

# Hosanna Highlights



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## September 2020

Grace to you and peace,

In the fourth chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke, Jesus unrolls a scroll while sitting in the synagogue and reads words the hometown folks gathered would have known. The words, from the Prophet Isaiah, were words that had brought hope to the children of Israel for generations. Isaiah promises that God has a long-range vision, a strategic plan. This plan, this vision, is a good-news vision: release to captives, physical healing, freedom from economic and political oppression.

Jesus rolls up this Godly promise and announces that He is the promise coming into being. What an amazing proclamation! The love of God, made manifest in our savior Jesus Christ, is breaking into the world to bring Good News.

God's plan, God's vision, is good news to us even today. We still have poor, blind, and oppressed people all around us. All you need to do is flip on the news to see strife in our world and even as close as our own neighborhoods. The Christian church has been a beacon, a refuge, to hurting people for two-thousand years and continues to do so. Today, friends, Jesus brings this good news into being and you have been gifted and invited to participate! We are the hands and feet of Jesus.

This month, during our Sunday services, we will study these words of Isaiah and Jesus. We will be thinking together about how, in small steps, we proclaim this heavenly promise of God's love in very real ways. We will explore our own unique giftedness and the particular needs around us. We will dive deeply into the Isaiah tradition and we will wonder together what it means that Jesus shares this powerful profession in his own hometown. As a congregation, we continue to worship together on campus and online, small groups are gathering together, our council is praying through the data collected in our SWOT. In September, the council will meet in retreat to put words to Hosanna's part of God's long-term plan. Children are headed to preschool and back to school and we all look toward the good news of a familiar routine.

On the 20th of this month, Hosanna will have a special guest from the International Justice Ministry, sharing a message of hope for modern day slaves around the world. Keep an eye to our social media for more information on Jason West and IJM. You will be invited to view a video or two and join together in prayer and home bible study.

As we continue to navigate our way through these days of the coronavirus, I look forward to seeing you physically or virtually participating in Hosanna's ministries. We begin the month in phase 2, with in-person worship for 50 people practicing social distancing in our sanctuary. This service is Sunday at 9 am. Of course, the hope is that, with safety in mind, we are able to increase worship capacity as Louisiana is able to move into phase 3 and beyond. Our online campus worships together on Facebook at 10:30 am. Please share the link for this worship as a simple act of evangelism. As plans develop, we can take comfort in knowing God's plan is coming into existence even now. God's blessings to you and our congregation as we proclaim the love of God to all people, one small step at a time!

God Bless and See You Soon,  
Pastor Jay

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## Notes and News:

**Join our Hosanna Family** online  
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>



**September 2020**

### Church Calendar

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

Sept 2	AM Bible Study Wednesday Food Ministry
Sept 6	Sunday AM Service Hosanna Chat
Sept 7	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO
Sept 9	AM Bible Study Wednesday Food Ministry DivorceCare
Sept 11	<b>Women's Night!</b>
Sept 13	Sunday AM Service Hosanna Chat Executive Committee
Sept 14	Hosanna Preschool Begins! Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO
Sept 16	AM Bible Study Wednesday Food Ministry DivorceCare
Sept 20	Sunday AM Service Hosanna Chat Council Meeting
Sept 21	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO TEENS MEET!
Sept 23	AM Bible Study Wednesday Food Ministry DivorceCare
Sept 27	Sunday AM Service Hosanna Chat
Sept 28	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO
Sept 30	AM Bible Study Wednesday Food Ministry DivorceCare







# HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

## September Book: searching for sunday

By Rachel Held Evans

We will be having an online discussion

**SEPTEMBER 9th 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

## October Book:

## Love Wins

By Rob Bell

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### ONLINE

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### MAIL

2480 Highway 190  
Mandeville, LA 70448



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Online giving through  Pushpay

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# Pastors Wednesday Bible Study

9:00-10:30 AM  
Here at Hosanna

HOSANNA LUTHERAN PRESENTS

WORSHIP WITH KARI JOBE & CODY CARNES

*You're Invited*

## LOVE LIFE GIRLS' NIGHT IN

*with Joyce Meyer*

To Register Contact Kim Dauzat  
Or the church office. Masks are  
required

For more information, click:  
[Joyce Meyer Event/](#)

SEPT 11, 2020 6:30PM

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

\$10

FOLLOWED BY VIRTUAL SESSION

## HOSANNA CHATS

Staying Connected to your Hosanna Family

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the zoom link to participate.

Meeting ID: 978 7518 6023

Passcode: 142879

SUNDAYS @ 11:30AM

THRU ZOOM





**What is Hosanna F.A.I.T.H?** It stands for 'Food Always In The Home'. We are building planters and planting a garden! We will be using this produce to feed the needy, use for Hosanna Hotmeals, and teach our little preschoolers about plant growth. To give to this ministry, any amount is appreciated. You can also sponsor a planter box for \$165.00. Contact the office for more information!

