

Hosanna Highlights



Jay Grave
Senior Pastor

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November 2020

Dear Hosanna Family:

In the Old Testament book of 1st Samuel, the seventh chapter, the prophet Samuel is on a mountain praying. The Israelites are doing their thing and God is displeased. He speaks to the people and says something like, "If you are going to claim to be my people, then you really have to act like it."

The people are afraid, the Philistines attack, the people repent, and God saves the day. "Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer". Ebenezer means stone of help, saying, "Thus far, the Lord has helped us." –1 st Samuel 7:12

I often think about that Ebenezer. An Ebenezer provides a reminder to everyone of an event that served to change a course; like the way Ebenezer Scrooge provides an example for us all each Christmas. You can bet that when the people of Israel saw Samuel's Ebenezer, they were remembered. They might have considered where they were before and what transpired, how they reacted, but certainly they were reminded again how God saved the day.

I write you today to announce my resignation as the Pastor of Hosanna Lutheran Church.

In the nearly four years I have been your pastor, we have faced scary things together. Pandemics, politics, and changing staff just to name a few. We have discussed in groups and in private, past hurts in this congregation, we have considered our community and our denominational identities, we have battled some formidable adversaries and God continues to save.

As I reflect upon this time of ministry, I erect an Ebenezer. One that will remind me of a family of faith, who in the midst of a global pandemic increased their service and giving to the community, starting new collaborations and programs. I will cherish a celebration of the 10,000th meal shared with our hungry neighbors. I will look back fondly upon a council unwilling to maintain the status quo but who changed personnel and policy to overcome a tax debt and loss of nearly \$100,000 of congregationally given money and then worked for more transparency regarding funds. I will smile and remember how students in our youth ministry were so proud to participate in the choreography at the National Youth Gathering and then sat teary eyed as the Gospel of Jesus was presented in their own language. I will laugh and roll my eyes a little at the incredible amount of time invested in interviewing new staff; including office staff (twice), ministry staff, musical leadership, groundskeeping and custodial staffing.

I will recall the Holy conversations with you, prayers shared in hospital rooms and living rooms. I will remember smiling and masked faces worshipping Jesus together and I will of course be reminded by this Ebenezer of the new siblings in Christ I have been able to minister with here at Hosanna. I am thankful for your partnership.

My last Sunday at Hosanna will be November 15, 2020. Shortly after that the Grave family will be moving to Greece, where we will be living on a sailboat and exploring the Mediterranean Sea.

God's blessings on your continued ministry proclaiming the Love of God to All People,

Rev. Dr. Jay Grave

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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>

November 2020

Church Calendar

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

Nov 2	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO Hosanna Teens
Nov 4	Wednesday Food Ministry
Nov 5	Quilters
Nov 6	Women's Night In
Nov 8	Sunday AM Service
Nov 9	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO Hosanna Teens Executive Committee
Nov 11	Wednesday Food Ministry
Nov 12	Quilters
Nov 15	Sunday AM Service Grave's Farewell
Nov 16	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO Hosanna Teens Council Meeting
Nov 18	Wednesday Food Ministry
Nov 19	Quilters
Nov 22	Special Sunday AM Service <u>Annual Congregational Budget Meeting</u>
Nov 23	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO
Nov 25	Wednesday Food Ministry
Nov 26	Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov 28	Christmas Decorating
Nov 29	Sunday AM Service Beginning of Advent
Nov 30	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO Hosanna Teens
Dec 2	Wednesday Food Ministry
Dec 3	Quilters



PHASE 3 UPDATE ...

ONLINE & ON SITE

JOIN US SUNDAYS FOR LIVE FEED WORSHIP OR IN PERSON AT HOSANNA

IN PERSON • 9:00 AM CST
ONLINE • 10:30 AM CST
Facebook: @hlcpage
YouTube: Hosanna Lutheran Church



BON VOYAGE GRAVES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

A FAIRWELL RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE
FOR THE GRAVE FAMILY



Join Us!

HOSANNA LUTHERAN PRESENTS

THANKSGIVING

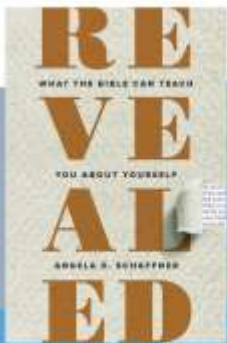
WOMEN'S NIGHT IN

WE WILL TAKE A FREE WILL OFFERING
TO FUND A THANKSGIVING BASKET
FOR THE SAMARITAN CENTER

NOV 6, 2020 6:30PM

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

FOLLOWED BY VIRTUAL SESSION



HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

November Book: REVEALED

What the Bible Can Teach you About Yourself

By Angela D. Shaffner

We will be having in person and online discussion

NOVEMBER 11th 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

Samaritan Center

Giving Thanks Program

Hosanna will be filling 20 baskets. Baskets will be available for
check out October 25th. Please return them filled, decorated with a
check by November 15!

