

Hosanna Highlights



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November 2019

Grace to you and Peace,

It is November and that is a strange in between month in the church. We have Thanksgiving days and travel in our month. We have budget meetings and congregational meetings as we prepare for a new year of ministry programming. We have shortening days as we move ever closer to the Advent season and we all know Christmas is just around the corner.

This month we also are beginning our search for a new worship music leader in our contemporary service. This is an important task. Bill Easum, church consultant and mentor often says that, second to the pastor, the most important and public figure in congregational leadership is the worship leader. No one else has as much influence over the personality of the worship service.

Our Hosanna Worship Purpose Area councilperson, George Michell, has convened a meeting of a Hosanna Worship Leader Call Team. This team consists of a member who regularly attends our 10:30 service, a member from the 9 am service, a member of the former music team, George, and myself. We will be discussing music and worship, we will take a congregational survey soon, we will brainstorm and evaluate the current job description and make changes. In consultation with the church council, we will begin advertising/interviewing/auditioning and hopefully hiring the new music leader for our contemporary service as quickly as God allows us. This is too important of a decision to rush or to drag our feet. We trust that God already knows our next steps and we wait for God's guidance.

In the meantime, our current church drummer, Carter, will be organizing and leading worship music. He and I are in agreement that we need to take a collaborative approach. We will continue to feature sing-able worship songs, a mix of songs we know and some new ones. We will hear some new voices and some familiar ones. We will explore some new music styles and be reminded of some longtime favorites, all as a way to prepare for the welcoming of a new staff person to our Hosanna team.

I ask you to please keep this decision in your prayers. We trust that God is preparing just the right person for the job and we need to focus on God's will and not rush or drag the process. As a congregation, we pray, we wonder and we rest, and we discern our next steps. We will update the congregation to our progress.

Blessings,

Pastor Jay





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Notes and News:

Hosanna Hot Meals!

We now provide hot meals to those in need in the community every Monday night, here at Hosanna Lutheran Church!

Hot meals are served from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved! We need help cooking, serving, greeting and clean up. If you would like to help out on a Monday night, contact the church office.

Can't help serve? You can provide a sponsorship to help feed the hungry.

We are in need of volunteers that Can set up tables for various church events: Quilters, Preschool, Misc. Fellowship events.

If you are interested or willing to help, please call the church office.

Thank you to the person responsible for donating toy items to the Nursery! Please leave donated items in the Church Office, when donating. This way we can clean them properly and check for age appropriateness. Thank you!



Church Calendar

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

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| Nov 4 | Hosanna Hot Meals
HIS Planning Meeting |
| Nov 6 | Morning Bible Study
JOY (Just Old Youth!)
Divorce Care |
| Nov 7 | Quilters |
| Nov 10 | Congregational Budget Meeting
FCF/Exclamation |
| Nov 11 | Hosanna Hot Meals
Executive Committee |
| Nov 13 | Morning Bible Study
Divorce Care |
| Nov 14 | Quilters/Quilters Tutorial |
| Nov 17 | Mission Trip Parent Meeting
FCF/Exclamation |
| Nov 18 | Hosanna Hot Meals
Church Council Meeting |
| Nov 20 | Morning Bible Study
JOY (Just Old Youth!)
Divorce Care |
| Nov 21 | Quilters |
| Nov 24 | NO YOUTH THIS SUNDAY |
| Nov 25 | Hosanna Hot Meals
NO PRESCHOOL THIS WEEK |
| Nov 28 | OFFICE CLOSED |
| | Happy Thanksgiving! |
| Dec 1 | FCF/Exclamation |
| Dec 2 | Hosanna Hot Meals
Exploring Series
HIS Planning Meeting |



Holiday News!

It's Party Time!

It's time for our Annual Christmas Party!

**Join us for dinner, games and fun Dec. 7th
7:00 pm - 9:00pm**

**Tickets:
\$5 per person
\$20 per family**

Tickets are on sale at the information desk,
so sign up now!

