, and help and pray for others. Here are just a few of the groups that meet. Be sure to check out the new small group board in the back of the Sanctuary for the list of all the Small Groups Available.*

## A Few of the Small Groups Are:



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- 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 7<sup>TH</sup> 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!*

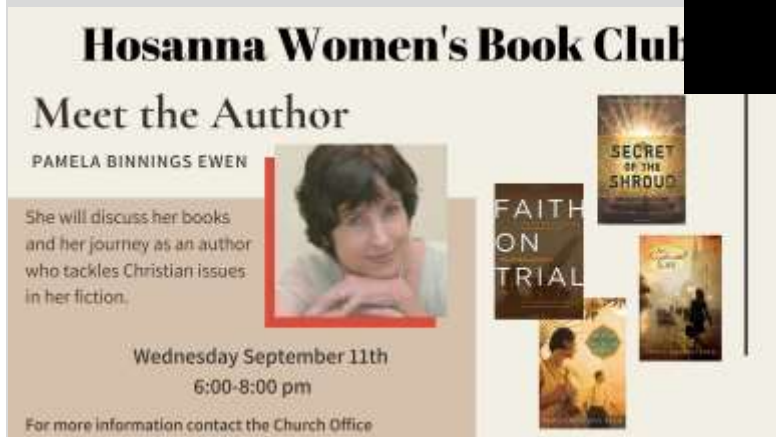


## IT'S COMPLICATED

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

Monday Sept. 23rd— Topic: Continuing 'Poverty & Homelessness in St. Tammany

Meets the 4th Monday of Every month at 7:00 pm



### Hosanna Women's Book Club

#### Meet the Author

PAMELA BINNINGS EWEN

She will discuss her books and her journey as an author who tackles Christian issues in her fiction.

Wednesday September 11th  
6:00-8:00 pm

For more information contact the Church Office

FAITH ON TRIAL

SECRET OF THE SHROUD



...and a Few More!

**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](mailto: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  
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**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– Details coming soon!**

**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!



## Volunteer Opportunities:

**Oktoberfest** is in need of shift volunteers. Click on the link to see shift schedules: [Shift Schedules](#)

## Congregational Care Team

is looking for new volunteers! This group spends time praying and caring for individuals and families who are going through illness, are homebound or facing personal struggles. They keep in contact with those hurting, by sending cards, making phone calls and visits.

**FUN CHURCH FUN** and **exclamation** are always in need of fun, energy filled volunteers!

**Trunk or Treat** is coming soon! It is time to begin planning your trunk decorations, volunteer to help, and donate candy! This is great time for all!

There is always a place for you to serve!





**Katie Sepcich**  
Youth Director  
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Exclamation begins this Sunday!! It's so exciting to kick off our Sunday night program and return to regularly gathering our youth together. As we prepare for the next couple of months of Sunday night programming, I am reminded of my newsletter article a couple of months ago, where I asked us all to pause and marvel at what God has done this summer. I feel called to pause again for the next few days and pray. Pray that Exclamation reaches kids who have never been to Hosanna. Pray that kids feel welcomed and safe at our Church. Pray that Exclamation helps kids grow in their relationship with God. Prayer is such an amazing way for all of us to be involved in our teen program, and so I'd ask that as you continue to see pictures of Exclamation and hear about fun events we have for our teens, you'd pause and pray.

Another way to get involved with our teens is through volunteering. In kicking off Exclamation, we will always need volunteers to help run our Sunday program, so in praying for our youth, I'd also ask for everyone to pray and ask the Lord if he has called you to volunteering and helping with our teens. Here's to a great first week of Exclamation, and all the Sundays thereafter!

