

Hosanna Highlights



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*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
(Psalm 51:10-11)*

February 2021

I cannot read these words from Psalm 51 without humming a tune or bursting into song. These words bring back memories of Sunday worship when I was a child and youth. I grew up in a small Lutheran congregation in central Illinois and every Sunday we would sing an Offertory based on these words from Psalm 51, “Create in me a clean heart, O God...renew a right spirit within me...cast me not away from your presence...take not your Holy Spirit from me.” After the sermon and as the offerings were brought forward to be placed on the altar, we would rise to sing. I remember that on good days my voice would burst forth with gusto, a genuine commitment flowing forth, a deep desire to be renewed and my heart made right.

Of course I often knew I needed to be cleaned up! Some weeks my life was a mess. Maybe it didn’t look like that on the outside but that’s how I felt on the inside. I needed to be renewed! For in the preceding week my heart had been anything but clean and my spirit anything but rightly aligned with God’s love and care for others. I knew I was in need of God’s mercy and forgiveness. I had learned the Good News of God’s love in Jesus Christ and I was painfully aware of my shortcomings. I trusted God still loved me even though I had said things I later regretted saying, and did things I later regretted doing. I knew I had hurt others or ignored someone or been swept away by what was popular instead of what was right and good. So Sunday was a time for once again hearing the words of absolution, “your sins are forgiven you.” Sunday was a time to trust again the Good News of God’s love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ, and start afresh. Sunday was a time to say, dear God, let’s start again, “create in me a clean heart and renew my spirit.”

We live in days that cry out for people with clean hearts and right spirits. I think of people who are struggling with personal issues, perhaps emotional stress or mental health. I think of how major issues of poverty, racial injustice and climate change beg to be addressed by people who care about all of God’s creation. And I think daily of Hosanna Lutheran Church and the challenges before it, the decisions to be made and issues to sort out. What does a “clean heart and right spirit” look like?

I think of Jesus’ words in Matthew 22 in response to the question about the greatest commandment. Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” And then he added, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Clean hearts burst forth with love for God and look for signs of God’s presence in the people and places around us. Love for God always leads to love for neighbor.

Or I think of the words of the prophet Micah, “...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8).” Clean hearts seek to see the world through the eyes of God. Right spirits are led by the Holy Spirit into the way of Jesus, love and service to others.

Ash Wednesday is February 17, the beginning of the Lenten season. Psalm 51 is the appointed psalm for the day, inviting us to confess our sin and shortcomings, return to the Lord God, and receive God’s empowering grace and mercy.

As we walk the 40 days of Lent and prepare to observe those events central to the Christian faith, I pray for the renewal of our faith, for healing and hope at Hosanna and throughout this Church and country. I pray the Holy Spirit will help our heart focused on the things of God and our spirits aligned with the will of God. I pray for a clean heart and a right spirit among us all.

In Christ’s peace and love,

Pastor Jerry Mansholt

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Notes and News:

Join the Hosanna Family

in person, at 9:00 am Sunday or watch the recorded service in the afternoon, Sundays on Facebook.

- We are asking that everyone please wear a mask.
- We have hand sanitizer at the door.
- 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

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| Jan 31 | Sunday AM Service |
| Feb 1 | Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO Hosanna TEENS |
| Feb 3 | AM Bible Study Wednesday Food Ministry |
| Feb 4 | Quilters |
| Feb 7 | Sunday AM Service |
| Feb 8 | Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO Hosanna TEENS Executive Committee |
| Feb 10 | AM Bible Study Wednesday Food Ministry Women's Book Club |
| Feb 11 | Quilters |
| Feb 14 | Sunday AM Service |
| Feb 15 | Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO Hosanna TEENS Church Council |
| Feb 15-16 | Office Closed |
| Feb 17 | Ash Wednesday AM Bible Study Wednesday Food Ministry |
| Feb 18 | Quilters |
| Feb 21 | Sunday AM Service |
| Feb 22 | Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO Hosanna TEENS |
| Feb 24 | AM Bible Study Wednesday Food Ministry |
| Feb 25 | Quilters |
| Feb 28 | Sunday AM Service |



Bebe Stich and her husband, Bill, were Charter Members of Hosanna Lutheran Church. Both were involved as the church grew and moved into its first physical building. Having been a church secretary Bebe logically fit into serving as a volunteer in the church office. She eventually stepped into that position when it became available but continued to work as a volunteer. She was even referred to as a “Church Angel” for all she did. Bebe loved greeting people as they entered church on Sunday. More than one person has said that she met us at the door and she is the reason we stayed. Her role as a staff member expanded and she ministered to the members of Hosanna through her willingness to listen and pray. She was busy with tasks but could always find time for kindness to others.

