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Grace to you and Peace,

The Old Testament prophet Jeremiah brings a word of hope to God's people living in troubled times. The chosen people have been swept away by a neighboring king and are living in exile in a foreign land. God speaks hope to them in the midst of change and stress and worry. God says,

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

How wonderful it is to know that God means us no harm. How wonderful to know that God has plans for our welfare, our well-being. How wonderful to know that God desires not only to provide a future for us but a future that is encouraging and full of hope. That is the good news; that is the Gospel. Jesus gives us that same promise that Jeremiah shared with the Israelites.

You are called, equipped, and prepared for ministry. You have been washed clean from sin and you have experienced this loving grace so that you can proclaim this hope-filled love with your neighbor. You know Jesus and you can share a message of Jesus hope with the world. That is our mission. How we accomplish our mission is both an individual and a corporate endeavor.

Our congregational council participated in a vision retreat in July during which we experienced a SWOT assessment. It was the beginning of a strategic planning process that will take several months. Teresa, our council president shares more about the process in her article. Please read it over. Our council longs to hear your opinions and experiences as we clarify our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

This month we will lift up our hope with some special services as well. We will bless backpacks and teachers, we will lift up the ministry of the preschool, and we will hear from our high school class of 2020 and what they will be doing in the fall. At this stage, we are having live worship at 9am for up to 50 worshippers on campus. We are continuing with the guidelines to ensure we don't spread germs.

We are adding our Wednesday morning Bible Study and starting a Wednesday evening one as well. As we consider the promises God spoke through Jeremiah this month, I pray these same blessings upon you. Blessings for you as we try to establish a new normal. Prayer for peace and calm in the midst of these trying times, and prayers for the knowledge of God's plan for all us.

God Bless, Pastor Jay





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Notes and News:

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Sundays at 10:30 am! What! Can't join us online? Come join us in person, at 9:00 am.

- We are asking that everyone please wear a mask.
- We will have greeters at the door that will take your temperature and give you hand sanitizer.
- We won't have coffee or the tables in the Narthex.
- Members will immediately go to the sanctuary and find a place to sit in the chairs that will be spaced throughout the sanctuary. We will be able to have 140 people in the sanctuary for the service. If we have more than this number, then we will have to utilize the Narthex for worship space as well.
- The Nursery will not be open, and we will not have the kids' bags available yet.
- Offering plates will be kept at the back of the Sanctuary rather than passed down each row.
- We will have music, but we will ask that the congregation not sing at this time.
- Communion will be held at the end of the service. There will be little disposable cups of juice and wafers available for you to pick up as you leave the Sanctuary.

With these changes, we are trying to offer a service in the cleanest, safest environment for everyone. We can't wait to see you! For those members that would still like to continue to worship from home, please follow our service online.

To watch Online go to:

https://www.facebook.com/hlcpage





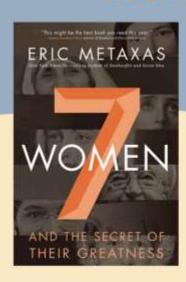
Church Calendar

Click HERE for the online church calendar

Aug 9	Sunday 10:30 AM Service				
Aug 10	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO				
	Executive Council				
Aug 12	AM Bible Study				
	Wednesday Food Ministry				
	PM Bible Study				
Aug 16	Sunday AM Service				
Aug 17	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO				
	Church Council				
Aug 19	AM Bible Study				
	Wednesday Food Ministry				
	PM Bible Study				
Aug 23	Sunday AM Service				
	Council Meeting				
Aug 24	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO				
Aug 26	AM Bible Study				
	Wednesday Food Ministry				
	PM Bible Study				
Aug 28	Virtual Confirmation Retreat				
Aug 30	Sunday AM Service				
Aug 31	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO				
Sept 2	AM Bible Study				
	Wednesday Food Ministry				
	PM Bible Study				
Sept 6	Sunday AM Service				
JOIN us online Sunday mornings as we					

worship together online at Facebook.

HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



August Book: 7 WOMEN

AND THE SECRET OF THEIR
GREATNESS

By Eric Metaxas

We will be having an online discussion August 12 at 6:00 PM Be sure to join us!

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

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

HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

September Book: SEARCHING FOR SUNDAY

By Rachel Held Evans













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Pastors Wednesday Bible Study

On Site! Come on out!

9:00-10:30 AM AND

7:00-8:30 PM

Make or Buy Dessert For Hosanna Hot Meals

SIGN UP THROUGH THE
"TAKE A MEAL" LINK
CLICK HERE: Take A Meal

OR CONTACT THE OFFICE

Join us for a...

virtual confirmation retreat

AUGUST 28th, 2020 9 PM - 1 AM



Youthdirector@ hosanna lutheran.com If you're interested in helping stream Sundays services online, or help with Audio and Visual on Sunday's please email:

officemanager@hosannalutheran.com or respond to this email.