Katie Sepcich  
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Director  
Hosanna Lutheran Church







# Oktoberfest 2019

Sponsored by Hosanna Lutheran Church

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 21  
4-9 PM**

**COVINGTON  
TRAILHEAD**

**GERMAN FOOD  
AND BEER GARDEN**

**LIVE POLKA MUSIC BY  
DAS GUTEN TAG HOPKLOPPERS**

**FAMILY FUN AND ACTIVITIES**

**CONTESTS AND RAFFLE**



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information* ➡

**[WWW.OKTOBERFEST.CARE](http://WWW.OKTOBERFEST.CARE)**

Fundraiser for Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation (Bile Duct Cancer)

**ENTRANCE FEE: \$5 ADULTS, KIDS UNDER 12 FREE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR TEXT HEIDI RHEA AT 985-502-5408**

# WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

KNOW TRUTH AND DOCTRINE

Starting Tuesday night, Sept. 3, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, we will begin a 5 week course to learn about the beliefs and history of our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

The topics we will be discussing are:

September 3, 2019

Topic: History of Lutheranism in America, Biblical interpretation and Christian ethics.

September 10, 2019

Topic: The ELCA Social Statement “The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective.”

September 17, 2019

Topic: The ELCA Social Statement on Abortion

September 24

Topic: How is a Social Statement born. ELCA as Sanctuary Church body.

October 1

Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust

*This course will provide an opportunity for members and guests of our congregation to become familiar with the way we as Christians in the ELCA understand the Biblical witness lived out in our day-to-day lives. There will be a time of respectful discussion, and we recommend that you attend all sessions.*

Each session will conclude with  
Holy Communion and shared prayers.



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.





## Upcoming FCF/ exclamation Events!

- Sept. 8th- FUN CHURCH FUN/  
EXCLAMATION BEGINS!
- Sept 14th- FCF: Family Fun!  
Children's Museum
- Sept 29th- exclamation: Saints vs  
Cowboys Viewing Party!
- Oct 26th- FCF: Big Fun!  
Trunk or Treat
- Oct 27th- exclamation: Smashing  
Pumpkins Tournament
- Nov 2nd- FCF: Family Fun!  
Miss Heather's Pumpkin  
Patch



## From the Council:

### Fellowship Report

First, thank you for electing me to the Hosanna Church Council and giving me this opportunity to serve our congregation. My purpose area is Fellowship. This committee gets to do the fun stuff...the food and the parties! We gather together for different events and enjoy the company, the fellowship and of course the good food. Next up is the Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 13th. More information will be coming soon, but here's a sneak preview...we are going to have the Creole Tomateaux Food Truck after the 10:30 am service, we are going to play the Saints game on the big screen in the Sanctuary and we will have lots of information about the different ministries at Hosanna! Plan to spend the afternoon with us, learn about how you can get involved at church or the community, have some food and watch the Saints beat the Jaguars! We also have our Hosanna Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 7th that we will begin planning soon. If you would like to help with our Fellowship Committee and be a part of this fun and energetic group, please contact me. We are always looking for new members!

Thank you!

Ashley Burbank  
aburbank@charter.net  
985-789-0508





# 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](#)



### Online

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

### Text to Give

Text **HOSANNALUTHERAN** to 77977

## Did you know?

**Amazon** donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Hosanna Lutheran Church. AmazonSmile is the same

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



## Baptism Milestone

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

Contact the office.

[Milestone Ministry Website](#)

## Milestone Ministry



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

(985) 624-5525

[hosannapreschool.com](http://hosannapreschool.com)



[facebook.com/hosannachristianpreschool](https://facebook.com/hosannachristianpreschool)

## 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



## Upcoming Events:

9/13	Director & Parent Meetings
9/26	Bippo the Hippo
10/4	No Preschool
10/11	No Preschool
10/16-17	Lion's Club Eye Screening
11/7-8	Picture Day



**2019-2020 School Year Begins!**  
**Welcome Back Teachers, and little ones**



# Stewardship Corner

## September 2019

What is a steward? Most people will say a steward is a manager.

That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him:

"For we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7)

Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner.

