

Hosanna Highlights



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April 2020

Grace to you and peace,

Friends, sometimes I try to get a chuckle during a sermon by saying, “We’ve never done it this way before.” Sometimes I try to prep our congregation for a new hymn or process by saying, “Now, remember, this is an experiment.” These are helpful in times of change, but man, oh man. We have never done this. Never have I ever been through a time such as this.

As this time of sheltering at home lengthens and the sense of isolation for all of us deepens, we want to offer a continuing word of encouragement and support. We recognize this is an unprecedented season in which to do ministry. Never before has everyone had to shift the way in which ministry is done in such a dramatic way and under such an urgent timeframe.

I try to see things from a perspective of God’s abundance and I am usually pretty optimistic. I am so proud of the ministry of our congregation during these new times. **I pray God’s continuing love, encouragement, and strength all around you.** Our council had stepped up by making phone calls. You small group leaders have been encouraged to check on the people in their small groups. I personally, encourage you to reach out to friends and neighbors, Hosanna members and others, and check in during these stressful times. We are ministering to each other. Powerful stuff.

I must tell you how proud I am of our members. We are truly proclaiming the Love of God to all people. In the midst of the Corona-cation, our sanctuary revamp continues. A new online women’s began. Our teens group are having amazing discipleship opportunities using Instagram. Hosanna Hot Meals is blossoming in this time of need. From 50 or 60 meals on a Monday night to over 200 meals! We have also partnered with another local feeding ministry, sharing our kitchen and feeding another 300 people on Wednesdays. Friends, from the quietness of my own home-office, I am beaming

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A pastor/friend of mine wrote recently that this time will be the catalyst for positive movements in the church. I am witnessing these changes on a daily basis. We are proclaiming!

Of course, there are still questions. We have many new skills to learn. Here are some things I know for sure!

- **Easter is coming!** Although April 12, we will not meet together in our sanctuary the date doesn't matter. **The first Sunday we can gather again, whatever the date, we will Celebrate Easter!**
- **Online worship will get better!** This is new for us but we are making improvements each week and it is reaching people.
- **We are reaching people!** Last week **almost a THOUSAND people worshiped online** at some point during the week and when I checked last almost **TWENTY-THOUSAND people** had seen one Hosanna Hot Meal post, including Fox News 8 who came and did a story for TV. Lake 94.7 did an interview later in the week. Friends be proud of our congregation!
- **We still need your financial support.** As our ministries expand to meet the needs of our community, there are increased expenses. Our social media presence has invited others to share their financial gifts as well. If you are able, please continue your regular giving.
- **There are a lot more questions.** Camp, graduation, worship music, staffing. We are working together and asking for God's vision and guidance. We don't have all the answers, but we are moving forward with God's mission in mind!
- Lastly, Thank you for sharing your gifts. **Thank you for using your talents to meet the needs of your neighbor.** If you have a need, please let us know so that we may be God's hands and feet to you.

Paul writes in Ephesians,

"We pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love."

Indeed, may it be so for all of us!

God Bless,

Pastor Jay

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Notes and News:

Join your church family
online for services
Easter Week, and every Sunday!

Watch Online at
<https://www.facebook.com/hlcpage>

Holy Week

April 9th - Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM Online
April 10th - Good Friday 6:30 PM Online

*Easter
Sunday*

April 12th - Sunday 10:30 AM Online



Church Calendar

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

- Apr 8 Sack Lunch Ministry
- Apr 9 Maunday Thursday Service Online
- Apr 10 Good Friday Service Online
- Apr 12 *Easter* Service Online
- Apr 13 Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO
- Apr 15 Sack Lunch Ministry
- Apr 19 Sunday AM Service Online
- Apr 20 Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO
- Apr 21 Sack Lunch Ministry
- Apr 26 Sunday AM Service Online
- Apr 27 Hosanna Hot Meals GO TO
- Apr 29 Sack Lunch Ministry

JOIN us online Sunday mornings as we
worship together online at Facebook.



