



## *Pastors Article*

WRITTEN BY PASTOR JERRY MANSHOLT

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***Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)***

Hosanna congregation received some hard news recently about the finances of the congregation. If you missed seeing the letter from the Rob Rhea, President of the Congregation, and me, contact the church office and we'll send you the letter. The bottom line is the congregation has some significant challenges ahead and perhaps some tough decisions to make. When I preached the Sunday after the letter was sent, I could see the worry, concern and heaviness of these matters written on the faces of people.

I guess that is why my heart has been drawn so strongly to the Second Lesson for that Sunday, the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. Paul encourages the Ephesians in their life of prayer and boldly says God is "...able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine...(3:21)."

The whole letter, I noted in my sermon, is an encouragement in prayer. Paul encourages us to get down on our knees before God and lift up our hearts in praise and glory to our Father in heaven from whom all of us come (3:14). Paul prays the Ephesians (and us) may be strengthened in our inner being through the power of the Spirit so that we might be rooted and grounded in love (3:16-17). All this is that we might know and comprehend, with saints here on earth and in heaven above, what is the breadth and length, the height and depth of God's love for us in Jesus Christ (3:18).

While Hosanna Lutheran Church faces some significant challenges, there is a way forward in hope and expectation. The way forward begins with clarity about who we are and what God has called the congregation to do.

Often our first reaction in the midst of hard news is to either despair and do nothing or jump to quick answers and possible solutions. Paul says the first step is prayer, getting on our knees, perhaps literally, and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Yes, the congregation has been dealt a severe blow with loss of members and financial resources. But the first step is being strengthened internally, in the soul of the congregation, by the power of the Holy Spirit. When we are clear about who we are, that God's love in Christ has brought us together and is stronger than anything in all creation, then the steps going forward will fall into place through prayer and conversation with one another.

Yes, Hosanna faces some significant challenges and perhaps some tough decisions. Yet the love of God in Christ surrounds, upholds and fills our life together. With that promise and assurance from God we can boldly and freely face the future. And we can join with Paul in giving praise and glory to God:

***Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.***



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## NOTES & NEWS

Join the Hosanna Family  
in person at 9am & 10:30am  
Or watch on Facebook

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- Masks are now optional, but please continue to socially distance yourselves from other members.
- We have hand sanitizer at the door.
- We won't have coffee in the Narthex.
- The Nursery will not be open.
- 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 take place during the service with one line. Please follow ushers instructions as they dismiss each row.



**Food Drive Information on page 3**

# august 2021

## Church Calendar

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

- August 1: 9am Service  
10:30am Service
- August 2: Hosanna Hot Meals  
Hosanna FAITH
- August 4: JOY Group Meeting
- August 6: Hosanna Leadership Retreat
- August 7: Hosanna Leadership Retreat
- August 8: 9am Service  
10:30am Service
- August 9: Hosanna Hot Meals  
Hosanna FAITH
- August 14: Mandeville XC Carwash at Hosanna
- August 15: 9am Service  
10:30am Service
- August 16: Hosanna Hot Meals  
Hosanna FAITH
- August 18: JOY Group Meeting
- August 22: 9am Service  
10:30am Service
- August 23: Hosanna Hot Meals  
Hosanna FAITH
- August 29: 9am Service  
10:30am Service
- August 30: Hosanna Hot Meals  
Hosanna FAITH

Check out Facebook for updates  
and events added to the calendar

# Hosanna Highlights

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PASTOR JERRY AND ANITA MANSHOLT WILL BE OUT OF TOWN JULY 27-AUGUST 5 IF PASTORAL SERVICES ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.



**Food Drive** SAMARITAN CENTER

Collection begins Sunday, July 25 through August 15 for The Samaritan Center as a Thrivent Action Team Project

Donations of the following items are needed:

- Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce
- 100% Juice (shelf stable, big bottles or individual servings)
- Potatoes (instant, canned or fresh)
- Meal Mixes (Tuna / Hamburger Helper, Zatarain's, Rice/Pasta Roni etc.)
- Milk, Shelf Stable (boxed UHT, evaporated or powdered)

### Treats for Troops

"Huge thank you to everyone who participated and made **treats for troops** a success. **Over 400 items were collected and donated** to Operation We Care in Mandeville. I look forward to completing my Gold Award project soon. Again, thank you for your support." -Lena Gunn





### FOOD DRIVE FOR SAMARITAN CENTER FOOD BANK

Through Thrivent Financial's Action Team program, Carl & Sharon Hilt, are sponsoring a summer food drive for the Samaritan Center Food Bank in Mandeville. The food drive is to assist in replenishing the food bank's inventory.