Eagle Scout Prayer Garden

Help Logan Raymond fund his Eagle Scout project! He plans to put in a Prayer Garden here at Hosanna! His goal is \$1,500.

Be a Part!

HOSANNA'S FAITH GARDEN IS UNDERWAY!
CONSIDER SPONSORING ONE OF THE LAST FEW BOXES!



 **Hosanna F.A.I.T.H**
food always in the home

Make or Buy Dessert For Hosanna Hot Meals

SIGN UP THROUGH THE "TAKE A MEAL" LINK
OR CONTACT THE OFFICE



3 Ways to Give



ONLINE

www.hosannalutheran.com
Click 'Give' on right side




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2480 Highway 190
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Text 'hosannalutheran'
to 77977

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Office Staff: Officer Manager
Grace Schneider

Secretary/Bookkeeper
Janice Robin



**The office has re-opened. The new office hours are:
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Monday - Thursday**

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).



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**

Hosanna Quilters

Hosanna Quilters meets every Thursday.

For more information contact:

Debbie Coleman
(504) 905-6162



NEED PRAYER?
PRAYER REQUEST

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



Director:
Marilyn Boudreaux
(985) 624-5525

Hosannalutheran.com/preschool

facebook.com/hosannachristianpreschool



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Food Drive Begins November 2nd

Dominoes Pizza Fundraiser November 18th
(see ad below)

No Preschool Nov. 25th - 27th



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 Domino's 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



Friends and Fun!



Trunk or Treat 2020



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 Dauzat-Thompson–
Fellowship
Steve Beene– Ministry
Ashley Burbank– Fellowship
Rob Rhea– Evangelism

Fall is full of fellowship at Hosanna Lutheran. We have much to celebrate! Our very own office manager, Grace Schneider, is expecting a baby! Everyone is invited to join us for a baby shower on Sunday, November 1st, immediately following service. Grace is expecting a baby boy and he will be named after his late uncle, Karl. Please join us in showering Grace with blessings to welcome baby Karl!

Our first Women's Night In event was held in September. We had a great time with a wine and cheese reception followed by encouraging words streamed live from Joyce Meyers. She reminded us that God is always with us and that even in times of trouble we can still "Do it Afraid" because our God is bigger than our fears. This event was so popular that we have decided to have another. The women of Hosanna will be meeting again for Women's Night In on Friday, November 6th to celebrate a night of thanksgiving for God's many blessings. A wine and cheese reception will begin at 6:30pm followed by a media presentation and lively discussion. I hope you can join us!

Christmas is just around the corner. Please be on the lookout for our Christmas fellowship event to coincide with Praise Night on Saturday, December 5th. We will join together in a night of praise and worship to be followed by hot chocolate and special treats! You just never know who might show up!

Blessings,

Kim Dauzat Thompson





Katie Sepcich
Youth Director
youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com

As we close out October, I want to highlight our amazing Confirmands. Congratulations!! We are so proud of you!

Morgan Abram
Grace Nungesser
Jonathan Gunn
Dominic Glorioso
Dylan Bild
Ethan Bearden
Presley Lang
Brooks Lang
Graham Lang

Because of the pandemic and scheduling, Confirmation continues for us into November as we do private ceremonies for those who couldn't make it last week. As we continue into November, our Teens are still participating in an online bible study of Psalm 119 and meeting on Monday nights for fellowship and service with Hosanna Hot Meals. I'd invite all of you to join in!

November (for obvious reasons) always reminds me to pause and reflect on what I am grateful for. It is fitting considering our Council President's call last week to Pause, Ponder, and Pray as we enter a new season as a church. When I pause, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the Grave family. I'd invite you all to join me in thanking them for all their service and leadership to Hosanna and praying for them as they start their new adventure!

With Love,

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



Monday Night Meals
WITH
Hosanna Teens

5:00-6:15 P.M.

COME GRAB A HOSANNA HOT MEAL & HANG WITH YOUR FRIENDS

Our Teens



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](#)



Online

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Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support your church by starting your shopping at 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.