COME AT
6:00 PM TO
JINGLE AND MINGLE!
THIS IS FOR ADULTS
ONLY, BUT CHILDCARE
IS PROVIDED.

COSTS OF
JINGLE AND MINGLE TICKETS
ARE \$10.00 AND INCLUDE:
2-GLASSES OF WINE OR BEER,
WITH APPETIZERS.
TICKETS FOR THE JINGLE AND
MINGLE MUST BE PURCHASED IN
ADDITION TO THE
CHRISTMAS PARTY TICKETS.

Samaritan Center Thanksgiving Baskets:

This is a reminder to all those participating in the Samaritan center thanksgiving basket project. The baskets are due Sunday Nov 17th. Please do not forget to include a check written to the Samaritan Center

This year we will having a Christmas Tree Angel project! We will have names, ages and gift suggestions on our tree. More information will be coming soon!



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

MONDAY, December 2nd
at 6PM
Light Supper Provided
Sign up at the Information Booth

Commitment

Ministry

Casserole Club

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

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

For more info contact: Linda Busfield



HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

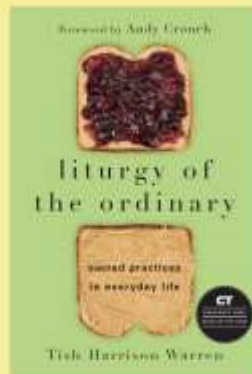
November 13th @ 6:00 pm

November Book:

liturgy of the ordinary by
Tish Harrison Warren

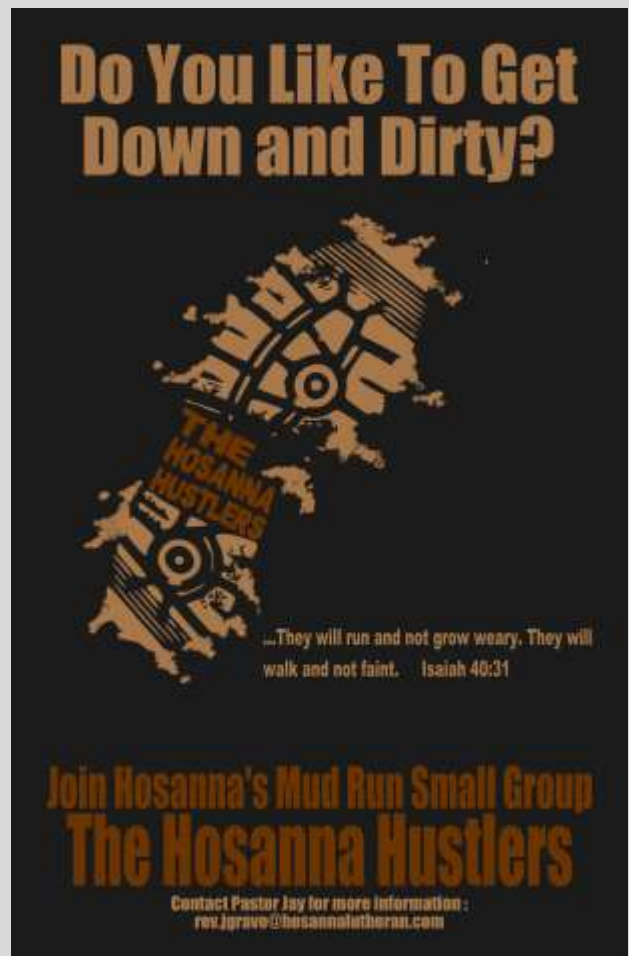
Come out for Fun, Fellowship, Food,
Drink & Lively Discussion!

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



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

Fellowship



Support



Fun

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.



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!