# Hosanna Garden coming soon

Garden Box sponsors needed  
For more info contact the Office



**NEED PRAYER?**  
PRAYER REQUEST



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

# Hosanna Highlights

## 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](mailto: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 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).



**Hosanna Hot Meals**

**FREE!**

**Every Monday**

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

**GRAB N GO ONLY RIGHT NOW**

**2480 Highway 190**  
**Mandeville, LA 70448**

## Volunteer

### Opportunity:

Monday Nights-  
Help Prepare and hand out hot meals and sack Lunches.

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.



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.

**BEGINS Wednesday, Sept. 9th**  
**7:00pm-9:00pm**

## Hosanna Quilters

Hosanna Quilters re-opening has been delayed. For more information contact:

Debbie Coleman (504) 905-6162







Director:  
Marilyn Boudreaux  
(985) 624-5525



[Hosannalutheran.com/preschool](http://Hosannalutheran.com/preschool)

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

**Preschool meet and greet is coming up  
Sept. 8-11th.**

Families were given their specific date and time -  
Please come during your allotted time.

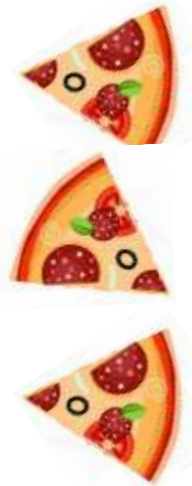


**First day of school is September 14th!**

Any questions regarding the new drop off protocol, please contact the Preschool  
Office at (985) 624-5525



**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 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





**Katie Sepcich**

**Youth Director**

[youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com](mailto:youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com)

Over the Summer, we have been praying about the Hosanna Teens program in the Fall. We've listened to your responses to SWOT and also dug deep into our five purpose areas. Our virtual presence has accomplished a lot of our discipleship. For five months, we have provided daily devotionals for our kids to have wherever they are! But what has been missing is fellowship! We're excited to announce that we will be gathering together on Monday nights, starting on September 21, 2020. In order to practice social distancing and focus on being able to gather together, we are keeping it simple and partnering with Hosanna Hot Meals! Come join us on Monday nights to eat and hang out with friends! We're so excited about this partnership and to see where it grows and how Hosanna Teens can be a part of Hosanna Hot Meals and our new ministry, Hosanna Faith!

With Love,

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

# Monday Night Meals WITH Hosanna Teens

STARTING SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

5:00-6:15 P.M.

COME GRAB A HOSANNA HOT MEAL & HANG WITH YOUR FRIENDS





# 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

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**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.

# September Birthdays!

Sep 1	Annie Batte	Sep 12	Kaidin Dannewald	Sep 23	Anthony Berzas
Sep 2	Jason Gray	Sep 12	Steve Thompson	Sep 23	Peggy Murphy
Sep 2	Laurie Gereau	Sep 13	Gaynell Lyeki	Sep 23	Audrey Anderson
Sep 3	CJ Boynes	Sep 15	Olivia Wetekamm	Sep 25	Skip Smith
Sep 3	Jessica Wetekamm	Sep 15	Rob Rhea	Sep 25	Eric Campos
Sep 4	Nathan Hoffman	Sep 16	Phyllis Schehr	Sep 26	Haley Kieff
Sep 4	Leah Horst	Sep 16	Madalynn Avery	Sep 26	Trevor Colbert
Sep 5	John Lyeki	Sep 17	Gavin Saacks	Sep 27	Jamie David
Sep 5	Jessie Reese	Sep 17	Nancy Miller	Sep 27	Logan Peters
Sep 8	Heather Putnam	Sep 17	Jeremy Saacks	Sep 27	Brian Jakes
Sep 8	Douglas Burbank	Sep 19	Jon Bagley	Sep 27	Dan Maloy
Sep 8	Elizabeth Grave	Sep 19	Vanessa Russo	Sep 28	Kathryne Douglas
Sep 9	Scarlett Schroeder	Sep 19	Abigail Douglass	Sep 28	D'Wanna Hanes
Sep 9	Nicole Gunn	Sep 19	Jesse Davis	Sep 29	Kim Dauzat-Thompson
Sep 9	Alex Torrey Douglass	Sep 21	Matthew Saacks	Sep 30	Logan Pearl
Sep 9	Cinda Anderson	Sep 21	Anna Clark	Sep 30	Jordyn Campo
Sep 10	Matthew Duris	Sep 22	Kathryn James	Sep 30	Alan Furan
Sep 11	Lauren Lacoste	Sep 22	Claire Putnam	Sep 30	Braedon Elwood

# September Anniversaries

Sep 3	Robert & Gayle Francke	Sep 11	Bob & Mona Sparacello	Sep 25	John & Gaynell Lyeki
Sep 6	Alan & Katty LeVasseur	Sep 17	Larry & Nicole Gunn	Sep 28	Harland & Marlene Johnson
Sep 8	Keith & Nana Bagley	Sep 24	Bill & Gayle Miller	Sep 28	John & Cathy Gomila



# 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

### Meeting Minutes

July 19th 2020

Teresa Abram called meeting to order at: 2:05 pm.

