

# Hosanna Highlights



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## October 2019

In a darkened movie theater, I sat in a row of bored guys watching a movie love story about a boat that we all knew was going to sink. We were all seminarians and the women in our classes were going on and on about how dreamy Leonardo Di Caprio was and cinematography in this film was captivating and that it was sure to win the Oscar. So, a half dozen male pastors-to-be went to see *Titanic!*

During that same year, Hosanna called Brian to be Hosanna's contemporary music leader. Consider all the changes in your life since 2002? Children born in that year are considering graduation. Marriage, divorces, births and deaths, new homes on new streets or old friends long forgotten. Hurricanes and medical concerns. Fashion, music, the size of your cell phone. Change.

In that time, God's love remains steadfast. Our Lutheran Christian witness to meet the needs of our community hasn't changed, even if the needs themselves have changed dramatically. We are people of the book and God's Word remains unchanged even as our understanding of its application changes with our life situations. Our call as a congregation, our mission statement we say in unity each Sunday is just as true today as it was when our congregation was established, even if Hosanna has had several pastors, councils, music styles, staff, addresses and so much more.

We have welcomed and said goodbye to dear friends and the Lord continues to provide. Even when new technology leaves us dumbfounded and "text-to-give" is not mentioned in Scripture we can take confidence that the Lord is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

This month we are beginning a search for a new music leader. Our unchanging God already knows who will lead our worship music in the future. We can take comfort in that. God will lead us into our next chapter just as God has remained steadfast through many painful transitions in our past... and of course God remained steadfast in all the joyful transitions as well.

We focus in October on managing our Time, our Talents, and of course, our Treasures God's way and each Sunday you will hear about how you steward God's gifts to put Hosanna ministries into action. You will be asked to consider your time and ministry gifts at our ministry fair. Perhaps a change in your life is able to free up time for a new ministry. You will be asked to consider your gifts, maybe you have a new skill that you would like to put into practice? You will be asked of course to consider your financial stewardship as well. Perhaps, God has changed your situation and you are blessed to be a blessing in a new way? In October, we will also discuss how our elected leadership has been able, as good stewards, to identify some serious issues and move our congregation towards an increased healthfulness.

As you can see, God's Word is alive and well at Hosanna and in the world. We continue to trust in that in an ever-changing world we may proclaim this unchanging Love of God to All people.

God Bless,

Pastor Jay

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## Upcoming Events

### Ministry Fair

October 13th at 12 pm



*Saturday Oct. 20th*

*5:30 pm—7:00 pm*



*Saturday Oct. 26th*

*5:30 pm—7:00 pm*



## Church Calendar

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

- Oct 7 Exploring Series  
HIS Planning Meeting
- Oct 9 Morning Bible Study  
Divorce Care
- Oct 10 Quilters/Quilters Tutorial
- Oct 13 FCF/Exclamation
- Oct 14 Executive Committee
- Oct 16 Morning Bible Study  
JOY (Just Old Youth!)  
Divorce Care
- Oct 17 Quilters
- Oct 20 Lutherhill Parent Meeting  
FCF/Exclamation
- Oct 21 Church Council Meeting
- Oct 22 Congregational Care Team
- Oct 23 Morning Bible Study  
Divorce Care
- Oct 24 Quilters
- Oct 25 Confirmation Practice
- Oct 26 HIS Serve Day  
Dyslexia Awareness  
BIG FUN: TRUNK OR TREAT!
- Oct 27 Confirmation Sunday  
FCF/Exclamation
- Oct 28 **It's Complicated**
- Oct 30 Morning Bible Study  
Divorce Care
- Oct 31 Quilters
- Nov 2 Family Fun: Pumpkin Patch
- Nov 3 FCF/Exclamation

# Let's Connect:

## Growth

This men's group meets each Wednesday at 7:11am at Starbucks, 3461 E. Causeway Approach. Join us as we discuss faith and life through study.