#### Donations of the following items are needed:

- Spaghetti / Pasta Sauce
- 100% Juice (shelf stable, big bottles or individual servings)
- Potatoes (instant, canned or fresh)
- Meal Mixes (Tuna / Hamburger Helper, Rice/Pasta Roni, Stove Top Stuffing, etc.)
- Milk, Shelf Stable (boxed UHT, evaporated or powdered)

There will be a drop box in the lobby area at Hosanna for your donations for two Sundays, July 25 & August 15. In addition, as Thrivent members through the Action Team program the Hilt's have \$250 to purchase additional above mentioned food items. Let's reach out and help those in our area that are less fortunate and are dealing with a life crisis.

The Food Bank is supported by local food drives held by individuals, schools, civic organizations and businesses, as well as monetary donations and Second Harvest donations.

The Food Bank is managed and operated by a handful of employees and hundreds of loyal and dedicated volunteers who serve in various roles such as: sorting, packing and distributing food to recipients; providing pick-ups for food donations; providing office support; and assisting with special events and food drives throughout the year.

Thanks for taking time to care.

For additional information, please contact Carl or Sharon Hilt at 985-287-1387 or 985-287-1388.

### HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We will be having in person and online discussion August 11 at 6:00 PM Be sure to join us!

**TEN WORDS TO LIVE BY** BY JEN WILKIN

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

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

### THE FAITH GARDEN IS G R O W I N G!!!!

THE FAITH GARDEN TEAM MEETS **MONDAYS AT 4:30PM.** WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR TEAM!!!



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

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER OR STOP ON BY MONDAY EVENINGS!

# Hosanna Highlights

**Grace Schneider**  
Office Manager



**Nicole Gunn**  
Bookkeeper/Assistant



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

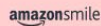
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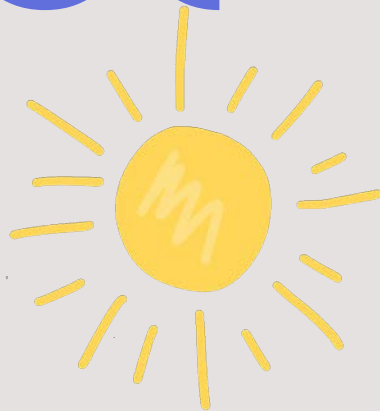
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**We are on YouVersion Bible app: Get the YouVersion Bible App on your phone to follow along with Pastor's message each Sunday. Download the app, select 'More' in the bottom right corner, then select 'Events'!**

### Online Resources

- [ONLINE COMMUNITY](#)
- [Online Church Calendar](#)
- [Find a Group List](#)
- [Online Directory \(Log in required\)](#)
- [Online Giving](#)
- [Register for Events or Classes](#)

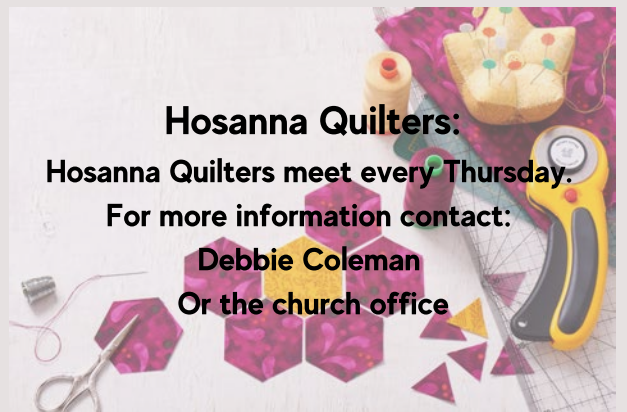


### Hosanna Quilters:

Hosanna Quilters meet every Thursday.

For more information contact:

**Debbie Coleman**  
Or the church office



## 3 Ways to Give



**ONLINE**

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Click "Give" on right side



**MAIL**

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To submit prayer requests **CLICK HERE:**



**Director:**  
**Marilyn Boudreaux**  
**(985) 624-5525**



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**Registration is still on going for the  
2021-2022 School Year!  
Call the Preschool office for further details♥**



**BACK  
TO  
SCHOOL**

**We'll see you September 7th for  
the First Day of School!!**

Questions before the first day? Give us a call!



