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Pastors Article

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"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going (Hebrews 11:8)."

On Sunday, August 22, Hosanna Lutheran Church voted to sell the church property by a vote of 64-2. As one person said to me afterwards, "this was a sad and hard day, but it was the right thing to do." There are lots of memories at this location and change is always hard. But selling the property seems to be a good stewardship decision for the future life and health of Hosanna Lutheran Church. Hosanna is in a tough place financially. The sale of the property, appraised at well over two million dollars, can give the congregation a strong financial base with which to redevelop itself and re-root itself in the life and mission of God.

Still there is a lot of uncertainty with this decision and the prospect of a lot of disruption in congregational life. We don't know just where all this will lead and how the congregation will be shaped by this decision.

I am reminded of the 11th chapter of Hebrews, a chapter extolling the virtue of faith. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith, we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen is made from things that are not visible (Hebrews 11:1-3)."

The chapter goes on to talk about Abraham and Sarah who traveled on a journey, uprooting their lives from Ur, moving from place to place until they came to the land of Canaan. Faith here is understood as trust in God's Promise. Abraham and Sarah trusted in God's Promise. They ventured forth in trust, putting one foot in front of the other in a journey the ending of which they could not see.

So Hosanna Lutheran Church is venturing forth now on a journey into a new future. We are also venturing forth with some ideas about who Hosanna is as a congregation and what we are called to do.

In early August twenty-six people participated in Hosanna's Leadership Retreat. From that retreat a new vision statement came forth. Hosanna is a people called to Love Like Jesus. As Christ's Body in the world today, we want the life and love of Jesus, the crucified and risen Servant of All, to be seen in the words and actions of Hosanna congregation.

Hosanna aspires to Love Like Jesus. These leaders also said they seek to grow the congregation through a deepened life of prayer, through nourishment in Word and sacraments, with a strong commitment to inclusivity so everyone is welcomed, with continued outreach with ministries in the community, and an openness to thinking creatively about being the church today.

Hosanna is at a crossroads. While the times are uncertain and the challenges real, the power belongs to God who has called the congregation into being through the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thus we can be hopeful, filled with expectation and excitement of where God might lead and how God might shape the congregation for its life and mission. Thus like Abraham and Sarah we venture forth trusting in Promise of God.

O God you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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NOTES & NEWS

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in person at 9am & 10:30am
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- Masks are now REQUIRED indoors until further notice.
- 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 UPDATE:** We have reverted back to "ToGo" Communion. On your way out of the service you may take a prepackaged communion set.



september 2021

Church Calendar

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

August 31:	Preschool Meet and Greet
September 1:	Preschool Meet and Greet
September 5:	9am Service 10:30am Service
September 6:	Office CLOSED for Labor Day NO Hosanna Hot Meals
September 7:	FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL!
September 12:	TEACHER INSTALLATION 9am Service 10:30am Service
September 13:	Hosanna Hot Meals FAITH Garden Meeting Executive Council Meeting
September 19:	9am Service 10:30am Service
September 20:	Hosanna Hot Meals FAITH Garden Meeting Church Council Meeting
September 27:	9am Service 10:30am Service
September 28:	Hosanna Hot Meals FAITH Garden Meeting

Check out Facebook for updates and events added to the calendar

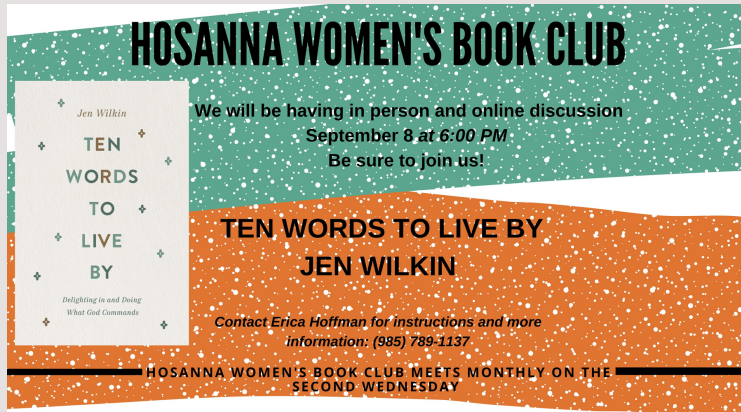
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Women's Book Club skipped last month. If you were behind in your reading there is now some time to catch up!



HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We will be having in person and online discussion
September 8 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



Food Drive
SAMARITAN CENTER

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Thrivent Financial sponsored food drive. Donations were very generous and were received by the food bank staff with much gratitude.
Thanks again! Carl & Sharon Hilt

Check out this excerpt from
an article being published in
"Edge of the Lake"



Trunk or Treat will take place mid- October!
We are looking for:
Candy Donations
Individuals who would like to decorate their car
Volunteers to help with event set up etc.



HOSANNA'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 16 5:30-7PM
ENTRANCE IS FREE
2480 HIGHWAY 190

CANDY, FOOD, GAMES, PHOTOBOOTH AND FUN!!

CONTACT THE OFFICE OR SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME DESK TO DECORATE YOUR CAR

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED



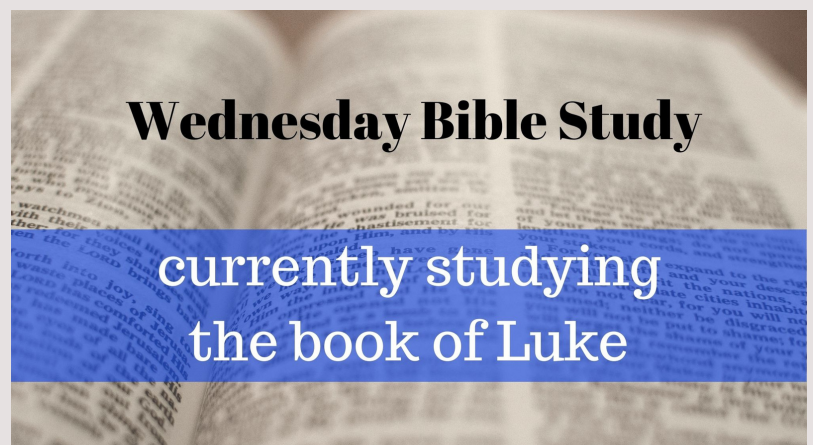
THE FAITH GARDEN IS G R O W I N G!!!!
THE FAITH GARDEN TEAM MEETS **MONDAYS AT 4:30PM.**
WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR TEAM!!!!

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

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

Hosanna Lutheran Church and Preschool is hosting its annual Trunk or Treat on October 16 from 5:30-7p. In addition to the traditional decorated car trunks where individuals and families hand out candy to "trunk or treaters", the event will include games, and a fall photo opportunity with food and drinks for purchase.

Trunk or Treat is open to the everyone in the community. This event also provides a great opportunity for current and former preschool families to visit with friends and teachers. Marilyn Boudreaux, Hosanna's Preschool Director, is looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying the evening together.



Wednesday Bible Study

currently studying
the book of Luke

Hosanna Highlights

Grace Schneider
Office Manager



Nicole Gunn
Bookkeeper/Assistant



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

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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'!

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



Online Resources

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

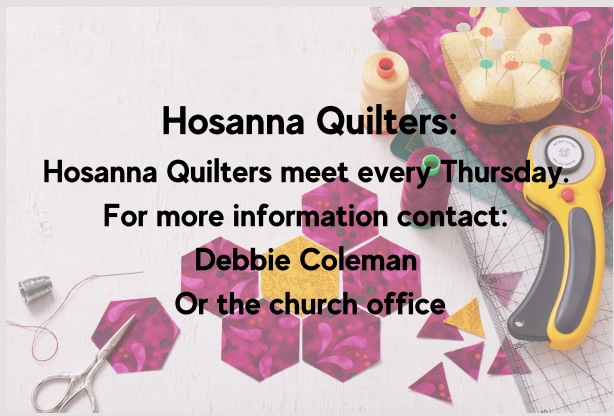


Hosanna Quilters:

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



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SMART GIVING

Text 'hosannalutheran'
to 77977

Online giving through Pushpay



To submit prayer requests **CLICK HERE:**



Director:
Marilyn Boudreaux
(985) 624-5525

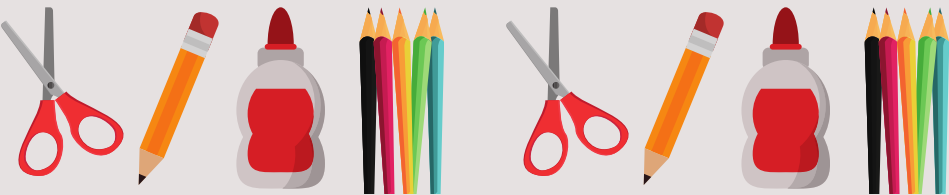
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**Registration is still on going for the
2021-2022 School Year!**

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!

**We've been working hard getting the classrooms ready for our
students arrival! The teachers can't wait to meet their kiddos.**



Meet and Greet:

Tuesday August 31 & Wednesday September 1
Meet and Greet info was sent home via mail!