Questions? Contact:  
Ron Entzel (985) 373-3993  
Nathan Hoffman (504) 259-9165

- ↑ 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

## Strength

## Friendship

## IT'S COMPLICATED

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

Monday October 28th at 7:00 PM

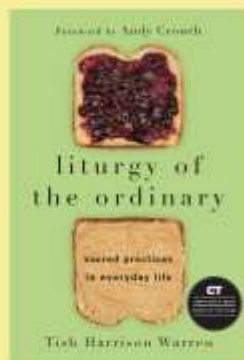
Meets the 4th Monday of Every month at 7:00 pm

## HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

November 13th @ 6:00 pm

November Book:  
liturgy of the ordinary by  
Tish Harrison Warren

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



## Encouragement

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

**Veterans Small Group**

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

For More Information  
Contact Carlos Pearse @ [crispearse@gmail.com](mailto:crispearse@gmail.com)  
The only requirement is that you have served in the military.

**Do You Like To Get Down and Dirty?**

**THE MOSANNA HUSTLERS**

...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](mailto:rev.jgrave@hosannalutheran.com)

Support

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](mailto:Smallgroups@hosannalutheran.com)

**THE FUN GUYS**  
casual small group gatherings

Fun

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



**Next HIS Serve day– Oct. 26th. Details coming soon!**

**Next HIS Planning Meeting– Monday, Nov. 4th, 7:00 pm.**

**For questions or more information 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!



## Did You Know:

This year our Hosanna Quilter's had a booth at the St. Tammany Fair.



Congratulations to the Hosanna Quilters for winning two ribbons (the \$95.00 check didn't hurt either)!

We are so proud of you all.



**Katie Sepcich**  
 Youth Director  
 youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com

With the heat, it's hard to believe that we're in October! Exclamation has kicked off, and each Sunday night, the Sanctuary is lit with disco balls and strobe lights as we play games and gather together. We began the Sunday night year off with our tradition of fish volleyball, and kids continue to leave saying, "this is so fun!". Our prayer is to fill the sanctuary with teens, but in order to do that we need your help. In order to run Exclamation smoothly, we need volunteers to help clean up yard games, be trained in using the AV booth, and to clean up the sanctuary. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering.

This month we have point and ark groups starting! Our dates for girls have been picked, and dates for our boys groups will be announced soon. Please join me in prayer as we begin to gather, talk about God's work, and meet in fellowship with one another. We've also begun two partnerships with other ministries in our community. We are partnering with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Next Generation (NextGen). These organizations are already working with numerous schools on the Northshore, and we are excited to get more involved and do our part in spreading God's love to teens in our community.

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





Join us for our  
**Second Annual**



2480 US 190 Mandeville, La 70448

**Bring your Family & Friends**  
**October 26th at 5:30pm -7:00 pm**

## Festivities

There will be a best decorated trunk contest, games, music, food & fun. Come prepared with your best costume & a bag for all your gathered candy!

For more information contact our office at (985)727-9200



Candy



Games



Fun





For Jr. High - Sr. High

# exclamation!

**Sunday Nights**  
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm

**FCF**  
FUN CHURCH FUN

For grades Pre K - 6th

**Sundays Nights 5:30—7 PM**

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

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& exclamation **point gr!ups**

**STARTING...**

Jr. High Girls:  
October 12th, 1:30 pm

Freshman & Sophomore Girls:  
October 19th, 1:30 pm

Senior & Junior Girls:  
October 26th, 1:30 pm

**Don't miss out** on participating in **Trunk or Treat!** Sign up now to decorate your car! Need ideas? Call the Church office. It will be a lot of fun and is a great out reach to the neighborhood



[Upcoming Youth Events!](#)

- Oct 20 Lutherhill Parent Mtg
- Oct 26th- FCF: Big Fun!  
Trunk or Treat
- Oct 27th exclamation-Smashing Pumpkins Tournament
- Nov 2nd- FCF: Family Fun!  
Miss Heather's Pumpkin Patch
- Nov 17th Mission Trip Parent Mtg

exclamation events presents

## Smashing Pumpkins Tournament

October 27th, 2019  
@ 7:15-8:30pm  
@Hosanna

BYOP (bring your own pumpkin)

*Confirmation Sunday*

October 27th, 2019 ● 10:30 am Service ● Reception to Follow

## From the Council:

As the Treasurer for Hosanna Lutheran Church Council, my duties are primarily dealing with budgeting, monitoring financial statements, payroll matters, and financial operations of the church.