Director:
Marilyn Boudreaux

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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



Our School is collecting non perishable items for the Samaritan Center. We will be collecting from Nov. 1st to Nov. 20th and will be teaching students why we are collecting food and how it helps our community

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 7-8 Fielding Student Pictures

Nov. 25-29 No Preschool -

Happy Thanksgiving!



During the month of October, Hosanna Christian Preschool collected \$243.87 in change for our Change for Cancer Campaign. The money will be donated to the Chemo Care Bag Ministry of Hosanna Lutheran Church!



Our own Miss Mandy.
That's a lot of change!



Stranger Danger Awareness



Visit from the Fire Department!



Halloween Fun!



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.



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.



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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](#)



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.



Online

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

Text to Give

Text [HOSANNALUTHERAN](#) to 77977

Baptism Milestone

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

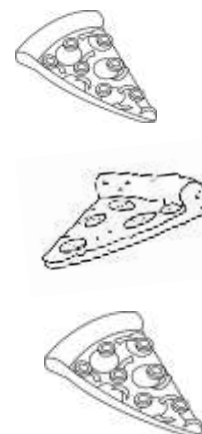
Contact the office.

[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 Dominos Pizza



From the Council:

What does Evangelism mean to you? It is in the name of Hosanna's denomination: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. What does it mean? To me, Evangelism is a lot like marketing. It is spreading the word or Word. We are all sinners that need to be saved, and we found the one who reconciles us: Jesus Christ. In turn, He asks us to spread the Word...or market, advertise, announce, endorse, exhibit, promote, and PROCLAIM. This is can be as simple as inviting a friend or family member to Church service, which can be awkward this day and age.

My daughter is often shy and afraid to ask a friend to play a game, so I tell her "I know what the answer is if you don't ask," and quote Wayne Gretsky: "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

Convincing friends/family to church, in my opinion, is the easy part. The bigger challenge is to convince them to come back.

Creating an environment that both embraces our newcomers and excites them enough to return does not happen by chance. We must be prepared to be effective stewards of those God brings us. Unless God is involved and his Spirit is blowing across our lives, no amount of structure in the church will produce spiritual growth. Our primary desire isn't to grow His church but to point people to a relationship with Jesus Christ. We have learned that if we don't have a plan in place to draw and keep visitors, then we shouldn't be surprised when first time visitors quickly turn into last time visitors. It is our responsibility as followers of Christ to show hospitality to everyone that God brings us.

Some people may grow uncomfortable with treating the church like a business, but businesses actually do a better job than churches of showing hospitality. Think of a restaurant with great service. It takes a team. The Host or Maître D who shows you where to sit and makes recommendations to make you feel comfortable and show you how the restaurant works. Then, there's the waiter who guides you through the meal, and serves. After the meal, there's a busser who cleans up tables. In the back, there's the cook or chef, and the janitor, and maybe a manager/owner. This team is working to provide great service so that you will come back.

Hosanna is similar. We have hosts who greet guests to the sanctuary, show them refreshments, or the restrooms, or where to bring their children should they decide to show their independence. We have elders who guide our guests through the service: where to sit or how communion is shared. We also have "bussers" who follow up with guests immediately following our worship service to make sure first-timers receive their free gift and meet people of similar backgrounds. The next day our first-timers receive a follow up card in the mail, where they learn more about Hosanna and that we'd love to have them back as second-time guests. In the back, we have an efficient staff to make it all work, to provide great service so that you will come back and help us assimilate more guests. As Mark Twain said "You will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do, than by the ones you did do. The secret to getting ahead is getting started." Let's get started.