We can/will train!





To submit prayer requests Click here: Complete the form, and submit your request.

Hello Hosanna Family!

I hope you are doing well and staying healthy in mind, body and spirit. It can be hard to find hope these days. I myself struggle with anxiety and depression and when I feel overwhelmed with lack of control it gets so much worse. Being at home away from my job and work family I have found hope and healing in God and the vision he has for Hosanna. This vision was made even more clear for me after your Council had their vision retreat on July 19th. We met for lunch at noon, and proceeded to hear about a survey process called SWOT: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. Nathan Hoffman did a fantastic job teaching us this process by working through it ourselves. This survey will be introduced to you through phone calls, in person safe meetings, or zoom calls. As a group we hope to reach many congregational members, regular attenders, preschool families, and youth throughout the month of August as we can. We want to hear from YOU! What do you feel Hosanna's strengths are? What are some opportunities in the community we may not know about? How do your talents and abilities support God's mission at Hosanna, where is he calling you to plug in? Also, where can we improve as a family? As we know humans are imperfect, and as we strive to live Godly lives we mess up, repent, and try again with hope we can do better with Jesus. With this information, we as a group will hear what you have to share, and use this to plan for the present, and future at Hosanna. After we review and plan we look forward to sharing a clear central vision and goal for Hosanna, and the steps along the way. We pray that you find a place to plug in and connect to this plan, I can't wait for ALL to get on the bus ready for the next adventure.

Your Congregational Council also had healthy and fulfilling discussions about our five purpose areas: Worship, Discipleship, Ministry, Evangelism, and Fellowship. While some of these areas feel nearly impossible to plan for, as we met together new fun ideas sprang to life with plans for better online connection, and safe in person meetings back at Hosanna. We hear and understand the fear of meeting, but also hear the longing to be in our church home. As always do what you feel comfortable with, but realize we are working through this with many emails, texts, zoom meetings, and phone calls. I ask for continued prayers for Hosanna leadership and staff as we work through how the logistics of church come together during this time.

I prayed for the planning of the vision retreat, and asked God to guide my thoughts and plans. I heard him point me around the Hosanna campus, and all we have accomplished in the last 6th months, what more we have to do, and the space we have to dream. I see Hosanna's family staying on this campus, planning and improving what God is calling us in mission to do for the future. Now I would like to share a poem I found on campus while working on the Fellowship Hall that was written many years ago by a member, but is something that rings true today. Hardship comes back around, but hope and faith in God lead us to tomorrow.

Blessings Abound in his Love, Teresa Abram Congregational Council President



Hosanna's Call

There once was a church named Hosanna We were bursting at the seams We said, "let's build a bigger church.

And so fulfill our dreams."

God said, "I have a better plan."
We said, "How can that be?"
But steel costs went up and up
We had to wait and see.

Disciples of Christ had a church down the road:
For them it was much too big.
They put their building up for sale.
And guess what Hosanna did?

We bought their church, and they bought ours It must have been God's plan!
And now we have all this new spaceA gift from God's own hand.

And then Katrina came to town,
Seeking to do her worst,
Our church was spared, our people returned,
God's plan will always come first.

And from all over, the people have come,
To help rebuild our lives,
And clean up yards and cut down trees;
God's spirit amongst us thrives!

And we have space to house them,
As they come from many places;
We even have extra bathrooms and showersHow marvelous God's grace is!

God the almighty answers all prayers,
But in his own good time.
He knew just what we'd need and when:
"Trust Me and you'll be fine."

Welcome to our church, one and all!
Come and share our songs of praise!
Share in our faith, and hear God's call,
United in Christ for all of our days.

Written by: Lucy Young and Alma Lemus



Office Staff:

Officer Manager Grace Schneider



Secretary/Bookkeeper Janice Robin



The office remains closed. Staff are working from home. If you need anything, email officemanager@hosannalutheran.com or contact one of our council members.

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



Volunteer
Opportunity:
Monday Nights-

Monday Nights-Help Prepare and hand out hot meals.

Wednesday Mornings: Deliver Sack Lunches to shut ins.

I f 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 reopening has been delayed. For more information

contact:

Debbie Coleman (504) 905 -6162





Director: Marilyn Boudreaux

(985) 624-5525







School Starts Sept. 9th!

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 currently putting new registrants on a waiting list due to Covid 19 restrictions.



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







We are still collecting Community Coffee Labels

Save your Community Coffee proof of purchase labels and place in container at the Info Center to help raise fuds 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









Katie Sepcich Youth Director youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com

A couple minutes before I began to write this article, St. Tammany Parish decided to delay the start of school. There is a lot of uncertainty right now and a lot of unknown. This season is such a reminder that we are not in control, but we can take comfort that God is in control. This is easier said than done, but one thing that has helped me this summer has been worship music. Lately, it is hard to find words or even prayers because everything is so unknown, but resting in the lyrics of the music has been a helpful reminder to my heart that comfort can be found in God's sovereignty.

