

# Hosanna Highlights



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Interim Pastor

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## April 2021

Holy Week is drawing nigh, the week when we observe those events that are central to the Christian faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. So important are those events the Church sets aside a whole week to tell and retell the story of the Passion of our Lord.

On Palm Sunday we will tell the story from Mark's gospel narrative and theological viewpoint. In Mark the humanity of Jesus is emphasized and Jesus cries out in suffering, "my God, my God, why have you forsaken me." On Good Friday we will hear the story from John's narrative and theological viewpoint. In John the story is told more from the divine perspective. Jesus is the victorious one on the cross who cries out in triumph, "it is finished." It is all the same story but each gospel has slightly different emphases and viewpoints. Yet central to all four gospels are the events of Jesus' death and resurrection.

A year ago there were no worship services done in person during Holy Week or Easter. We were in the early weeks of the pandemic and probably thought we would return to normal life in a short time. Instead the year has been long and it has taken a toll on all of us.

Thankfully we are beginning to see the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, but we are still in the tunnel. As someone quipped, if we try to exit the tunnel too soon, we'll hit the wall. That means our in-person worship has its limitations as we maintain physical distancing, wear masks, abstain from corporate singing and take other necessary precautions. The pandemic will eventually end and then a return to a more robust worship life will come. But until then I urge everyone to have patience and support and encourage one another through these final weeks and months.

Paul writes to the Philippians, "...be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (2:2-4)." Powerful and appropriate words for Hosanna, it seems to me, a congregation going through this time of transition. There can be disagreements and different points of view about a lot of things. But a common mind about the faith we hold is essential. And a common love centered in God must be at the heart of the congregation. We need to be pulling in the same direction, as one Council member commented.

So Paul wrote to the Philippians, "have this mind among you that was in Christ Jesus (2:5)." And he went on to speak of Jesus who did not exploit his status as the Son of God but "emptied himself." Philippians 2:5-11 was probably once a hymn extolling the humility of the Son of God. The letter is the second reading for Palm/Passion Sunday. Paul says Jesus "emptied himself" of his divinity. He set aside it aside, took on human form, even the role of a slave, and carried out his ministry even to the cross. This Jesus who suffered is the one God has raised from the dead and highly exalted.

As we enter Holy Week and observe the events central to the Christian faith, I encourage you to meditate on the words of Philippians 2:5-11. I pray that we here at Hosanna keep striving to have the mind of Christ among us, the mind that seeks first the things of God and the life that flows forth in humble love and service.

In Christ's peace and love,  
*Pastor Jerry Mansholt*

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## Notes and News:

**Join the Hosanna Family**  
 in person at 9am & 10:30am  
 Or watch on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/hlcpage](http://www.facebook.com/hlcpage)

- 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.
- 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.



## APRIL 2021

### Church Calendar

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

- March 31 AM Bible Study  
Wednesday Food Ministry
- April 4 Easter Services 9 & 10:30am
- April 5 OFFICE CLOSED  
Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO
- April 7 AM Bible Study  
Wednesday Food Ministry
- April 8 Quilters
- April 11 Sunday AM Services
- April 12 Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO  
Hosanna TEENS  
Executive Committee
- April 14 AM Bible Study  
Wednesday Food Ministry  
**Women's Book Club**
- April 15 Quilters
- April 18 Sunday AM Services
- April 19 Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO  
Hosanna TEENS  
Church Council
- April 21 AM Bible Study  
Wednesday Food Ministry
- April 22 Quilters
- April 25 Sunday AM Services  
**Hosanna History Event**
- April 26 Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO  
Hosanna TEENS
- April 28 AM Bible Study  
Wednesday Food Ministry
- April 29 Quilters
- May 2 Sunday AM Services

## Hosanna History Event

April 25th at 11:30 - Lunch Provided

RSVP to Ashley Burbank  
 ashleyburbank92@gmail.com or 985-789-0508

We will discuss Hosanna's History to better help  
 the congregation understand it's identity and purpose!