One of the duties that I was not aware of when I accepted the position, was that as Treasurer, I would be by virtue of the position, also a Board member of the Hosanna Preschool. Although I was aware that Hosanna operated a pre-school, I was not aware of the size and complexity of the operation. The school is run by Marilyn Boudreaux and her staff of teachers. The school currently has an enrollment of 96 students. The students range in age from 18 months to 5 years. Their curriculum is theme based and concentrates on letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. Along with the academics, the children are also involved in religious activities through bible studies, verses, songs and prayers during their everyday activities. Hosanna Pre-school provides a loving academic and spiritual environment giving each child a foundation for becoming life-long learners.

Also due to the efforts of Hosanna Pre-school, they also make a substantial financial contribution to Hosanna Lutheran Church on a yearly basis.

Robert Rhea  
Treasurer



Director:  
Marilyn Boudreaux  
(985) 624-5525



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

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



**Preschool Registration is still open  
for the 2019-2020 school year!**  
Call the Preschool for more  
information (985) 624-5525

### Upcoming Events:

Oct. 15 & 16 Lion's Club Eye Screening  
Oct. 18 Firetruck visit

# School Begins!



Bippo – the Hippo!



Music



# Resources and Information

## 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](https://smile.amazon.com).



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)

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

### Text to Give

Text [HOSANNALUTHERAN](#) to 77977



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.

### Baptism Milestone

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

Contact the office.

[Milestone Ministry Website](#)