November Birthdays!

Nov 2	Mia Spaulding	Nov 10	Danny Garrett	Nov 23	Leia Zierhut
Nov 3	Jake Gardner	Nov 11	Harper Crain	Nov 23	Kyle Brown
Nov 3	Patrick Lloyd	Nov 11	Todd Gregory	Nov 24	Alex Williams
Nov 4	Barry Campos	Nov 11	Steve Burbrink	Nov 24	Alexandra Concep- cion
Nov 4	Molly Gray	Nov 12	Mason Warren	Nov 25	Jeffrey Lemoine
Nov 4	Jacob Giffin	Nov 13	Lance Lalanne	Nov 25	Joe Dongieux
Nov 4	Jack Anderson	Nov 13	Anna Crawford	Nov 26	Liam Burbrink
Nov 5	Marilyn Boudreaux	Nov 14	Carly Salvaggio	Nov 26	Sue Streicher
Nov 5	Faith Albert	Nov 15	Fred Wetekamm	Nov 26	Scott Quillin
Nov 5	Amelia Knebel	Nov 16	Ava Adams	Nov 26	Annalee Burbrink
Nov 6	Nicholas Hoffman	Nov 16	Heidi Rhea	Nov 26	Elijah Burbrink
Nov 6	Vivian Moore	Nov 17	Tommy Naka	Nov 27	Sharon Hilt
Nov 6	David Moore	Nov 17	Alanna Torrey	Nov 27	Judy Pellerin
Nov 6	Angelle King	Nov 18	Casie Lalanne	Nov 28	Jack Tolley
Nov 6	Jaxon Edwards	Nov 19	Charli Salvaggio	Nov 28	Dawn Knebel
Nov 7	Toby Tournillon	Nov 19	Gage Lisle	Nov 28	Yvonne Sentilles
Nov 7	Rachael Couvillion	Nov 20	Mallory Gregory	Nov 28	Sara Grace Sirera
Nov 8	Andrew Bonvillain	Nov 20	Michael Aicklen	Nov 28	Zachary Sirera
Nov 9	Matt Wetekamm	Nov 20	Paige Putnam	Nov 28	Hayden Felder
Nov 9	Elle Langevin	Nov 20	Jo Peterson	Nov 29	Elise Glorioso
Nov 10	Allen Sanders	Nov 23	Inge Horst	Nov 29	Mike Slye
Nov 10	Sharon Shallenberger				

November Anniversaries

Nov 7	Louis & Judy Pellerin	Nov 17	Barry & Peg Campos
Nov 10	Joe & Cindy Brocklesby	Nov 19	Jason & Inge Horst
Nov 12	Brian & Beverly Jakes	Nov 25	Paul & Kim Gelbke
Nov 14	Bill & Sylvia Wallace	Nov 28	John & Beth Riedel
Nov 14	David & Rachael Moore	Nov 30	Stephen & Melanie Wetekamm
Nov 16	Rick & Jo Peterson		

Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting

September 28, 2020

Teresa Abram called meeting to order at 7 pm . A quorum was established.

Members Present: Teresa Abram, Sandy Nieto, Steve Beene, Doug Burbank, Pastor Jay, Rob Rhea, George Michell and Kim Dauzat-Thompson

Opening Prayer: Pastor Jay

President's Report:

- SWOT : Nathan will share results with Council on Sunday October 4th at 11:00 am. Lunch will be provided, then will work on the planning arrow until 3 pm.
- Hosanna's Homeless Neighbors Policy: Rob motioned to accept; Steve seconded. All were in favor.
- Grants: HHM has several in the application phase
- Encouraging others to volunteer: Pause, Ponder, Pray
- Delegating: When someone is willing and able to do something, give them a task and be sure to thank them.

Pastor's Report:

- Hosanna FAITH gardens are being assembled by hard working congregation members and members are sharing their resources to produce 40 raised gardens.
- Hosanna Hot Meals provided hundreds of sack lunches to residents of Lake Charles. Truckloads of relief supplies were also sent in collaboration with God's Unchanging Hands, Grace Lutheran, Lutheran disaster relief, First Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran.
- Preschool began
- Youth meeting together for fellowship and service with discipleship done online.
- Small groups are meeting, Council and Small Group leaders are invited to participate in the next Rooted program to be led by Elizabeth Grave on Tuesday nights.
- Rooted discipleship program will provide the foundation for spiritual growth campaign
- In person worship continues at 9 am. with safety precautions. Persons especially vulnerable to Covid-19 virus are still encouraged to worship from home online. As attendance at 9 am service increases will add 10:30 in person service.
- Girls Night In was a success. It included fellowship in person with social distancing and an online program streamed in.
- SWOT analysis is being tabulated. Nathan Hoffman will present to council October 4, 2020.
- Divorce Care began meeting in-person. We are collaborating with the program at Church of the King as they move to an online program, giving folks a choice of in-person at Hosanna, or online at Church of the King.
- Recovery ministries are meeting and eager to open up to more people.
- Pastor has had 8 in-office pastoral care conversations and telephone and zoom meetings.
- Know.Grow.Follow Podcast with Adam Moore is reaching millennials.
- In collaboration with Florida Parishes Human Services Authority, a drive-in movie on suicide will occur in our parking lot on Tuesday night October 27th. All St. Tammany residents are invited.
- Oct 11, Pastor Jay out of town. Pastor Jarret Banks will preside.

VP Report:

- Janice's son in-law died of ALS a week ago, survived by wife and 3 young children, and in lieu of sending flowers we will give gift card for a Japanese Magnolia tree which daughter would like. Perhaps H.I.S. can help plant.
- Teresa would like VP to start to navigate communications and media.

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Church Council Meeting September 28, 2020 Continued:

Secretary Report:

- Rob motioned to approve meeting minutes from last meeting, George seconded. All were in favor.
- Sandy was unable to find a water company that would service our property.

PURPOSE AREA REPORTS:

Worship (George):

- Recommends we add 2nd service at 10:30 to accommodate people who don't want to come at 9. Steve suggested we find a way to schedule something for the young kids on Sunday morning so we may need to change the second worship time. Will hold off on adding second worship for now but hope to soon as Covid situation allows.

Discipleship (Ashley):

- Ashley not present, but discussion ensued about the dis-connect between the preschool and the church. How can we get more of the preschool kids and families to come to church? Flyers with church activities on them are being sent home in the kids folders already. Discussed the Board of Directors of the Preschool . Council would like more church members to be on the board.
- Need volunteers for the Property Committee. Currently, just a few people are doing the repairs, and they need help.

Ministry (Steve):

- Hosanna Hot Meals has been sending 400 sack lunches for Lake Charles for last 3 Tuesdays and 100 sack lunches to Samaritan Center every Tuesday. HHM has been serving around 250 hot meals a week also.
- HHM is reaching 10,000 meals
- 20 Faith Boxes are assembled and awaiting dirt. Need sponsors to do 20 more.
- Grants: #1: getting our USDA number and #2: getting free fruit trees.
- Working on irrigation, electrical and well to run the irrigation system(Bob Busfield and Charles Stone)
- Future plans: Christmas lights in the garden area, with nativity scene, youth group selling refreshments

Fellowship (Kim):

- Women's night went well and participants requested to do it again, perhaps in November.
- Hosanna Chats didn't have participation, so stopped.
- Baby Shower for Grace on Nov 1 .
- Christmas Party: What do we want to do? Not a full meal but perhaps focus on musical event.

Evangelism (Rob):

- Discussed location of Prayer Garden may not have enough shade
Teresa suggested getting together a kit of posters, banners, handouts to have available to use at events outside of church where a table can be set up for event-goers to browse.

Treasurer Report:

- Doug presented guidelines for setting up an Endowment Committee and the Hosanna Youth Endowment Fund . The committee would consist of a Chairman (not a member of Exec Council), the Treasurer of Council, and three other members of the congregation(not members of the Exec Council) to be appointed by Church Council. Actions of the committee must be agreed to by at least three of the voting members. Rob motioned that Exec Council set up the Endowment Committee and Steve seconded. All were in favor. Recommend notifying Julie Brown, Vicki Entzel and Kathy Colbert to thank them on their work to establish endowment for the SCRIP fund to benefit youth activities.
- Council needs to meet to work on annual budget.

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Church Council Meeting September 28, 2020 Continued:

OLD BUSINESS

- Fundraising: Sponsors, Grants, Income such as recitals
- Security on Campus: Light bulbs in parking lot replaced, so they should all be working. Security company came out to look at security for the preschool.(motion sensors lights, cameras)
- Budget Meeting needs to be scheduled before meeting in November with congregation
- Pastor's Sabbatical on the back burner , but keep in mind for budget meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- Planning Arrow Retreat Oct 4

Rob motioned to adjourn meeting; George seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by : Sandy Nieto