

# Hosanna Highlights



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## December 2019

Greetings and Blessed Advent!

Advent, as you know, is the season of preparation in the church year that leads up to Christmas. This advent season we will be considering what our Bible's say about Peace, Love, Hope, and Joy. These words will bring carry us to the stable and the manger to meet the Christ child at Christmas.

The greatest announcement the world has ever received is found in Luke 2:10-12 - But the angel said to them, "*Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. [11] Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. [12] This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.*"

During this most wonderful time of the year we as Christians are not only receivers of this announcement, but we are also to share the good news by announcing to a lost world that Jesus Christ has come to give them life more abundantly.

We know that during this time of year active and un-active Christians begin to think a little more about Jesus. We know that during this season of the year we can expect more visitors in our congregation. We know that this is a great time to invite our friends and neighbors to participate with us in worship and special events. We also know this is a great time to welcome new worshippers who join us.

The way we live our lives in front of our fellow co-workers, friends, and family members. While they will often not read a Bible if placed in front of them, we realize that our lives are often the "bible" that people are reading and the "announcement" to which they are listening.

We have a lot of things to be proud of at Hosanna. In the past year we have taken impressive steps toward healthfulness and our growing attendance and powerful ministries bear witness to this. Now is a great time to share Hosanna and our understanding of Jesus with your neighbors, friends, and co-workers.

In this newsletter, you will find information of the events of the Christmas Season here at Hosanna and you are encouraged to attend, as well as inviting your friends and family to visit the church with you.

**December 1**, I will begin a month-long sermon series on Love, Hope, Peace and Joy. You can watch a preview video here: <https://youtu.be/MnrKwPbp6uY>

**December 4**, and twice a week until Christmas, we will be using Facebook live to bring devotions and prayer into our community. We had great results experimenting with this in the past. Make sure to follow us on Facebook to connect. [www.facebook.com/hlcpage](http://www.facebook.com/hlcpage)

**December 6**, Hosanna will host the NPAS holiday concert.

**December 7**, is our Jingle and Mingle and Hosanna Christmas Party!

**December 18**, at 10am is the Hosanna Christian Preschool program! This is so cute!!!

**December 24**, we will celebrate Christmas Eve with a family worship at 6pm, a contemporary worship at 8pm, and a Candlelight worship at 11pm.

Christmas day, **December 25**, we will have on service at 10:30am.

As you can see, there are many opportunities for you to share Hosanna and Jesus this season. This newsletter has information about these and many more opportunities. You may find it helpful to sit down and make a list of 5-10 people you would like to invite, then make it a goal to invite as many as possible on that list.

Remember, God is using you to Proclaim the Love of God to all People!

Christmas Blessings,

Pastor Jay



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## Notes and News:

### Hosanna Hot Meals!

We now provide free 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.

**If you are interested** in singing a special solo for our Christmas Eve or Christmas day service, please contact the church office!

**Don't forget, the NPAS concert is Tonight, Dec. 6th. Tickets are \$10**

**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!

## DECEMBER 2019

### Church Calendar

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

Dec 4	Morning Bible Study Divorce Care
Dec 5	Quilters
Dec 6	<b>NPAS Holiday Concert</b>
Dec 7	Jingle Mingle/Christmas Party
Dec 8	FCF/Exclamation
Dec 9	Hosanna Hot Meals Executive Committee
Dec 11	Divorce Care
Dec 12	Quilters/Quilters Tutorial
Dec 14	<b>Makin' Stuff Tea Party</b>
Dec 15	FCF/Exclamation
Dec 16	Hosanna Hot Meals Church Council Meeting
Dec 18	Morning Bible Study Preschool Christmas Program Divorce Care
Dec 19	Quilters FCF Movie Night!
Dec 22	NO YOUTH THIS SUNDAY
Dec 23	Hosanna Hot Meals
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Services
Dec 25	Christmas AM Service
Dec 29	New Member Sunday
Dec 30	Hosanna Hot Meals
Jan 1	OFFICE CLOSED
Jan 5	FCF/Exclamation
Jan 6	Hosanna Hot Meals HIS Planning Meeting
Jan 8	JOY Divorce Care