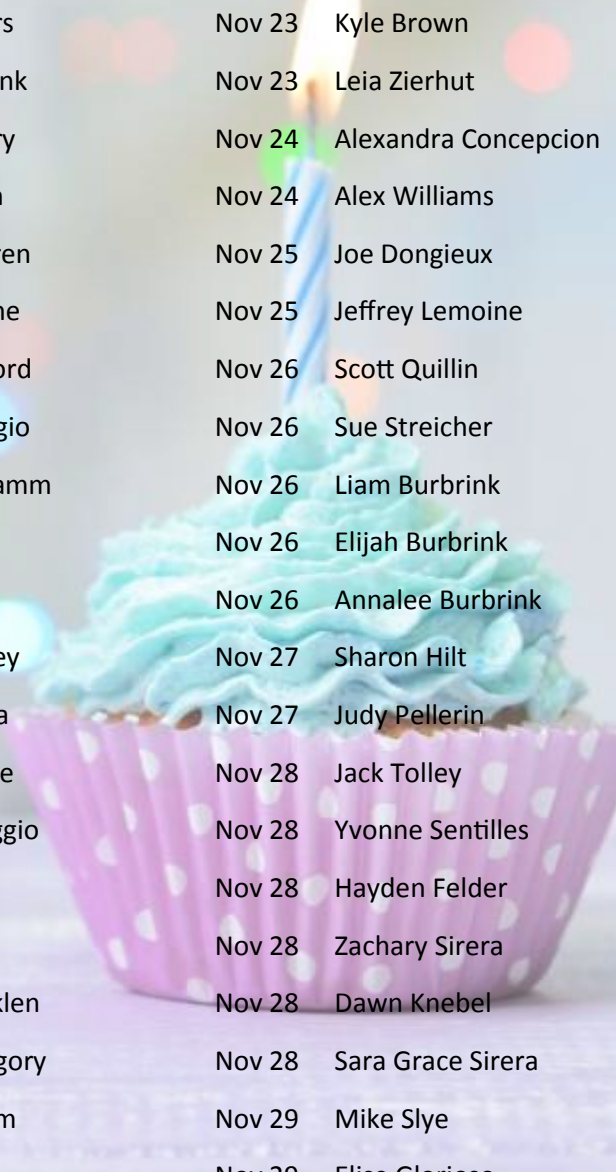
## Milestone Ministry



**Make it a Pizza night!**  
Every third Wednesday of the month, Hosanna Preschool will receive 20% of the proceeds for each pizza ordered through Domino's Pizza




# November Birthdays!



Nov 2	Mia Spaulding	Nov 10	Allen Sanders	Nov 23	Kyle Brown
Nov 3	Jake Gardner	Nov 11	Steve Burbrink	Nov 23	Leia Zierhut
Nov 3	Patrick Lloyd	Nov 11	Todd Gregory	Nov 24	Alexandra Concepcion
Nov 4	Barry Campos	Nov 11	Harper Crain	Nov 24	Alex Williams
Nov 4	Molly Gray	Nov 12	Mason Warren	Nov 25	Joe Dongieux
Nov 4	Jack Anderson	Nov 13	Lance Lalanne	Nov 25	Jeffrey Lemoine
Nov 4	Jacob Giffin	Nov 13	Anna Crawford	Nov 26	Scott Quillin
Nov 5	Amelia Knebel	Nov 14	Carly Salvaggio	Nov 26	Sue Streicher
Nov 5	Faith Albert	Nov 15	Fred Wetekamm	Nov 26	Liam Burbrink
Nov 5	Marilyn Boudreaux	Nov 16	Heidi Rhea	Nov 26	Elijah Burbrink
Nov 6	Angelle King	Nov 16	Ava Adams	Nov 26	Annalee Burbrink
Nov 6	Jaxon Edwards	Nov 17	Alanna Torrey	Nov 27	Sharon Hilt
Nov 6	David Moore	Nov 17	Tommy Naka	Nov 27	Judy Pellerin
Nov 6	Vivian Moore	Nov 18	Casie Lalanne	Nov 28	Jack Tolley
Nov 6	Nicholas Hoffman	Nov 19	Charli Salvaggio	Nov 28	Yvonne Sentilles
Nov 7	Rachael Couvillion	Nov 19	Gage Lisle	Nov 28	Hayden Felder
Nov 7	Toby Tournillon	Nov 20	Jo Peterson	Nov 28	Zachary Sirera
Nov 8	Andrew Bonvillain	Nov 20	Michael Aicklen	Nov 28	Dawn Knebel
Nov 9	Matt Wetekamm	Nov 20	Mallory Gregory	Nov 28	Sara Grace Sirera
Nov 10	Danny Garretti	Nov 20	Paige Putnam	Nov 29	Mike Slye
Nov 10	Sharon Shallenberger	Nov 23	Inge Horst	Nov 29	Elise Glorioso

# November Anniversaries



Nov 7	Louis & Judy Pellerin	Nov 16	Rick & Jo Peterson
Nov 10	Joe & Cindy Brocklesby	Nov 17	Barry & Peg Campos
Nov 12	Brian & Beverly Jakes	Nov 19	Jason & Inge Horst
Nov 14	Bill & Sylvia Wallace	Nov 25	Paul & Kim Gelbke
Nov 14	David & Rachael Moore	Nov 30	Stephen & Melanie Wetekamm



# Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 19, 2019

## Opening

The regular meeting of the Hosanna Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 7 pm on 8/19/19 in the Fellowship Hall at Hosanna Lutheran Church. A quorum was established. Brad Phillips opened meeting with prayer.

## Present

Pastor Jay Grave, George Michel, Ashley Burbank, Julie Brown, Steve Beene, Rob Rhea, Ryan Weber, Brad Phillips and Sandy Nieto were present.