Bebe had an interest in sewing and had made quilts for her children. An interest in quilting grew and she wanted to share with others. She was inspired to start a quilting ministry at Hosanna. Because of her work she was not able to spend a lot of time with the quilt group but when she did stop in she brought quilts and smiles to share. She nurtured and encouraged the cooperative effort that evolved and helps this group work together. Later on a ministry for making Christmas stockings for The Samaritan Center’s clients became a part of the quilters handmade items. Both of these ministries continue today.

The following are Bebe’s own words from a Ministry Fair Flyer October 2011.

“I have watched this quilting group grow from four people to the size it is now...25 plus regular quilters. The group was formed in 1999 with some people doubting it would succeed because quilting was not a popular craft in the Mandeville/Covington area. Interest grew with ladies willing to teach themselves—no formal quilting instructions. Trial and error was the teacher. As time passed more skilled quilters joined the group and the inspiration to give all quilts away to people and organizations in need became the focal point.

The quilters supplied their own materials early on but now the group has received generous gifts of fabric from families whose loved one no longer quilts. The quilting group still relies on financial gifts to purchase quilt batting, tools such as threads, needles, identification labels and sewing machine upkeep. Most of all, they rely on the supportive prayers of individuals asking God to bless their works and their gifts to others.”

Her words show her humility in service and her gratefulness for those who participate and support the quilt ministry. She nurtured and encouraged the cooperative effort that evolved and still helps this group work together.

Hosanna Lutheran Church and these ministries surely benefitted from Bebe’s time among them.

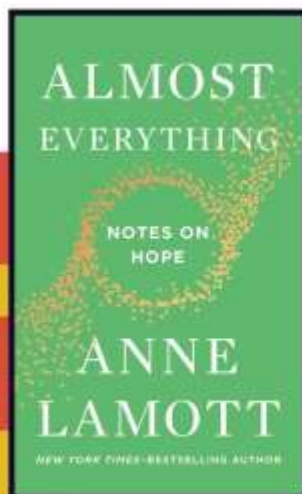
She is a good example of a person who lived a life of service to God and to people. It is true that we will miss her, but we can say with love and blessed assurance that our loss is God’s gain.



April 2017 - With Barbara Reed and Sharon Shallenberger

She will be dearly missed





HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

February Book: Almost EVERYTHING

NOTES ON HOPE

By Anne Lamott

We will be having in person and online discussion

FEBRUARY 10th 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 is looking for nominee's for the 2021 Church Council!

If you are interested and would like to nominate yourself
or get more information

PLEASE CONTACT:



**Sandy Nieto
Marc Reed
Mike Slye
Jeanette Mayo
The Office**

Annual
Congregational
Meeting will be
March 7th
directly follow-
ing the 9:00 am
service

INTERESTED IN LUTHERHILL THIS SUMMER?

CONTACT KATIE AT
YOUTHDIRECTOR@HOSANNALUTHERAN.COM

OPEN TO ALL JR. AND SR. HIGH



Start the new year right by getting connected with other Hosanna family and get involved. Here are a few great opportunities to serve!

HOSANNA'S FAITH GARDEN IS UNDERWAY!
DO YOU ENJOY GARDENING? WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
THAT WOULD LIKE TO HELP TEND THE GARDENS!



 **Hosanna F.A.I.T.H**
food always in the home
Contact the church office to volunteer!



Want to get involved?
Want to have fun?
Want to learn a new skill?

We need volunteers
for our AV Team.

COME JOIN THE TEAM!

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR
MORE INFORMATION



Hosanna Hot Meals

DRIVERS ARE NEEDED.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
DELIVERING MEALS MONDAY
NIGHTS, PLEASE CONTACT
STEVE BEENE

Every Monday
Join Hosanna and the Mandeville Community for
dinner every Monday night from 4:30pm-6pm
due to day light savings.
GRAB N GO ONLY RIGHT NOW

2480 Highway 190
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Make or Buy Dessert For Hosanna Hot Meals

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

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using our own
produce from the
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Office Staff: Officer Manager
Grace Schneider

Secretary/Bookkeeper
Janice Robin



Office hours are: 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Mon. - Thurs.

The office will be closed Feb. 15th & 16th

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).



Chemo Care Bag Project

First Quarter 2021

We will be collecting items for the first 25 Care Bags to be donated to the Chemotherapy patients at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Covington. Please place your donated items in the box provided by February 14, 2021.