Sincerely,

Ryan Weber ~ Evangelism





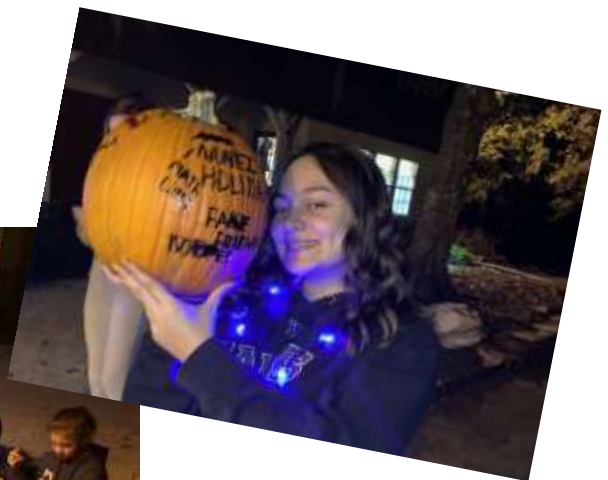
Katie Sepcich
Youth Director
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“I forgot how fun Sunday Nights are!!” The same statement from two different kids, who up until recently hadn’t come to Exclamation this year. Sunday nights are so fun, but the beauty about Sunday nights is that our program is built on so much more. Our Sr. High Boys and Girls Point Groups have started. As well as our Jr. High Girls Ark Group. We are still in need of a Jr. High Boys Ark Group leader, so if you’re interested, please let me know!

I know it’s only November, but what I am so excited for is this Summer!! We have an International Trip and camp at Lutherhill, but we have also added some new opportunities to our Summer Program. I know change seems to be everywhere in our congregation, but what is so sweet about these changes are that our teens asked for them. They asked for more! As a church, how sweet is it that we get the opportunity to support these kids wanting more church, more Jesus, more ways of learning about Him. We have begun camp sign ups to Lutherhill for incoming 7th-9th graders. We are also encouraging any interested Sr. Highers to attend Lutherhill as Lyles. I am so excited that Hosanna gets to be a part of encouraging our Sr. Highers to go back to camp and participate as a Lyle, which is a camper/Jr. counselor. Our decision to add this as an official part of our Summer is all because of student interest.

What is also so incredibly sweet is that our Sr. High Summer Trip(s)(?)(!) have also been planned because of our Senior students. They have been so involved and vocal about what they want this summer to look like. ***Be on the lookout for our reveal on Nov. 17th!***

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





Confirmation 2019



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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& **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

Jesus & me
TINIES & LITTLES

10AM
FELLOWSHIP
HALL

exploration! presents

Mission Trip Parent Meeting

November 17, 2019
after 10:30 am service
for all High School Parents

Reveal to Teens will be @ Exclamation at 7:15pm



exclamation! events presents

The Annual **Friendsgiving**

November 17th, 2019
Bring a side dish!
Meet @ Hosanna



December Birthdays!

Dec 1	Andrew Moore	Dec 10	Charles Colbert	Dec 21	Joe Brocklesby
Dec 1	Ashlynn Elwood	Dec 11	Allee Bild	Dec 21	Toni Matherne
Dec 1	Lisa Warren	Dec 11	Connor Ettinger	Dec 21	Maximus Johnston
Dec 2	Jamie Wetekamm	Dec 12	Bill Wallace	Dec 22	Zach Nichols
Dec 2	Alan LeVasseur	Dec 13	Brianna Warren	Dec 22	Troy King
Dec 2	Sean Warren	Dec 13	Terrence Mathers	Dec 23	A.J. Hood
Dec 3	Jay Bearden	Dec 13	Zachary Dale	Dec 23	Karter Perry
Dec 4	Stephen Wetekamm	Dec 14	Kate Tournillon	Dec 23	Rebecca Darga
Dec 4	Christine Cousins	Dec 14	Mary Wilson	Dec 23	Walker Entzel
Dec 5	Jacob Goodgion	Dec 14	Madison Horst	Dec 23	Gray Thorpe
Dec 5	Angie Tennant	Dec 16	Katy Soong	Dec 24	Cullen Campo
Dec 5	Jake Tournillon	Dec 16	Brittany Macha	Dec 24	Glenn Giffin
Dec 6	Teresa Abram	Dec 16	Chris Bild	Dec 26	Jill Burbrink
Dec 6	Holly Turgeau	Dec 17	Maxine Eiserloh	Dec 28	Hayden Helmlinger
Dec 6	Steven Michell	Dec 18	Karen Wohlers	Dec 28	Lena Gunn
Dec 7	Stacy Hurley	Dec 18	Carol Torrey	Dec 29	David Schaeffer
Dec 7	Vickie Lemieux	Dec 18	Stacy Robertson	Dec 30	Charlotte Lescale
Dec 7	Haley Dean	Dec 19	Christine Johnston	Dec 30	Jonathan Davis
Dec 8	Jill Maloy	Dec 19	Ron Clark	Dec 30	Josh Bearden
Dec 8	Shanickwa Jackson	Dec 20	Bill Kemp	Dec 31	Caitlyn Williams
Dec 9	Janet Michell	Dec 20	Ariel Moore	Dec 31	Bill Laurence
Dec 10	George Michell	Dec 20	Reid Patterson	Dec 31	Loanne Ibele
Dec 10	Janis Mayfield	Dec 20	ThØrin Grave		