# Holy Week

A graphic for Maundy Thursday at Hosanna. The background is a dark, atmospheric scene with a heart shape formed by a crown of thorns and a white cross. A stone is being rolled away from a tomb entrance. The text is centered in white.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
AT HOSANNA**

Thursday, April 1, 2021  
7pm

A graphic for Good Friday at Hosanna. The background is a dark, atmospheric scene with a silhouette of a person carrying a cross on their back against a cloudy sky. The text is centered in white.

**GOOD FRIDAY  
AT HOSANNA**

Friday, April 2, 2021  
7pm

A graphic for Easter at Hosanna. The background is a dark, atmospheric scene with a cloudy sky. The text is centered in white.

**EASTER  
AT HOSANNA**

Sunday, April 4, 2021  
9 & 10:30am

**Hosanna Hot Meals**

**GRAB-N-GEAUX...  
PICK UP DINNER  
EVERY MONDAY: 4:30-6:00PM**

**Volunteers Needed  
Mondays 1-5pm in the Kitchen**

2480 Highway 190, Mandeville LA 70448



**HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

**April Book:**  
**THE BROKEN WAY**  
a daring path into the abundant life  
By ANN VOSKAMP

We will be having in person and online discussion  
**April 14 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

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**HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

**Mays Book:**  
**Pastrix**  
The crazy, beautiful faith of a sinner's saint  
By Nadia Bolz Weber

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

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**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

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Office Manager  
Grace Schneider



Office Assistant  
Karl Schneider



Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
8:30am-1:30pm



Purchase your Lily today!

## Easter Lilies

Fill out the online form or let the office know by Wednesday, March 31st

To order Easter Lilies please fill out [THIS FORM](#) before Wednesday March 31st!



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## CHEMO CARE BAG PROJECT

During April, we will be collecting items for the Chemo Care Bags to be donated in early May to the patients at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Covington. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. In February, 25 bags were donated. We are again inviting the congregation to assist with this project by donating items to go in the bags (see list below) and/or funds to offset their cost. It is estimated that it will **cost \$20 to fill each bag**. Items can be dropped off in the box provided in the Welcome area/Narthex anytime between now and Sunday, May 2nd. We hope you will be able to help us and support this project that will be a blessing to others.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Busfield (985 7897965).

### ITEMS FOR CHEMO CARE BAGS

Journals  
Fleece Blankets  
Crossword/Puzzle/Sudoku Books  
Unscented Lotions  
Warm, Cozy Socks for Women or Thermal, heavy for Men  
Unscented Lip Balm/Chapsticks  
Small Bags of hard Lemon or Mint candies  
Decorative Scarves, Bandanas, or Knitted Caps

## Hosanna Quilters

Hosanna Quilters meets every Thursday.

For more information contact:

Debbie Coleman  
(504) 905-6162



HAVE A  
*Prayer  
Request*

To submit prayer requests Click [here](#):



Director:  
Marilyn Boudreaux  
(985) 624-5525



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

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

Registration is open for the  
2021-2022 school year!



2021 Summer Camp   
REG: \$30 Per Child, per Month  
Weekly: \$125  
Monthly: \$400



Spring Break!

April 2nd-9th!  
Have so much fun!



**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.



# HCP Annual Art Show, Dr. Suess Day, St. Patrick's Day and SO MUCH MORE!!!



# Church Council

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



## **2021-2022 Council Members:**

Rob Rhea– President

Marc Reed– Vice President

Doug Burbank– Treasurer

Rachael Moore– Secretary

George Michell

Steve Beene

Charles Stone

Amanda Watson

Sarah Kezar

This year has been a tough one. Since the COVID pandemic came about last year, life has changed. Masks, social distancing, and no gathering in groups. Our children and grandchildren began the school year getting their education virtually. People have lost their jobs, have had their hours cut, or are working remotely. Medical personnel are overworked, and hospitals overwhelmed. Even the way we worshipped at Hosanna has drastically changed. We went from no in-person worship to a virtual service and were finally able to go back to the 9:00 service with limited attendance. The congregation still must be masked and still is not able to sing. Communion is still not available during the service but is taken from a tray on the way out of church. This year, it would be easy to be somewhat negative based on how drastically our lives have been affected.