Financial Donations may be given to the office staff or placed in the offering plate. Please identify your check as being given for the Chemo Care Bag Project.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Busfield, 985 789-7965.

Care Bag Items Needed

Crossword/Puzzle/Sudoku Books

Warm, Cozy Socks for Women or Heavy Socks for men

Unscented Lip Balm/Chapsticks

Small Bags of Hard Lemon or Mint Candies

Decorative Scarves, Bandanas or Knitted Caps

Unscented Lotions

Post It Notepads

Fleece Blankets

Journals and Pens

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



Registration begins January 4th for the 2021-2022 school year!

Don't miss out! Get your little one's spot reserved today



February Events:

- ♦ The Mardi Gras floats will be on display February 10th
- ♦ We will be closed for Mardi Gras February 15th – February 17th
- ♦ Make it a Pizza night Feb. 17th. 20% of the proceeds go to the Preschool!
- ♦ Our Pre-K classes will attend Mrs. Boudreaux's Annual Tea Party on February 19th



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.



Hosanna Preschool

Friends

Fun

Play



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

Hello Hosanna Family and Friends,

One of the many benefits of the partnering of Hosanna Hot Meals with God's Unchanging Hands Feeding Ministry is the opportunity to meet people in our community that might need a little extra help. On Monday's and Wednesday's meals are delivered to people in the community with a variety of needs. Sometimes they might just need a meal, but sometimes our drivers notice a door that doesn't close correctly or a floor that needs to be replaced. This gives an opportunity for our HIS Ministry to meet with the homeowner to see how we can help. Our HIS team will be visiting these homeowners and using their carpentry skills to repair the houses. Hosanna Helping Hand is another ministry that has begun because of the needs that we have seen in the community. You will soon see a trailer in the far end of the parking lot that could be used for youth camping trips or serve as temporary housing for an individual. The trailer will be purchased with private donations. Through these ministries working together, we are truly able to show the love of God to all people so they will know Jesus Christ, grow in Christ and can follow him.

Sincerely,

Ashley Burbank –
Discipleship Purpose
Council Member

Hosanna In Service (HIS Ministry)

**helps people in the community
by doing odd jobs, such as yard-
work, minor home repair etc.**

**To get involved or find out more
about this ministry, contact**

**Ashley Burbank at (985) 789-
0508, or the church office at
(985) 727-9200**





Katie Sepcich
Youth Director

youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com

As we approach the year marker of when this pandemic started, I am reminded of what a gift it is to be able to gather in person with the teens on Monday Nights and that we are able to begin to plan for the Summer. A gift that has come out of the pandemic is the ability to give our teens daily, biblical content through our Hosanna Teens Instagram page - @hosanna_teens. I am particularly excited about the bible studies we are beginning this month. For the last two years, we have focused on love, relationships, and dating during the month of February. This year, for the month of February and for our Lent Study, we are focused on God's love.

To be honest, God's love is something I know is always there, but often gets overlooked. I am more focused on what's the right thing to do; what's the next step God wants me to take; what is God trying to tell me; what is He asking of me? I often forget that it's not about my works or what God needs me to do – it is about His love for me. For the next almost two months, our teens will focus on God's heart through the story of the Prodigal Son and then on God's love shown through the Gospel.

One of my favorite parts about the story of the Prodigal Son is how the Father is already running towards his son. I hope this time focusing on the love of God helps our teens to see where God is already running towards them. The studies will be posted on our @hosanna_teens Instagram page, and everyone is invited to join!

With Love,

Katie Sepcich
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Director



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.

February Birthdays!