# 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.

**Don't Forget to join us** on Facebook, Wednesday and Friday Nights during the month of December, as our own church staff share on a weekly topic for the Advent season! To watch the live event go to <https://www.facebook.com/hlcpage>. For centuries, Christians around the world have used the four weeks leading up to Christmas to prepare themselves for the celebration of Jesus' birth. It's a time when we observe his first coming while we also look forward to his second coming. Each of the four weeks leading up to Advent is focused on hope, peace, joy, and love respectively. Each Sunday in Advent we will gather around one of these words through a video and sermon. To increase the personal touch, each of our midweek prayer gatherings will come to you via Facebook live.

All Christmas Angel Tree gifts are due  
By Dec. 8th! A BIG Thank You to all  
Who participated in the Christmas  
Angel gift giving!



# 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



FELLOWSHIP CULTURE FUN COMMUNITY

## CAJUN DANCE

### small group

WITH LYNNE & BILL

Abita Town Hall  
22161 Level St.  
Dec. 7th  
Free lessons  
Begin at 7:00 pm

## Fun!

## 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

### December Book:

*The Greatest Gift: Unwrapping the Full Love Story of Christmas*  
by Ann Voskamp

Come out December 12th 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



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:

Dec. 18th Preschool Christmas Program!

Dec. 19th - Jan. 4th Preschool CLOSED

Jan. 12th OPEN HOUSE! 11:30 pm-1 pm



**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



## Thanksgiving Feast 2019



giving  
★  
Thanks



Food collected (and delivered) from our annual food drive. A big THANK YOU to all that contributed!





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## Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Care Team of Hosanna Lutheran Church spends time praying and caring for individuals and families who are going through illness, are home-bound or facing any personal struggles. The group keeps in contact with them by sending cards, making phone calls and visits. They also find out if they need help or anything else during their time of struggle. If you need help or know of anyone please contact Lois Sundquist (985-327-7047), Julie Dautat (985-264-5951) or the church office (985-727-9200).



**HIS Planning Meeting– January 6th, @ 7:00 pm**  
For more information contact:  
Jill Smith (985) 789-1861 or (985) 276-4546



## Every Monday

# FREE

Join Hosanna and the Mandeville Community for dinner  
every Monday night from 5:30-7pm.

## ALL ARE WELCOME!!



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!



# 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.

## **From the Council:**

Greetings!

The Thanksgiving feast is over, yet I still keep thinking about all the things I am thankful for. One of them is our church, Hosanna. We are so lucky to meet with other believers to worship our Lord, be healed by our Lord, and serve our Lord. Sunday service is of course the main event. But there is so much more! Do you want to grow closer to God? Know more about Him? Develop supportive Christian friendships? Try participating in one of the many activities Hosanna has going! Find something you like to do, or are good at, or just want to try. Your contribution of your time and talent can make a very positive impact on your life as well as others you are helping. So, this Christmas season, give yourself a gift: sign up for a new team, group or committee! You deserve the joy that comes with it!

Merry Christmas,

Sandy Nieto  
Church Council Secretary

**Prayer Group**

**Ministry Committee**

**Congregational Care**

**DivorceCare**

**Small Groups**

**Quilter's**

**JOY Group**

**Men's Coffee Group**

**HIS Ministry**

**Fellowship Committee**

**Hosanna Hotmeals**

**AND MORE....**



**Katie Sepcich**

**Youth Director**

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This week, I began Finals. My whole semester comes down to the next two weeks of taking exams. Because of this, for the last two semesters, I have cancelled Exclamation on the Sunday in between these two weeks of studying. This past week when I made the announcement that Exclamation wouldn't be held on December 8th, in about 5 minutes, I had students volunteer to lead different parts of Sunday night. Someone signed up to set up, to do games, to click the video, to do raffle. Across all age groups, kids volunteered and then asked, "can we still have it if we run it?". My response, "Uhh Yeah!!".