**Thank you to  
everyone who  
participated in  
summer camp!  
We had so much  
fun!!**





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# Church Council

See end of newsletter for council meeting minutes.



Augusts Council  
 article written by  
**Amanda Watson**

## 2021-2022 Council Members:

- Rob Rhea- President**
- Marc Reed- Vice President**
- Doug Burbank- Treasurer**
- Rachael Moore- Secretary**
- George Michell- Worship**
- Steve Beene- Ministry**
- Charles Stone- Fellowship**
- Amanda Watson- Evangelism**
- Nathan Hoffman- Discipleship**

I have a confession. I don't always read the church newsletter and have only recently started. Sitting at one of my first council meetings, I asked about the results of one of our previous surveys and learned that a summary of those results had been published in one of the monthly newsletters. So, I started reading the newsletters more regularly. After talking with a few church members though, I realized I wasn't alone in not reading it. Consequently, this feels like a good opportunity to remind everyone of what the newsletter includes and why you should look at it.

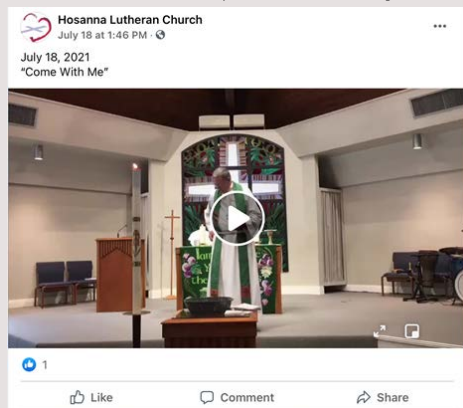
If you've been feeling disconnected from church information, the monthly newsletter is a great way to stay informed. Not only does it include what is going on at church, but every month the pastor and church council submit articles to help communicate important insights. For example, Pastor Jerry's articles usually cover topics that address Hosanna's period of transition. At the very end of the newsletter, the church council meeting minutes are included. Marilyn Boudreaux, the preschool director, also submits monthly updates.

Starting in August, articles from the newsletter will be shared through Facebook. This is a great opportunity to share with your friends and family what's happening here at Hosanna. To ensure you see Hosanna's posts on your Facebook feed, make sure you like the Hosanna's Facebook page (Fig. 1).



Fig 1. Like Hosanna Lutheran Church's Facebook Page by clicking the thumbs up symbol.

Then, anytime Hosanna posts about our ministries, a Sunday worship service, activities, etc. like that post and share it (Fig. 2)! This is a great way for the entire church to be a part of the Evangelism team with just a few clicks.



In August we will begin planning our annual October Trunk or Treat! We hope for greater collaboration between the church and preschool this year with preschool parents helping to plan the event in addition to our church members. If you are interested in helping, let Grace Schneider know and she can connect you!

Lastly, at the council meetings, Pastor Jerry has been the leading us through the book A Field Guide for the Missional Congregation. The book emphasizes the importance of prayerful, spiritually-led church leaders. We talk about discovering God's purpose for Hosanna and moving toward a future that fulfills that purpose. So, while I have several ideas in which to grow the evangelism ministry area, I've put them on the back burner for now to see where God leads us. They will be there when the time is right.

Fig 2. Like and Share to spread the Good News!

# August Birthdays

Aug 1	Sean Moore	Aug 15	Brenda Tolley
Aug 2	Christian Clark	Aug 16	Byron Putnam
Aug 3	Ashley Burbank	Aug 18	Catherine Buchholz
Aug 4	Chris Pettus	Aug 19	Don Provo
Aug 5	Janice Ouber	Aug 19	Bill Miller
Aug 5	Alan Savoie	Aug 20	Roy Keenan
Aug 5	Greg Thompson	Aug 22	Bob Busfield
Aug 5	Cindy Brocklesby	Aug 23	Rachael Moore
Aug 5	Angela Griffitt	Aug 23	Rita Letellier
Aug 5	Mike Murphy	Aug 25	Jean Schulz
Aug 5	Gary Moskau	Aug 25	Karen Schindler
Aug 5	Yuki Naka	Aug 26	Lisa Beene
Aug 7	Cindy Nichols	Aug 28	Patti Soteropulos
Aug 12	Kelli Brown	Aug 31	Rick Peterson
Aug 12	Vicki Entzel	Aug 31	Kennie Schindler
Aug 14	John Ball	Aug 31	Martin Sirera
Aug 15	Barbara Wetekamm		