In attendance were : Doug Burbank, Ashley Burbank, Rob Rhea, George Michell, Pastor Jay, Teresa Abram, Pastor Jay, Sandy Nieto, Kim Dauzat- Thompson, Sarah Kezar.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**New:** Stay on Hosanna's Campus and continue to improve and add as needs arise

- Kitchen upgrade to support Hosanna Hot Meals and God's Unchanging Hands is needed as cold storage and commercial equipment needed.
- Look at current monthly bills and services to see where we can consolidate and help lower costs
- Preschool buildings in desperate need of repair, and portable buildings need to be replaced with a new building ( possibly metal building)

**Redo:** H.I.S. work days 7/31/2020 and 8/1/2020 8-12 am. List of needs handed out

- Clean out preschool storage behind Katie's office
- Redo to make a temperature-controlled room for preschool storage and laminator

### **Move/Expand:**

- **Madisonville Preschool** Planning Team: 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to be held to review plans from last meeting , realtor info, and next steps to current campus updates
- Second site has donation of \$30,000 earmarked by ELCA Texas-LA Gulf Coast Synod

### **Strengths:**

- Members
- Online activity
- Preschool
- Volunteers
- Casserole Club
- VBS

### **Concerns:**

- Covid concerns
- Friends and neighbors
- Money
- Building

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 5 REASONS WHY SOME CHURCHES WON'T RECOVER by Carey Nieuwhof

- You're Expecting Everything to Just Go Back to Normal
- You're Expecting Someone Else to Solve Your Problems
- You Expect Church to Only ?Happen? Inside Your Building
- Poor Communication
- Insider Focus instead of external focus

We need to continue to :

- \*Focus energy and resources on our growing outreach ministries
- 11 \*Prepare our space to enhance successful ministries ( HHM, Divorce Care, Preschool)
- \*Empower excited and innovative volunteers to face the tech and cultural changes

## July 19th, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes continued:

### Pastors Report Continued:

We need to continue to :

- Focus energy and resources on our growing outreach ministries
- Prepare our space to enhance successful ministries ( HHM, Divorce Care,
- Empower excited and innovative volunteers to face the tech and cultural changes
- Translate disciple making programs , like Rooted, to our current context
- Ramp up communication on multiple levels to reach people we don't know yet and bring our folks along

Highlights:

- Hosanna Hot Meals volunteers ( Steve, Louann, Charles, John and Mike)exploring ways to build a bigger, better kitchen to continue the feeding ministry
- Staff praying together using House Party
- Preschool team imagining new facilities her ( and possibly in Madisonville)
- AV/Music/Stream team learning and volunteering more time to make online services better

**VP REPORT:** Sarah motioned to accept minutes of last meeting; Rob seconded. All were in favor.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Bylaws and Constitution revisions ready to be presented in March 2021 Annual Meeting for congregation approval. Revisions to how we elect our council positions were discussed. Will change Nominating Team to submit candidates to run for specific position on council

**WORSHIP ( GEORGE):** Continue to adapt to Online Services

**MINISTRY (Steve):** Hosanna Hot Meals: 1683 meals over last 4 weeks. November 2019-July 9, 2020 6,563 meals served. God's Helping Hands with Pam has surpassed 4,500 meals. There has been no cost to Hosanna as all expenses have been donated so far. Hot Meals Team ( Louann Stone, Charles Stone, Mike Slye, John Hood, Nicole Gunn and Steve Beene) and Sack Lunch Team ( Phyllis Giffen, Laura Sanchez and Dana Reed) are working well. Casserole Club is providing desserts.

**TREASURER REPORT( Doug):**

- Giving is down approx. \$50,000 from 2019 so far. Building and maintenance expenses are up. Fortunately, the \$80,000 Payroll Protection Act loan/grant is offsetting these. A letter will be sent to congregation this summer to communicate about this.
- Discussed investing \$25,000 of the \$36,000 in the Scrip account into an Endowment with the ELCA Foundation where it will earn interest. This will yield money to fund Youth Program in Perpetua. Rob motioned to start such endowment; George seconded. All were in favor.
- There is \$11,000 in a designated or restricted fund for Mwanna Mission. Sandy motioned to gift this fund to the ELCA Mwana Mission, and Sarah seconded. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS :** Not discussed here

### NEW BUSINESS

- Office staff has requested a Ring doorbell ( \$99) that could be monitored by office staff and preschool staff via an app on a cell phone, either on-site or remotely. Motion to approve this request was made. 4 for, 1 against, 2 abstained . Motion passed.
- Plumbing and water pressure problems need repair , plumber has been lined up for this week
- Kitchen update possibilities

### ACTION PLANS FOR GOALS/OBJECTIVES IN EACH OF OUR AREAS

- Each member of council set goals for next 3 months
- Any new committees needed?
- Call SWOT list of names to call (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)

Meeting adjourned by Teresa Abram at 4:40 pm. Pastor Jay closed with prayer.