My prayer has always been that I would not be at the center of this program. That this program would be God's and the kids'. How sweet it is to see God answer that prayer? There is such a sweetness in what is going on with our Teens. In the past month, while Pastor Jay was out of town, we had Teens volunteer to preach and lead at both services! In that same month, we also had Teens push us as an entire congregation to do more with our five purpose areas this Summer! And again, in that very same month, Exclamation had so many kids at Friendsgiving that we overflowed from eating at the kitchen table to eating on floor. God is moving amongst are Teens, and all are welcome to be a part of what He's doing!

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







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

**SUNDAYS**  
**5:30PM-7:00PM**



## Family Fun: MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, December 20th  
HERE at Hosanna  
6-8pm

Contact Erin Fogarty  
for more Information  
(504) 457-1419

We will be watching:  
**THE STAR**



**exclamation!**  
events presents

*a Very Merry*

For more info  
contact Katie Sepcich!

## Hosanna Teens Christmas Party

**December 15th, 2019**  
**7:15pm-8:30pm @ Hosanna**

**exclamation!**

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

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.

# January Birthdays!

Jan 3	R.J. Murphy	Jan 10	Richard Hodgson	Jan 23	Ilsa Grave
Jan 3	Thomas Warren	Jan 11	Mable Rees	Jan 23	Mason Johnston
Jan 3	Kathryn Duris	Jan 15	Harland Johnson	Jan 23	Rachel Entzel
Jan 4	Jace David	Jan 17	Peyton Kemp	Jan 24	Sue Provo
Jan 4	Jorden Meader	Jan 18	Graham Peck	Jan 24	Nathan Miller
Jan 4	Steve Mayfield	Jan 18	Todd Tournillon	Jan 24	Madison Gray
Jan 5	Joyce Meyer	Jan 19	Ashley Ruth	Jan 25	Chase Colbert
Jan 6	Michael Lemmond	Jan 19	John Coleman	Jan 25	Ronnie Couvillion
Jan 6	Bethany Putnam	Jan 20	Cathy Gomila	Jan 25	Vera Grauch
Jan 6	Jake Gros	Jan 21	John Gomila	Jan 27	Mathew Deason
Jan 7	Rachel Gelbke	Jan 22	Derek Brown	Jan 28	Jay Grave
Jan 8	Lee Pearson	Jan 22	Channing Thompson	Jan 28	Jill Smith
Jan 9	Cole Brown	Jan 22	Ryan Dwyer	Jan 29	Morgan Abram
Jan 9	Hannah Gowland	Jan 22	Robert Francke	Jan 29	Carleen Chase
Jan 10	Nathan Gunn	Jan 22	Robert Honold	Jan 30	Hunter Boynes
Jan 10	Matthew Decker	Jan 23	Johnny Griffitt	Jan 30	Allen Thompson
Jan 10	Olivia Starner	Jan 23	George Heffker	Jan 31	Shavondria Jackson



# January Anniversaries

Jan 2 Aaron & Becky Day

Jan 2 Greg & Kim Thompson

Jan 5 Roger & Joan Hoffman

Jan 5 Nathan & Erica Hoffman

Jan 17 Marc & Dana Reed

Jan 21 Eally & Jill Smith

Jan 22 Greg & Gina Weber

Jan 26 Peter & Carol Torrey





# Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 21, 2019

The regular meeting of the Hosanna Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on October 21, 2019 in Fellowship Hall by Brad Phillips. Pastor Jay opened with prayer.

**Present:** Pastor Jay Grave, Rob Rhea, Brad Phillips, Steve Beene, Ryan Weber, Teresa Abrams, Julie Brown and George Michell. A quorum was established.