## Approval of Minutes

Rob Rhea motioned July meeting minutes be approved, motion seconded by Steve Beene, motion passes unanimously. Minutes of July Council meeting minutes were approved.

**Purpose Area Discussions: Metrics to consider measuring for each purpose area** (Which metrics are Meaningful, Useful, Impactful and will help us know if we are fulfilling our mission statement?)

### Discipleship

- Active small Group Attendance
- No. of Active Small Groups
- % of individuals in small groups
- Diversity of BPAs (Biblical Purpose Areas)
- Youth nights attendees
- Youth 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, ...attendees
- Confirmation attendance

### Evangelism

- No. of first-time visitors at worship
- No. of new people brought by members
- No. of events hooked into
- Visitor follow-up
- Visitors to member numbers
- New members relative to attendance nos.

### Fellowship

- Attendance at fellowship events
- No. of events
- No. of visitors to events

### Ministry

- No. of Active Ministries
- No of Active People in Ministry Groups
- No. of people served -inside church and outside church (how many quilts, meals, lawns mowed, etc.)
- Giving to ministry and who is donated to

### Worship

- Total attendance
- No. of first-time visitors
- No. of second time visitors
- No. of new members
- No. of special events- baptisms, etc.
- No. of worship volunteers
- Attendance as % of membership
- No. of prayer requests

### President

- No. of active council committees

# Church Council Meeting Minutes cont...

## **Vice-President**

Number of recognition/blessing events during worship  
Staff/employee recognitions

## **Treasurer:**

Worship Attendance vs. Goal and Previous Yrs.  
Giving Total vs Budget and Previous yrs.  
Giving per Person vs Goal and Previous yrs.  
Giving per Person vs Goal and Previous yrs.  
Giving Per Family vs Goal and Previous yrs.  
Expenses vs Budget and Previous yrs.  
New givers or change giving

## **Secretary**

No. visits to website  
No. groups using CCB  
Facebook and Instagram metrics (No. following, likes, postings)  
YouTube metrics

## **10. Pastor**

Pastoral events; weddings, funerals, visits, etc.

## **11. Office manager**

a. Percentage of groups using CCB

## **12. Preschool director**

a. No. kids attending  
b. Average tuition amount  
c. Expenses vs budget and previous year

**\*\*\*\*Recommend: Select metrics you are able to get and would be useful to use\*\*\*\***

## **Presidents report:**

Items from Executive Meeting

What Does It Mean to Be the ELCA? Presentations-Open Discussion: Pastor Jay plans 5 sessions, weekly in Sept. Content discussed.

Staff Reviews completed

Church to do Spreadsheet Status/Items/Updates

## **Financial Items**

Accounting Transition Update

Financial Report Overview

IRS Payroll Tax Issues Update: Rob, Brad, Jay met with Tax Attorney, who is negotiating settlement with IRS (penalties, fines have been assessed due to missing documents and late filings from 2013-2018 by our previous bookkeeper).

Building Committee Initiation, has begun to meet

Sanctuary Revamp Status/Timelines/Presentations/Funding Discussion

CRU (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) Donation (Monica Growden). Resolution to provide \$100/month mission support for Monica Growden for rest of 2019 passed (7 for, 0 against, 2 abstain). Ongoing support for 2020 will be addressed during budget 2020.

Budgeting **starts next month**

**See pastor's report**

## **Calendar Events**

1. HIS events changing from monthly to quarterly
2. Fellowship: Ministry fair is changed to Sunday October 13. A food truck will be available to purchase food and we can gather to watch Saints football game on big screen together.
3. Christmas dinner Dec 7

## **Council Homework to Discuss at Next Meeting**

Church Logo/Rebranding so community will know we are a Christian Church!

## **Adjournment**

Rob Rhea motioned that meeting be adjourned, motion seconded by Steve Beene, and all were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm by Brad Phillips. Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Jay.

The next regular Full Council meeting will be on September 16, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Minutes Submitted by : Sandy Nieto