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JOIN US FOR LIVE FEED WORSHIP
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Are you passionate about writing? Would you or someone you know have experience in grant/scholarship writing, and/or fundraising? Are you looking for a way to connect and have a purpose for the Lord? We are looking for someone who has a heart for grant writing, fundraising, and/or both! Please contact Teresa Abram at 985-629-1247 or mandevilledyslexiatherapy@gmail.com, Pastor Jay at rev.jgrave@hosannalutheran.com, or the church office at OfficeManager@hosannalutheran.com. We have some inspiring work and goals, and would love to have help funding them. *Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this volunteer position. We hope you hear from you soon!!!*



To submit prayer requests Click [here](#): Complete the form, and submit your request.

3 Ways to Give



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SMART GIVING

Text 'hosannalutheran'
to 77977

Online giving through  Pushpay



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MINISTRY HAS BEEN TOTALLY BLESSED BY YOU!!! THANK YOU!

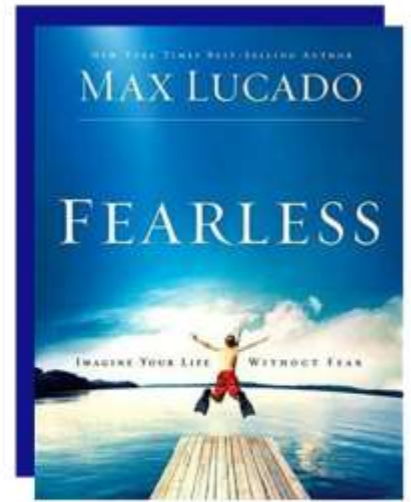


HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

April Book:
FEARLESS
By MAX LUCADO

We will be having an online discussion in April.
Be sure to join us!

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



**HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB WILL BE MEETING
ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

They're talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, turnovers at headquarters, downturns in the housing market, upswings in global warming. The plague of our day, terrorism, begins with the word terror. Fear, it seems, has taken up a hundred-year lease on the building next door and set up shop. Oversized and rude, fear herds us into a prison of unlocked doors. Wouldn't it be great to walk out? Imagine your life, wholly untouched by angst. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, or doubt, what would remain? Envision a day, just one day, where you could trust more and fear less. Can you imagine your life without fear?

Your sister in Christ,
Erica

HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



May Book:
**IT'S NOT SUPPOSED
TO BE THIS WAY**
By Lysa Terkeurst

We will be having an online discussion May 13th.
Be sure to join us!

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



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



If you are in need of a hot meal, or know someone that is, come on out Monday night from 5-7pm.

This is a drive through and pick up

2480 Highway 190
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Grab & Go
JUST PULL INTO THE CIRCLE AND OUR TEAM WILL BRING YOUR MEAL OUT TO YOU!

Hosanna
Hot Meals

Volunteer

Opportunity:

Monday Nights-
Help Prepare and
hand out hot meals.

Wednesday Mornings:
Deliver Sack Lunches
to shut ins.

If you are interested in
helping, contact Steve
Beene

(901) 331-4425

Or the Church Office
985) 727-9200.

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.

Currently on hold

Will resume when restrictions are lifted.

Hosanna Quilters

Hosanna Quilters are currently on hold until the Corona Virus is under control and the government has lifted restrictions.





Director:
Marilyn Boudreaux
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hosannapreschool.com

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Registration

Started January 13th for the 2020 - 2021 school year

If you have little ones that need structure, socialization, and want to prepare them for a classroom setting in a safe loving environment, come check out our Preschool!

We are now taking registration for 2020 Summer Camp.
Please call the Preschool Office for details!



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



Here's a creative craft idea!
For more creative crafts click [Here](#).

Be sure to check out our group get together on Zoom.



Our Parents and Teachers
makin' it happen! Great Job
Everyone!



*Ms. Bourlets Daughter helping
her mom make a video!*



Church Council

See end of the Newsletter for the Church council meeting minutes.