December Anniversaries

Dec 14	Michael & Shelley Batte	Dec 27	Yuki & Cynthia Naka
Dec 20	John & Karlyn Ball	Dec 29	Greg & Sharon Bennett
Dec 26	Michael & Sandy Nieto	Dec 29	David & Mable Rees
Dec 27	Bob & Linda Busfield	Dec 30	Skip & Valerie Smith
Dec 27	Ginny & Martin Sirera	Dec 30	Sean & Lisa Warren





Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting September 16, 2019

The regular meeting of the Hosanna Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 7:07 p.m. on September 16, 2019 in Fellowship Hall by Brad Phillips. Pastor Jay opened with prayer.

Present: Sandy Nieto, Pastor Jay Grave, Ashley Burbank, Rob Rhea, Brad Phillips, Steve Beene, Ryan Weber, Teresa Abrams. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

Rob Rhea motioned for previous meeting minutes be approved. Steve Beene seconded. All were in favor.

Open Issues

1. Purpose Area Metrics:

Secretary will be monitoring Facebook metrics and possible church website views

FCF is monitoring attendance

AV group is measuring metrics for their group

2. Purpose Area Vision Retreat Focus Items:

Grow Youth Group: This is going well although more adult volunteers are needed. It was discussed that volunteers are best recruited face to face(or asked in person).

Develop Hosanna Operating System: Growing weekly: FCF, HR

Professionally led Mental Health Support Groups: AA group will start meeting here on Thursday evenings. Evangelism using bulletin board and brochures are recommended.

3. Church Rebranding/ Hwy 190 Visual Changes/ Marketing

Form committee to make recommendations (This will be under Evangelism Purpose Area) so that community can easily identify Hosanna as a Christian church.

4. Pastor's Report:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church has asked for donation to help fund an anti-racism conference coming up. Council declines to give \$1000 requested since there is no time to gather info about the costs/planning involved in the event.

What Do We Believe in ELCA? Sessions going well.

Music leader change at 10:30 service: Brian will be "retiring" and Vanessa will assume the leader role

Presidents Report:

Reviewed Yearly Budget

IRS Payroll Tax Issues Update

Building Committee has started meeting

Sanctuary Re-Vamp: Next phase(coming soon) is electrical, then stained glass, stage, then carpet. Scott Quillin will assist in managing the electrical contractor.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Report for July 2019 reviewed.

Calendar Review

October calendar is very busy. Council will need an additional meeting in October to go over budget. Then in November plan to present budget to congregation. Send out letter for staff gift donations in November.

Next Full Council Meeting October Homework (Budget Finalization and Approval)

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. by Brad Phillips. Rob Rhea motioned to adjourn meeting, and Steve Beene seconded. All were in favor. Ashley Burbank closed with prayer.

Minutes submitted by:

Sandy Nieto