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| Feb 2 | Robert Ross | Feb 11 | Marlene Johnson | Feb 18 | Chase Menden |
| Feb 2 | Ginger Gregory | Feb 12 | William Kenley | Feb 18 | Jacob Hoffman |
| Feb 3 | Karen Jefferson | Feb 12 | Dennis Pasentine | Feb 18 | Erica Hoffman |
| Feb 3 | Lexi Lalanne | Feb 13 | Sharon Hilt | Feb 19 | Erin Giffin |
| Feb 4 | Nancy Anderson | Feb 13 | Carl Hilt | Feb 19 | Jan Dimitry |
| Feb 5 | Cheryl Dausat | Feb 14 | Cristine Gowland | Feb 19 | Kyle Entzel |
| Feb 5 | Jayden Shaw | Feb 14 | Juliet Gaffney | Feb 19 | Liz Davis |
| Feb 6 | Kim Gelbke | Feb 14 | Timothy Lloyd | Feb 20 | Brian Burbrink |
| Feb 6 | Elizabeth Kenley | Feb 14 | Hudson Felder | Feb 21 | Ryan Darga |
| Feb 6 | Anna Reed | Feb 14 | Gracie Felder | Feb 21 | Beau Rabito |
| Feb 6 | Savannah Boynes | Feb 15 | Josh Vath | Feb 22 | Gary Bettencourt |
| Feb 7 | Shelby Gregory | Feb 15 | Isaiah Soteropulos | Feb 22 | Trish Hellmers |
| Feb 8 | Lynn Honold | Feb 15 | Adeline Saweikis | Feb 24 | Danielle Pearse |
| Feb 8 | Karen Gidman | Feb 16 | Isabella Pearse | Feb 25 | Sharon Bennett |
| Feb 8 | Stephen Lewis | Feb 16 | Cooper Slye | Feb 25 | Monica Growden |
| Feb 9 | Alex Abram | Feb 17 | Loren Cornwell | Feb 26 | Kelly Deason |
| Feb 10 | Corbin Holifield | Feb 17 | Cedes Wells | Feb 28 | Kirk Warren |
| Feb 10 | Carrie Lloyd | Feb 17 | Demetre Fortin | Feb 28 | Lucy Perry |
| Feb 10 | Terrie Warren | Feb 17 | Bob Sparacello | Feb 28 | Kendall Couvillion |

February Anniversaries

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| Feb 1 | Wayne & Cedes Wells |
| Feb 9 | Jay & Elizabeth Grave |
| Feb 12 | Richard & Julia Ann Hodgson |
| Feb 20 | Brad & Dian Phillips |



Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting

HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL DECEMBER 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by Teresa Abram at 7:05 pm.

A quorum was established. Those present were Teresa Abram, Sarah Kezar, Kim Dauzat-Thompson, Rob Rhea, George Michell, and Sandy Nieto. Guests present were Bob Busfield, Marilyn Boudreaux and Tara(preschool assistant).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Pastor Jerry (interim pastor) will arrive Jan 20th. Contract for condo for he and his wife , Anita, was signed. He will preach on Jan 24th. Council has been having individual zoom meetings with him to get acquainted. List he was given of tasks council would like him to help us with includes: SWAT results, Planning arrow, Finances, and Preschool
- Benevolence we send to Synod is 9% of giving. Should we reduce the % due to our budget crunch? August was the last month paid to Synod. Teresa will check with Bishop to see if Synod would rather us reduce the % and be more able to pay monthly, or stay at 9% and be late on monthly payments.
- Kitchen: Grant Ella West Foundation pending.
- Preschool : Re: adding full day care for working parents to generate more revenue for the church, Marilyn states the preschool cannot extend hours more than 24 hrs./week because it is not certified by the state. The preschool is under the umbrella of the church. To be certified (if we wanted to extend hours) many upgrades (like new buildings) would be needed. Council would like more church members to be on the preschool governing board. Several members on the board are no longer members of the church. Council would like to see what it would take for preschool to get certified. Marilyn will provide this information.
- AV/Stream Team is getting tired and frustrated. Rob and Heidi Rhea have volunteered to help. More volunteers are needed.
- Bob Busfield: Fire Escape stairs by Sunday School classrooms need revising. They are not to code and although sound, are covered in mold and are slippery. Bob offers to take on this project. Cost around \$1500, Rob knows some ROTC students that could help with project doing community service.
- H.I.S. ministry: Jared who helps Pam with God's Unchanging Hands has identified people who are being served meals that need repairs to their homes. Bob will assess some of the projects and see if Hosanna In Service can help.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: So far \$750 has been collected for staff gifts. Rob suggested it be divided equally between Grace, Janice, Katie and Marilyn.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Sarah motioned that minutes be approved and George seconded. All were in favor.
- Sandy will arrange the first meeting of the nominating committee in early January. Members are Mike Slye, Jeanette Mayo and Marc Reed.

TREASURER REPORT: Doug out of town

PURPOSE AREA REPORTS:

- Worship (George): Attendance at 9 am service has been 57-65 . Plan to resume 2 services after Pastor Jerry comes.
- Fellowship (Kim): Christmas event was a success. Considering welcome reception for Pastor Jerry.
- Evangelism (Rob): Gathering pictures for board. Logan was ill and unable to complete prayer garden , but will get it done before Christmas Eve.

Rob motioned we adjourn and George seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sandy Nieto