However, there have been many positive things happening at Hosanna Lutheran that you may or may not be aware of. The Quilter's group is meeting again and are again producing beautiful quilts, lap blankets, and dresses for young girls. Hosanna is now the Charter organization for Venture Crew 119. These are older Boy Scouts that participate in more adventurous activities than normal scout troops. Cub Scout Pack 611 and Boy Scout Troop 611 have relocated to Hosanna and are holding their meetings and services at our church. Logan Raymond recently completed his Eagle Scout Project, the prayer garden at Hosanna. Lena Gunn is working on a Girl Scout Eagle (equivalent) through our church. The project has to do with sending supplies to our overseas troops. We have both Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous that are using Hosanna for their meetings.

Hosanna currently has two feeding groups preparing meals at our kitchen and as their distribution center. Hosanna Hot Meals distributes 350 meals every Monday and prepares 100 lunches that are distributed by the Samaritan Center on Tuesdays. The other feeding group is God's Unchanging Hand and they prepare and distribute meals every Wednesday. Both groups are completely run by volunteers including their drivers. This year, Scot Watson, started the Faith Garden. The garden has grown from four planting boxes to 15 boxes. Over the last 2 ½ months the Faith Garden has been able to produce fresh vegetables for distribution throughout our two feeding groups.

And lastly, Marc Reed has started a bible study which meets every Wednesday morning.

While life has changed during COVID, the members for Hosanna should be proud that we have found a way to expand services to the community during a pandemic.

Rob Rhea– Council President



**Katie Sepcich**  
**Youth Director**  
youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com

Since the beginning of Lent, the Hosanna Teens has been in a study looking at God's Love as shown through the Gospel. This study marks a year since we began creating online bible studies through our @Hosanna\_Teens Instagram, and out of the many studies we have done in the last year, this one has been particularly moving for me. As I write this study, we are in the Book of Luke, and today focuses on how God loves to care for our every need. The verses for today state:

<sup>22</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup>Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life<sup>[a]</sup>? <sup>26</sup>Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

These verses make me think of how many times I fail at this practice. Sometimes I feel constantly in a state of worry. But I also think about how many times these verses get watered down. We read them and think, "God's got me. I have the strength to keep moving". But really, I think these verses are saying, "Stop". They are a call to stop worrying. Stop feeling as if we need to be in control of everything. Stop feeling as if we need to do it all. These verses are an invitation to let go and let God do the heavy lifting and work for us. I don't know about many of you, but at this point in the school semester, I am tired, worn out, and ready to just get it over with. But if there's one thing living a year in a global pandemic has taught me, it is that God doesn't just want us to endure and push through. He wants us to experience joy whatever our circumstances are, and the first step to that is trusting Him and accepting this invitation to let go.

I hope these verses help us in our preparation for Easter and Holy Week. Easter is the ultimate reminder that Jesus can be and is worthy of being trusted. It is also the ultimate reminder that we cannot save ourselves. I hope these verses help us to not be so focused on ourselves but to open our palms and turn our gaze to who the Lord is and the way He loves us.

Much 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](mailto: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)
- [Online Giving](#)
- [Register for Events or Classes](#)

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'!

## Did you know?

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**NOW HIRING!**

Hosanna is in search of a Bookkeeper/Office Assistant. This job requires you to be onsite from 8:30am-1:30pm Monday-Thursday. Proficiency in Quickbooks and Bookkeeping is required as well as basic office skills such as answering phones, directing calls and other tasks assigned by the Office Manager. This position is hourly with room to grow. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jerry Mansholt or Grace Schneider with your resume.

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The poster features a large magnifying glass icon on the right side, with a stylized number '8' inside the lens. The background is orange.

**Happy Easter!**  
the office will be closed  
Monday April 5th

The poster has a teal background with a pattern of colorful Easter eggs at the bottom.