For the last month we've been focusing on worship songs on our Hosanna Teens Instagram. We've listened to 10,000 Reasons by Matt Redman; Man of Your Word by Maverick City Music; Surrounded by Upperroom; and Wilder by Wilder. Check out some of our favorite lyrics, and I'd invite everyone to follow our Hosanna Teens page on Spotify and join us in listening to sweet songs that remind us of the comfort God offers us in the midst of uncertainty.

With Love,

Katie

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





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IT MAY LOOK LIKE

I'M SURROUNDED

BUT I'M SURROUNDED

BY YOU



the sun comes up it's a new day dawning

YOUR IS WILDER YOUR IS WILDER

SHOUTS OF YOUR GLORY



if you said it we believe it we believe it if you said it we believe it if you said it we believe it we helieve it we helieve it

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



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 and click ONLINE GIVING

Text to Give

Text HOSANNALUTHERAN to 77977

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'!

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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.

August Birthdays!

Aug 1	Paul Ulfers	Aug 10	Jason Horst	Aug 20	Jake Murphy
Aug 1	Sean Moore	Aug 10	Grace Nungesser	Aug 20	Campbell McSwain
Aug 2	Michael Woodruff	Aug 11	Chris Miller	Aug 21	Bella Pellegrin
Aug 2	Nathan Wilkinson	Aug 11	John Gavel	Aug 22	Deanna Rush
Aug 2	Christian Clark	Aug 12	Vicki Entzel	Aug 22	Bob Busfield
Aug 2	Clayton Matherne	Aug 12	Kelli Brown	Aug 23	Rachael Moore
Aug 3	Olivia Cundiff	Aug 13	Taylor Doyle	Aug 23	Andrew Kern
Aug 3	Madison Greenleaf	Aug 13	Julie Taglauer	Aug 23	Jordan Mathers
Aug 3	Ashley Burbank	Aug 13	Colter Lakes	//	
Aug 4	Chris Pettus	Aug 14	Decland O'Leary	Aug 23	Rita Letellier
Aug 4	Ella Guillory	Aug 14	Katie Lisle	Aug 24	Roger Hoffman
Aug 5	Carla Pearse	Aug 14	John Ball	Aug 25	Meagan Murphy
Aug 5	Angela Griffitt	Aug 14	Donna Lloyd	Aug 25	Kim Ross
Aug 5	Mike Murphy	Aug 15	Jayley Mayo	Aug 25	Kristina Pearson
Aug 5	Ava Burbrink	Aug 15	Braylee Hood	Aug 25	Jean Schulz
Aug 5	Janice Ouber	Aug 15	Brenda Tolley	Aug 25	Karen Schindler
Aug 5	Yuki Naka	Aug 15	Barbara Wetekamm	Aug 26	Hailey Lewis
	Alan Savoie	Aug 15	David Eike	Aug 27	Kelsey Vath
Aug 5		Aug 15 Aug 16	Noah Carlin	Aug 28	Patti Soteropulos
Aug 5	Gary Moskau	Aug 16	Byron Putnam	Aug 29	Evan Wetekamm
Aug 5	Cindy Brocklesby			Aug 29	Michael Gidman
Aug 5	Greg Thompson	Aug 16	Molly Dwyer	Aug 29	Victoria Johnston
Aug 6	Carol Henderson	Aug 17	Andrew Berzas	Aug 29	Juliana Johnson
Aug 7	Cindy Nichols	Aug 18	Catherine Buchholz	Aug 31	Kennie Schindler
Aug 8	Sarah Goodgion	Aug 19	Bill Miller	Aug 31	Rick Peterson
Aug 9	Kirsten Wee	Aug 19	Don Provo	Aug 31	Cameron Osborn
Aug 9	Samantha Lemus	Aug 20	Roy Keenan	Aug 31	Martin Sirera

August Anniversaries

Aug 4	Jamie & Colleen David	Aug 25	Sean & Dee Dee Goodgion
Aug 6	Alex & Teresa Abram	Aug 26	Greg & Jan Sawa
Aug 13	Daniel & Lisa Gros	Aug 27	Perry & Valarie Cole
Aug 15	John & Debbie Coleman	Aug 28	Dave & Julie Brown
Aug 24	Allen & Rita Dauterive		The same of

Church Council



2020-2021 Council Members:

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

Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting <u>Meeting Minutes</u> June 15 2020

Meeting was called to order on Zoom by Teresa Abram at 7 pm. A quorum was established. Those present were: Sandy Nieto, Teresa Abram, George Michell, Sarah Kezar, Ashley Burbank, Kim Thompson, Steve Beene Opening prayer by: Teresa Abram