# August Anniversaries

Aug 4	Jamie & Colleen David	20 years
Aug 15	John & Debbie Coleman	50 years
Aug 24	Allen & Rita Dauterive	47 years
Aug 28	Dave & Julie Brown	39 years
Aug 27	Perry & Valarie Cole	38 years

**HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 21, 2021**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Rob Rhea.

Members Present: Rob Rhea, Nathan Hoffman, Marc Reed, Rachael Moore, Amanda Watson, Steve Beene (via Zoom), Pastor Jerry Mansholt, Charles Stone.

Members Absent: George Michell and Doug Burbank

Guest: Gayle Miller

Devotion: A devotion was led by Pastor Jerry based on Matthew 18:1-14.

Approval of Minutes: Moved (Marc), seconded (Amanda), and carried minutes from May 17, 2021, be approved as written.

Guest Presentation Regarding Pre-School Task Force Meetings: The task force has been reviewing what the pre-school provides to students using the document published by the ELEA Ministry to the Congregation: Self Study of Ministry and Relationships. Gayle reported that there are many positives that the school brings to the pre-school children and families: A big Christian commitment, Academically sound instruction covering physical, cognitive and affective learning experiences, Financially self-supportive, Positive ministry to children and families.

Questions have arisen within the school about where and how it fits in the Hosanna congregation. Some concerns voiced by the council are related to governance of the school, functions of the board members (sound oversight vs. blanket agreement with director), financial accountability to self and to the congregation, clear delineation of the reporting structure with regards to the church, all operational functions unclear.

Suggestions made by the council include: Place a Hosanna member on the school board; Have that person or the Director hold a place on the church council; Ensure that pre-school families feel welcome at Hosanna, receive newsletter, Hosanna Happenings, Facebook information; Possible look at offering before and after care if it would improve revenue stream and is needed for parents; Pastor sends a welcoming letter to the parents every August; School informs church about what activities pre-school is involved in requesting support as appropriate; Add item on registration forms regarding church affiliation of parents; Greater transparency in accounting practices, P&L accuracy, bank account status.

Pastor's Update: Report attached: Pastor noted the positive energy related to the Pre-school, FAITH Garden, Feeding Ministry, and Quilting Group. He recommends brainstorming with people in these groups and the congregation to identify possibilities for collaboration. He has noted a small number of people attending worship who are new to Hosanna or returning post-COVID.

A discussion was held about the proposed Leadership Retreat. His idea would be to have more people engaged in the planning process, acknowledging changes, reviewing our assets, opportunities, and experimentation with ideas. He would plan to use the process developed by Peggy Hahn at LEAD. It was suggested that possibly Peggy could lead the retreat. The purpose of the retreat would be to identify a new vision that will help us move forward, acknowledge loss of about 45 families and financial support of those families, look at our community and opportunities there, develop short term goals that encompass our 5 purpose areas.

Marc will contact Solomon Episcopal Conference Center about available dates.

**Purpose Area Updates:**

Evangelism: See Report.

Worship: See Report.

Fellowship: See Report. Charles to get a quote for main line water to be placed for using sprinklers to water the garden. He reports Fruit Tree Orchard is not operating in this area.

Discipleship: None.

Ministry: None.

Treasurer's Update: P&L and May Reconciliation available for review.

New Business: Scott Watson has requested \$1000.00 to finish out 6 additional garden boxes. Motion by Charles to provide money for this, seconded by Rachael. No discussion and motion carried.

Heidi Rhea has written a letter to request support from Hosanna for her cancer fundraising Oktoberfest. Motion by Marc to allow Heidi to use Hosanna resources to assist with advertisement. Seconded by Charles. Discussion regarding having a booth and assisting Heidi with fest as partner/sponsor. Nathan and Rachael volunteered to help. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Marc motioned meeting adjourn, Rachael seconded. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM. Pastor closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Rachael A. Moore