# *April Birthdays!*



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| April Aguiard    | Apr 1  | Poki Hampton     | Apr 15 |
| Colleen David    | Apr 5  | Anthony Wetekamm | Apr 15 |
| Harold Flettrich | Apr 6  | Sandy Nieto      | Apr 16 |
| Terri Huet       | Apr 8  | Sylvia Wallace   | Apr 19 |
| Zachary Wetekamm | Apr 11 | Anna Dwyer       | Apr 28 |
| Erin Joyner      | Apr 12 | Donna Lacost     | Apr 29 |
| Brittany Bennett | Apr 12 | Jeanette Mayo    | Apr 30 |
| Ella Peason      | Apr 14 | Wendy Lewis      | Apr 30 |
| Alecia Peck      | Apr 15 | Morgan Growden   | Apr 30 |

# *April*



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|-----------------|--------|
| Don & Sue       | Apr 9  |
| Steve & Janis   | Apr 15 |
| Myron & Lisa    | Apr 14 |
| Roy & Cecile    | Apr 4  |
| Todd & Toby     | Apr 18 |
| Mike & Mandy    | Apr 28 |
| Danny & Jillian | Apr 14 |

# Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting

## HOSANNA CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2021

**Call to order: by Teresa Abram at 7:07pm**

**Members present:** Teresa Abram, Sandy Nieto, Doug Burbank, Ashley Burbank, Pastor Jerry, George Michell, Kim Dauzat-Thompson, Rob Rhea and Steve Beene

**Quorum was established.**

**Guest: Bob Busfield**

**Pastor Jerry opened with prayer.**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Katie Reed Soong: submitted resume for Youth Director. Teresa let her know that we do not have an opening for a paid position.
- Council meetings will continue on third Monday nights
- New council decides when to do retreat
- Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday March 7 at 10:00 am.
- Nominating Committee reports 3 members agreed to run for council: Marc Reed, Charles Stone and Amanda Watson. George Michell, Steve Beene and Rob Rhea agree to run for their second term so this brings it up to 6 nominees on the ballot. Council is invited to send Sandy any other member's names for consideration.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

- First few months of interim pastor is mostly about building relationships
- Met with Heather Putnam and plans to work closely with her for worship music
- Listens to podcast of Inf Disease Dr. who predicts a big wave of new cases due to variant virus. We need to be vigilant so that our church and preschool stay safe
- Recommends changing from "to-go" communion to something during worship that is safe. Several options were discussed, and council asked Pastor to choose one.
- He will attend a webinar tomorrow from Synod about live streaming worship tips.
- Stewardship needs to happen continually. He will attend Stewardship for all Seasons meeting and hopes that several council members can attend too.
- Synod meeting in New Orleans in May and several members are allowed to attend and vote.

### **SECRETARY REPORT:**

- Rob motioned, George seconds to approve minutes from last meeting. All were in favor.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

- 2020 Receipts were \$420,000 and Expenses were \$568,000.
- 2018, 2019, 2020 Expenses were fairly similar.
- Cash and Bank Investments at end of 2020 totaled \$300,000

### **PURPOSE AREAS:**

**MINISTRY (Steve):** Need volunteers for FAITH garden. Drivers are needed to deliver HHM to members and people on God's Unchanging Hands routes.

**WORSHIP (George):** Recommends offer people their nametags to take home and wear when they come to church. Bulb in projector is out and ordered (\$450) but will not arrive before Sunday. AV team expressed that we should replace projectors instead of putting new bulb in outdated projector. George will check with AV team to get more info before a decision is made. George recommends we add a second service back as seating is getting tight ( approx. 80 people in attendance at current 9 am service). Steve recommends instead of list of announcements just feature one ministry per week.

**FELLOWSHIP (Kim):** Brainstorming ways to have crawfish boil safely. Perhaps tailgate style would work.

**DISCIPLESHIP (Ashley):** Hosanna In Service ( H.I.S.), Hosanna Hot Meals and God's Unchanging Hands are coordinating services and meeting monthly . Doug suggests we check with our insurance before we construct something that has to be up to code.

Bob Busfield reports that outdoor stairway on west end of Fellowship Hall needs to be repaired.

Rob motioned to adjourn ; Kim seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Minutes submitted by : Sandy Nieto