President's Report

Big Idea: Prayerfully Consider the Directions Hosanna is Moving to fulfill Our Mission

NEW: Current Preschool buildings (Portable buildings getting near the end of their use, List of repairs needed submitted today—perhaps Property Team can help), Kitchen(any changes needed since so many meals being served now), Reduce electric bills in sanctuary (insulation)

Redo: Shower in prayer room torn out and now serves as storage for rectangular tables. Need to find place to store other tables besides the prayer room itself. Need to clean out shed and move contents to empty storage unit by preschool, making a temperature-controlled room for preschool storage. Is there a member who would manage this? Upstairs library to be worked on by Grace and Elizabeth.

Move/Expand: 2nd meeting 6/17/2020 of Madisonville preschool committee will include local realtor. Steve suggested we find the plans already drawn up for a preschool years ago and make available to committee

Strengths: Flexible leadership, staff, Phase 2 worship team, Vision for the future /outreach to continue our mission, Hosanna Hot Meals and God's Unchanging Hands, Virtual VBS Team, Preschool Team

Concerns: Financial giving(fair considering Covid19 environments, but need to consider generating income from missions like preschool, grants and fundraising, Budget Revamp pre-meeting scheduled for Exec Team, Phase 3 opening (unsure of date).

Youth programming: Katie's report was reviewed:

Connecting with youth virtually, focusing on daily prayers which included those for justice. Content has tried to provide some Christian guidance to the teens about this.

Created new social media platform on Tik-Tok. Guidelines established re: social media use.

Assisted with VBS: teens helped make videos, Katie helped make graphics

Working with Lutherhill to get refunds

Checks sent out to parents for deposits made on Bahamas mission trip (cancelled).

Goals include planning for fall, considering confirmation retreats and Senior sendoff, praying about creating service opportunities, planning for mission trip next summer to Minneapolis

Need volunteer support for program to succeed

Preschool: Marilyn's report reviewed. She has returned to working in her office.

June 15, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes continued:

PASTOR REPORT:

Beginning on campus worship during Phase 2

We are fully staffed

Facility upgrades continue

Growing weekly small groups

Youth Ministry innovation

Continued improvements to the online campus worship, training the "Stream Team", Brainstorming ministry to the "online campus"

Collaborating with our neighbors

Feeding our community

Planning: updated space, Preschool growth/facilities plan, Rooted pilot program, Virtual VBS, office hours during pandemic

On the back burner: Constitution and By-Laws committee, Vision Retreat date, budget revisions, Pastor vacation/ Sabbatical

VP REPORT: Exec team voted to give staff "bonuses" for their extra work during the Covid-19 pandemic. Raise team budget is \$2500 and plan was to use that fund. Discussion centered on concern about church budget so the bonuses are put on hold until budget examined further.

SECRETARY: Steve motioned that last month's minutes be approved. George seconded. All were in favor.

WORSHIP: (George): Sanctuary Re-Vamp is completed, In -person worship went well, Stained Glass project completed by Carl Hilt and Bob Busfield. The Sanctuary, Narthex and the Fellowship Hall have all seen great improvements. Goals include organizing volunteers and volunteer scheduling, rearranging the sanctuary to address changing Covid-19 restrictions

DISCIPLESHIP(Ashley): Casie organizing Virtual VBS. Teens and adult volunteers doing videos for the VBS. Materials are printed out and craft supplies /snacks will be handed out in the bag. Rooted discipleship program going well and participants like it. This might replace the old 101, 201, 301 and 401 classes.

MINISTRY(Steve)Hosanna Hot Meals served 466 meals today, 65 meals to homeless families in Family Promise program. West 30's Restoration Project in Covington is interested in Hosanna helping there by helping repair houses through H.I.S. and feed meals.

FELLOWSHIP(Kim): Events on hold due to pandemic

Evangelism(Rob): not present, meeting with Exec Team on June 22 to go over budget

Treasurer(Doug): not present, meeting with Teresa and Janice Saturday June 20th to go over bookkeeping.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fellowship Hall flooring being installed, almost complete

Covid-19 recommendations per our Bishop being followed

Exterior paint job will be done by Alex Abram when time allows.

Signage and branding for Hosanna: will wait until after vision retreat

Endowment fund for Scrip account to be discussed at next Exec Team with advisor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Front garden project (Rob has offer from young man working on Eagle Scout project)

Phase 3: will wait for Bishops recommendations for meeting in person, small groups, etc.

Pastor Sabbatical, Teresa will email info. Pastor requesting 3-month sabbatical.

Stained Glass pieces leftover: Carl Hilt offering to make smaller pictures to remember some founding families

Council vision retreat in July: perhaps the 17th?

Teresa closed meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sandy Nieto