2020-2021 Council Members:

Teresa Abram– President
Sarah Kezar– Vice President
Doug Burbank– Treasurer
Sandy Nieto– Secretary
George Michell– Worship
Kim Dausat-Thompson–
Fellowship
Steve Beene– Ministry
Ashley Burbank– Fellowship
Rob Rhea– Evangelism

Welcome officially to spring in Louisiana. There are hot humid days, days with a breeze and cool dry weather, and evenings perfect for a bonfire if it weren't for the mosquitos! As some of you may know, this is MUCH different from the seasons I experienced when growing up in NW Iowa. We clearly had all 4 seasons, we still had hot days, mosquitos, and cool nights, but now I'm thankful to live somewhere I can easily sit on my deck and have coffee almost every morning (especially lately) and watch the hummingbirds visit. Why am I talking about seasons? We all have heard there are seasons to life, and right now we are going through quite the valley of a season. But I need to remind myself the season will change, it may take longer than we hope, but it will change. It may bring more tears than laughter, but we will laugh. I want to share what has been changing at Hosanna. While you are away from the physical building here are some snapshots of what our church "deployed" looks like. We can't wait to see you in person again (closer than 6 ft apart) and share so many joys from our time at home.

"The good news we've been called to proclaim concerns eternal life yes (John 17:2-3) but also abundant life, the advance of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6: 9-13; 25: 31-46; 28: 19-20; John 10:10)" Disruption: Repurposing the Church to Redeem the Community. By: Mark DeYmaz

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Have you taken a drive to see the two beautiful crosses? What a wonderful addition to our mission!



New curtains in the fellowship hall from some wonderful ladies in our Quilting group! We are ready to hold more group meetings once we get all back together!



As usual in God's perfect timing we have plastic containers for food when delivering meals, and so many grocery store donations of bags and boxes for meals. HE knew we would be feeding people during this time!



So many times our church building feels like home, with this lovely kitchen spruce up by some of our crafty ladies at church, we feel the **Love and Joy** serving others' brings to our hearts!



This is just SOME of the food in our kitchen ready to be prepared and served via come and go or delivery. We are ready to help from the new life around us, through any age and circumstance!

Blessings Abound,
Teresa Abram
Council President
Hosanna Council for HIS work in the world around us!



Hosanna: You went Above and Beyond!

THE FAMILY WE HELPED THROUGH GOD'S UNCHANGING HANDS, FEEDING MINISTRY HAS BEEN TOTALLY BLESSED BY YOU!!! THANK YOU!





Katie Sepsich
Youth Director
youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com

Back in February, after our series on relationships, I began to pray about what our next study would be during Exclamation. On March 1st, we started Psalm 23. Psalm 23 has 6 verses, and we have been taking a verse a week. The Psalm reads,

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

From our study of the 1st verse to going over the 5th verse last Sunday, much has changed. We no longer meet in person but meet on Instagram Live. Classes are moved to online platforms or not held at all. Plans that were made have been cancelled. But the beauty in this season, is that our changed circumstances have given words of this Psalm actual meaning. Our Teens are learning that even though this season may seem like the darkest valley, the Lord gets us through.

Each week, I have been right alongside our teens in learning from these verses. Each week, I feel as if God is showing me something different about His ability to be a Shepherd. His ability to lead me. What it looks like to lack nothing in this season. I hope that wherever you are and however you have been affected by COVID-19 and the stay at home order, that this verse brings you comfort. That despite what we see. We'd believe that God's word reigns true and trust in Him over all else.

With Love,

Katie Sepsich



VBS Items needed:

- Boxes of cornstarch
- Colored craft sand
- 4 Hard plastic kiddie pools
- 2 Clean 50 gallon drums
- Colorful yarn
- Black plastic table cloths
- Paper lanterns for decorating
- Newspaper
- Balloons - colorful, sizes
- Silver Star Paper Plates from Dollar Tree
- Tin foil
- Baby oil
- Paper towels
- 20 oz water of soda BOTTLES - Empty and clean with lid
- Silver glitter
- Cotton balls
- Popsicle or craft sticks (large or small)
- 2 Reams black card stock
- 2 Reams white card stock
- Packing tape
- Hot glue guns or low temp glue guns (lg and sm)
- Hot glue sticks (lg and sm)
- Foil cupcake papers
- White paper plates

Registration page and more information coming soon!