This is not only because He created all things; He is also the redeemer. He has redeemed – that is, purchased – and won all things. Therefore, it all belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege.

Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage his possessions on His behalf here on earth.

And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

But what a responsibility!

"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required" (Luke 12:48b).

We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what He desires and wills for His property.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God?

We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will is for all of His gifts. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing we have that doesn't belong to Him.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

God informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – managers and custodians – are to manage His property.

And that is stewardship. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us.

As St. Paul said,

"Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13).

So, let's dive into God's Word, and listen to what He desires from His stewards.



# October Birthdays!

Oct 2	Bryan Gowland	Oct 12	Corey Christopher	Oct 23	Jack Collier
Oct 3	Maria Pearse	Oct 13	Evan Saacks	Oct 25	Barbara Reed
Oct 3	Paul Gelbke	Oct 14	Sierra Dean	Oct 26	Brad Phillips
Oct 4	Maria Board	Oct 14	Cecile Keenan	Oct 26	Bryce Peck
Oct 4	Daniel Gros	Oct 15	Kelly Ulfers	Oct 27	Patty Coulter
Oct 4	Barbara S. Reisig	Oct 17	Camille Wetekamm	Oct 27	Amanda Ross
Oct 5	Sheri Lemmond	Oct 17	Myron Greenleaf	Oct 27	Nikki Kieff
Oct 5	Greg Weber	Oct 18	Mila Krumins	Oct 28	Michele Malter
Oct 7	Ron Kilcrease	Oct 19	Sam Heffker	Oct 28	Brooke Mehle
Oct 9	Chandler Colbert	Oct 19	Erica Phillips	Oct 28	Braydan Manino
Oct 9	Jerry Schulz	Oct 19	Judy Willem	Oct 28	Brittany Mehle
Oct 10	Linda Busfield	Oct 20	Molly Marie Dowd	Oct 29	Cheryl Gardner
Oct 10	Bethany Hallenborg	Oct 21	Dee Dee Goodgion	Oct 30	Paul Zummo
Oct 10	Ron Entzel	Oct 22	Tessa Abram	Oct 30	Hayden Pettus
Oct 10	Emma Pellegrin	Oct 22	Joan Hoffman	Oct 30	Cooper Lalanne
Oct 10	Margaret Reed	Oct 22	Hayley Pettus	Oct 31	Patrick Moskau Jr
Oct 11	Donna Turgeau	Oct 22	Chase Johnson	Oct 31	Justine Fucci
Oct 11	Adriana Michel	Oct 23	Chandler Bonnette		
Oct 11	Jeffrey Wetekamm	Oct 23	Tommy Gidman		
Oct 12	Gary Hanes	Oct 23	Julie Brown		

# October Anniversaries

Oct 6	Robert & Lynn Honold	Oct 23	Jay & Shannon Bearden
Oct 8	Jim & Peggy Murphy	Oct 23	Roy & Julie Dauzat
Oct 9	Wayne & Audrey Borde	Oct 24	Richie & Michelle Helmlinger
Oct 15	Brad & Marie Growden	Oct 27	Chris & Shelley Pettus
Oct 16	Brian & Theresa Johnson-Osborne	Oct 27	Shannon & Ross Doyle
Oct 16	Carlos R. & Danielle Pearse	Oct 28	Chris & Nancy Miller
Oct 17	Paul & Kelly Ulfers		





# Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting July 15, 2019

## Opening

The regular meeting of the Hosanna Lutheran Church was called to order at 7 pm on July 15, 2019 in Fellowship Hall by Brad Phillips. A quorum was established. Pastor Jay opened meeting with prayer.