## 1. Open Discussion

Is our (church and council) focused or off target?

- a. Julie feels as if we are doing better and moving forward. A suggestion was to send emails to small group leaders to promote events.
- b. George feels as if he is behind on what he where planning to be at this time.
- c. Steve feels as if the new council members needs some experience and thinks that should come within 6 months.
- d. Rob feels as if it is not moving as fast as it should
- e. Teresa feels as if the youth movement could be better. Need more parent involvement. Need more volunteers for the youth areas.
- f. Pastor Jay thinks the church is not large enough or moving in that direction enough to increase staff as we had hoped to do.
- g. Brad wants us to come to church next Sunday and look at it as if it was our first time there. From parking, greeting, seating, service and leaving. Let the council know your thoughts.
- h. In rebranding the church, Steve came up with the idea of putting a cross out front with a light. He will mark the spot he thinks would be best. We will have to purchase a permit from the Parish to put it in a place that would be most beneficial.

## 2. President's Report

- a. As Council members, are we working on getting the metrics for our ministries?
  - i. Some have ability to retrieve this data.
  - ii. Grace can provide the direction for those that need assistance.
- b. Be sure to update the Church To-Do Spreadsheet.
- c. Communication: This is an ongoing issue and Steve brought up, rather than emailing, a call or face to face, will produce better results in obtaining volunteers. How to get people to attend events? Sell tickets; this would require people to at least commit. Discontinue events that are not getting enough people.

## 3. Pastor's Report:

- a. The AA Meeting had 60+ attendees. Some brought their kids and they saw other kids that they knew. This could provide additional worshippers.
- b. Moving right along with the operating system binders. Fun Church Fun, and Concealed Carry Policy are just a couple that are completed. If you have any procedures completed, you can give them to the staff.
- c. George and Pastor Jay are getting a committee together to start looking for a Worship Leader. Brad said not to put binders on and just look to replace Brian but to see what we could do to make this position a more encompassing position.
- d. We will be using a professional Custodial Firm to replace our current custodian. Today was his last day. The cost will be about the same.
- e. Hot Meals was discussed, and it looks as if we will be able to feed 50 people a week. There will be a grant of \$250, a month and Hosanna will provide \$250 a month. We will need another \$250 in donations. Everyone thinks this is a great ministry. Steve will provide the dishes.
- f. In rebranding the church, Steve came up with the idea of putting a cross out front with a light. He will mark the spot he thinks would be best. We will have to purchase a permit from the Parish to put it in a place that would be most beneficial.

# Church Council Meeting cont.

- g. Teresa is writing up procedures for the Nursery. Got a lot of push back, but all was good in the end.
- h. On the last day of VBS a 10 or 11-year-old boy broke his arm as he got out of the Gaga Ball Pit. He was taken to hospital by ambulance. His sister complained about her arm, but it did not appear to be bad. Later her parents informed the church that it was broken as well. She said it started hurting when she hit the ball. The parents asked for our insurance company information. These are not church members.

## **4. Financial Report:**

### IRS Payroll Tax Issue:

- I. There will be a meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> with current Exec Council plus past presidents and treasurers. This will be to inform the previous council members what is being done and to let them know they have nothing to be concerned about.
- II. The Budget meeting will be held for the congregation on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The IRS issue will be explained at that time. A letter will go out after that so anyone not attending will be informed. There will be a budget meeting after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- III. Rob made a motion to write the check and George 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote was unanimous. The check is \$38432.76 Plus or minus any findings since.
- IV. Brad will send the budget to the council tonight.

## **5. Approval of Minutes**

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

Rob suggested we get Entergy to review our facility to help us reduce the electric bill. It was noted that the new electrical in the sanctuary will also reduce the bill.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. by Brad Phillips. Steve Beene motioned to adjourn meeting, and Rob Rhea seconded. All were in favor. Pastor Jay closed with prayer.

Minutes submitted by: George Michell