Our children's department wants to know more about you and your children.

Click here [Youth Survey](#) to take the survey and help Fun Church Fun meet the needs of the children at Hosanna. Thank you!

Youth Survey

- What is your need and hope for Christian Education for 5th graders and younger at Hosanna?
- Do you want more family events to meet other families with children?
- Have you participated in Sunday night Fun Church Fun, why or why not?
- What night of the week would you bring your kids to a youth event?

Resources and Information

This video Bible study library is for every person in our church.

Watch over 2,000 kid's episodes in the RightNow Media Kid's Library. Stream them in the living room or on the road. These Bible-based shows will educate and entertain children of all ages.

Contact the Church Office for access.

office@hosannalutheran.com



We are now on YouVersion Bible app: Get the YouVersion Bible App on your phone to follow along with Pastor Jay's message each Sunday. Download the app, select 'More' in the bottom right corner, then select 'Events'!

New Online Resources

Check out our new additions the church website:

- [ONLINE COMMUNITY](#)
- [Online Church Calendar](#)
- [Find a Group List](#)
- [Online Directory](#) (Log in required)
- [New Online Giving](#)
- [Register for Events or Classes](#)



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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.

April Birthdays!



Apr 1	April Aguilard	Apr 12	Erin Joyner	Apr 18	Grant Honold
Apr 1	Christian Hansen	Apr 12	Brittany Bennett	Apr 19	Sylvia Wallace
Apr 1	Shuntez Jackson	Apr 13	Shane Ulfers	Apr 19	Colton Phillips
Apr 3	Asger Hansen	Apr 14	Ella Pearson	Apr 19	Reese Langevin
Apr 5	Jessica Nolan	Apr 14	Jacques Dufrene	Apr 21	Joey Reese
Apr 5	Colleen David	Apr 14	Catherine Lucas	Apr 21	Rebecca Decker
Apr 6	Harold Flettrich	Apr 15	Poki Hampton	Apr 22	Jackson Greenleaf
Apr 7	Tristan Mohr	Apr 15	Anthony Wetekamm	Apr 26	Tristan Peck
Apr 8	Christina Gardner	Apr 15	Alecia Peck	Apr 28	Anna Dwyer
Apr 8	Beverly Jakes	Apr 16	Sandy Nieto	Apr 29	Donna Lacoste
Apr 8	Terri Huet	Apr 16	Emma Pearson	Apr 29	Kylie Kieff
Apr 9	Daryl Daus	Apr 16	Brenda Schwartz	Apr 30	Morgan Growden
Apr 10	Michael Nieto	Apr 16	Gil Boudreaux	Apr 30	Tiffany Lemus
Apr 11	Ryan Adams	Apr 17	Daniel Lewis	Apr 30	Wendy Lewis
Apr 11	Zachary Wetekamm	Apr 17	Mary Ann Meader	Apr 30	Jeanette Mayo
Apr 11	Ethan Bearden				

April Anniversaries



Apr 4	Alan & Kristene Furan	Apr 14	Andrew & Rhonda Moore
Apr 4	Roy & Cecile Keenan	Apr 14	Danny & Jillian Garretti
Apr 6	Tom & Edith Casey	Apr 15	Steve & Janis Mayfield
Apr 9	Don & Sue Provo	Apr 18	Todd & Toby Tournillon
Apr 12	Gerard & Judy Junot	Apr 25	Jesse & Emma Davis
Apr 14	Myron & Lisa Greenleaf	Apr 28	Mike & Mandy Slye
Apr 14	Terrence & Stacy Mathers		

Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting

February 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Hosanna Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 7 pm on February 17, 2020 by Brad Phillips. Pastor Jay opened with prayer.

Julie Brown, Ashley Burbank, Steve Beene, Brad Phillips, Teresa Abram, George Michell, Sandy Nieto and Pastor Jay Grave were present. Rob Rhea was present on speakerphone.