## Present

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

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

## Open Issues

- 1) Purpose Area Committees
  - Discussed needs for committees to accomplish role of purpose areas (Ministry, Evangelism, Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship). Some areas may need to add or reduce committees.
  - Council members should check Church Community Builder (CCB) to see if all committees or groups are listed, and update members if any have changed. If starting a new committee or group, be sure to add it to CCB.
  - Committee leaders are urged to report attendance on CCB.
- 2) Church Metrics
  - Discussed purpose of tracking activity in our church to identify if we are accomplishing our mission/vision and which ones to use. Discussed the ones suggested in "The Numbers Game". Currently we are only tracking number of people at worship services and total dollars collected at each service.
  - The following metrics (tracking numbers) were discussed:
    - Numbers of volunteers
    - Online activity
    - Event outcomes
    - Assimilation (Number of new people that come into church and end up becoming members)
    - Spiritual growth
    - Attrition
- 3) Vision Retreat Focus Items (areas that Council decided were most important to focus on to accomplish church's mission this year)
  - Improve/develop Hosanna Operating Systems: Progress includes processes for replacing council member, handle injury at VBS, and Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Ministry binder started.
  - Successful Youth Ministry
    - Fun Church Fun and Exclamation! Organized to replace Youth Night.
    - Movie Night will be July 19<sup>th</sup>. A Town Hall meeting for youth and parents will be July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8pm to discuss the "new" youth programs.
    - Rally Day will be August 11. Erin requests Council members be present and volunteer if possible. The new programs will start August 18.
  - Professionally Led Mental Health Services
    - No progress on this area yet.
  - Discussed need to get this "vision" information out to everyone in congregation. Plan to add newsletter articles and council members to give short 1minute talk during worship services.

# Church Council Meeting Minutes cont...

## 4) President's Report

- Staff reviews are in process
- Council action plans spreadsheet reviewed
- Recommend new committee to develop Church App to help increase communication. App is available through Push-Pay (the company that set up our online giving) but needs some customization.

## 5) Pastor's Report

- Discussed progress on annual staff reviews
- Rev. Anthony Chatman will preach at our Hosanna Lutheran Church (in Mandeville) on Sunday July 21, 2019. Pastor Jay will preach at Rev. Chatman's church (Hosanna Lutheran in Houston) on same date.
- Pastor Jay was accepted into the St. Tammany Parish Leadership Program. He will attend the introductory retreat held Aug 23/24, and the second Wednesday of each month for the next 9 months.
- ELCA Churchwide Assembly is August 5-10
- Anti-Racism Conference at Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be October 10-12.
- November 22-30 Pastor Jay will be on family vacation

## 6) Financial Items

- The accounting transition to Janice Gutierrez is going well
- Brad reviewed Treasurer's Report for January 2019. Brad sent this report to council earlier today.
- Synod Benevolence Audit Report issue has been resolved with good outcome.
- IRS Payroll Tax issues continue with penalties looming for 2013 and 2016 because of failure to report and pay proper amount of payroll tax. IRS claims they did not receive complete info and \$ for 2017 and 2018 also. Church is working with tax attorney about these issues and will need to meet with her soon.
- A Building Committee will be initiated to evaluate current and future building needs.
- Sanctuary Re-Vamp has begun with Painting. Next phases will include getting electrical wiring up to code, replacing A/V equipment and wiring, and replacement of stage and flooring. Funding needed for these projects was discussed. Short talks during worship services to explain need for updates (safety, function, etc.) will help everyone understand project and hopefully will spur further donations to fund it. Letters to congregants and slides on Church Facebook page are considered.

## 7) New Business

Approval of Financial Report(s) was deferred since Council members did not have enough time to review.

## 8) Calendar Review

Council members will check calendar on CCB to be sure all events/meetings are posted there

## 9) Council Homework for August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting

Think about church "rebranding" for the purpose of letting people in our community know we are a Christian church. It seems people don't really understand what a Lutheran Church is about, and this can be a deterrent to having new people attend.

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm by Brad Phillips after a motion to adjourn by Rob, a second by Julie and all were in favor.

Council picture taken and Pastor Jay closed with prayer.