Open Issues

Transition to New Council(what are the items we need to ensure we present to them or complete to ensure a smooth transition to the next council)

- Need concrete plan for better vision communication to congregation
- Plan for better volunteer engagement
- Plan to get people to 101, 201, 301, 401 classes
- To -do spreadsheet assignments
- Make formal the separation of duties between exec council and full council
- Updating council job descriptions (recruiting council members with the skills necessary for each position)
- Coaching and training on volunteer leadership techniques

Executive's Report

- Vision Retreat 2019 focus items: Youth Program, Community Assistance, HLC Operating System
- Nominated candidates for council and nominating committee
- Council: Madeline Tedesco, Sara Kezar, Jay Bearden, Doug Burbank, Kim Thompson
- Nominating Committee: Marc Reed, Michael Slye, Jeanette Mayo, Ryan Dwyer
- Reviewed election procedures (3 members to tally votes will be assigned by VP)
- Annual meeting (March 8) agenda review. President Brad will be out of town so
- VP Julie will run the meeting

Calendar Review, BPA's

- Worship: Bob Busfield presentation re: stage revamp. Bob brought drawings of proposed stage revamp design and costs. He does not recommend covering stage with ceramic, Acadian flooring doesn't recommend wood or vinyl since the piano getting moved around could damage it. He is also working with Carl Hilt re: the stained-glass project and has built a temporary frame for it. Steve motioned to approve Bob's plan for a slightly larger stage, George seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- Electrical work for sanctuary has started.
- Nursing area in sanctuary has been set up.
- Evangelism: Bob Busfield spoke about design for a cross to place on church grounds near Hwy 190. He recommends metal 7x12 ft painted white. George motioned to approve 2 crosses; Julie seconded. All were in favor . Motion passed.
- Ash Wednesday, Easter Egg Hunt, Brunch plans discussed.
- Discipleship: Lent activities include on-line devotionals on Wednesdays. Council invited to participate. Youth fundraiser Easter Bun-ny Brunch planned . FCF is not being well attended and may need to be changed.
- Fellowship: Crawfish Boil planned in spring April 26(Sun) after 10:30 service. Steve Beene's company will be paid to provide the crawfish. Tickets will be sold. No cook-off this year.
- Ministry : Rise Against Hunger Event in the summer

Pastor's Report

- AA group: Attendance is increasing , things are going well
- Hosanna Hot Meals: continues to offer free meals to community, good attendance
- Operating System: draft RSO (registered sex offender) covenant done
- Youth ministry: successful Muffuletta fundraiser raised over \$1000
- "How we read the Bible" ends Tuesday
- Wed. morning Bible study grows
- 2 weddings scheduled and 1 Hospital Baptism so far this year
- Briefly discussed the legal issues facing Jenn Thompson and Peter Torrey. We will continue to pray for them and their families.

Financial Items

\$116,000 over budget per Brad and Rob's spreadsheets. Some items may not be recorded correctly , and it may be that we are actually \$60,000 over budget. Brad, Rob and Janice are working on this. Rob will wait until he is sure things are correctly accounted for before issuing the financial report.

Investments: General Fund :\$10,000 Wells Fargo; \$10,000 CD; \$5000 Stock

Building fund: \$ 50,000 CD Gulf Bank:\$100,000 Managed Assets

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Church Council Meeting Feb. 17, 2020 Continued:

- Checking account \$120,000 (interest bearing about \$400/month). \$ 100,000 of this is designated for building fund.
- Rob Rhea recommended no unbudgeted spending in 2020 and looking for ways to cut costs since 2020 projected budget is \$20,000 in the red.
- Once financials are finished and accurate, at that first meeting with new members we need to look at budget vs. actual to make sure we make adjustments as we feel necessary.
- A payment for Youth transportation for 2019 will be approved from the Scrip account

New Business

- Steve motioned to approve the minutes from the January meeting and Teresa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Full Council meeting will be changed to Sunday March 15, 2020 following the New Council Retreat. At this meeting , officer elections will take place and council handbook will be reviewed.

George motioned to adjourn meeting and Steve seconded. All were in favor . Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm. Brad closed with prayer.

Minutes submitted by: Sandy Nieto