**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.**



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Church Council

See end of newsletter for council meeting minutes.



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

Hosanna Lutheran worship has gone through a tremendous amount of changes this year. After finally opening back up to in-house services, we have gone from masks and pre-prepared communion cups to no masks and normal communion, and now back to masks and pre-prepared communion cups. And we have found our attendance down to less than 100 people attending. Although, it has a lot to do with COVID, we were declining before with internal turmoil within the church, as well as the new culture of not going to church in person. Now, the congregation must work to rebuild the attendance by providing reasons for people to attend. We have reached a big milestone in the church’s history by voting to sell the church’s property. My family went through a disaster of losing our home in a tornado. We rebuilt with a newer and better home. I mention this to let you know that a disaster doesn’t have to be an ending but can be a new beginning. We need to dig in our heels and work together to rebuild our attendance. We can do this with the help of God.

George Michell
Council - Worship

September Birthdays

Sep 1	Annie Batte
Sep 2	Jason Gray
Sep 3	Jessica Wetekamm
Sep 3	CJ Boynes
Sep 4	Nathan Hoffman
Sep 5	John Lyeki
Sep 8	Heather Putnam
Sep 8	Doug Burbank
Sep 9	Alex Torrey Douglass
Sep 9	Nicole Gunn

Sep 13	Gaynell Lyeki
Sep 15	Rob Rhea
Sep 15	Olivia Wetekamm
Sep 16	Sarah Kezar
Sep 19	Vanessa Russo
Sep 22	Claire Putnam
Sep 23	Audrey Anderson
Sep 25	Eric Campos
Sep 26	Trevor Colbert
Sep 27	Dan Maloy
Sep 27	Jamie David
Sep 28	D'Wanna Hanes
Sep 29	Kim Dauzat-Thompson

September Anniversaries

Sep 3	Robert & Gayle Francke	61 years
Sep 6	Alan & Katty LeVasseur	54 years
Sep 11	Bob & Mona Sparacello	50 years
Sep 17	Larry & Nicole Gunn	27 years
Sep 24	Bill & Gayle Miller	44 years
Sep 25	John & Gaynell Lyeki	56 years
Sep 28	John & Cathy Gomila	30 years
Sep 28	Harland & Marlene Johnson	58 years

**HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEEETING MINUTES**

July 19, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Rob Rhea.

Members Present: Rob Rhea, Marc Reed, Charles Stone, Rachael Moore, Amanda Watson, George Michell, Doug Burbank, Pastor Jerry Mansholt

Guest: Gayle Miller

Members Absent: Steve Beene, Nathan Hoffman

Devotion: A Responsive Prayer on Suffrages was led by Pastor Jerry.

Approval of Minutes: Moved and seconded that minutes of June, 21st be approved as written. An addition was added to the minutes as follows: While discussing the Pre-school Task Force work, it was suggested that a discount be provided to church members who have their child(ren) enrolled in the pre-school.

Motion to approved minutes was carried with the addition.

Pre-School Task Force Report: Summary attached. There are 5 areas of recommendations:

Mission and Ministry

Spiritual Formation

Governance: Corey Newman form ELEA was helpful to provide samples of this type of documents. The church will have to approve these when they are clarified and tailored for our Pre-school.

Administration

Finance: There will need to be reimbursement for building and utilities. Pre-school donation in the past to church has been \$3000 to \$5000 per month in the past, payable in December and January. This will be evaluated again based on the church's costs.

The council will follow up on these recommendation as directed by the president. The council thanked Gayle and Amanda for their hard work on the Task Force and preparing this report.

Pastor's Update: A report is attached. Update on the scheduled Retreat for August 6th and 7th at the Christ Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall. The retreat will begin at 6 pm Friday evening with a liturgical meal with a work session following. Saturday will begin at 8:30 am with discussions about aspirations and possibilities for the church in the morning session and looking at decision making in the afternoon session. The purpose of the retreat will be to help the congregational leadership look realistically at where we are now and discuss a way forward that can be shared with the congregation. Pastor gave out a list of members to whom invitations to the retreat were sent out (attached).

Purpose Area Updates: Worship: See attached report. George suggested he and Pastor discuss the flow of communicants to the distribution areas as there is some confusion about how people should approach. He will also need assistance with moving the stool with the basket as the distribution area changes.

Fellowship: Charles suggested organizing a picnic/tailgate/open house. The council suggested holding it later in September when the weather starts turning cooler.

Evangelism: See attached report.

Discipleship: Nathan met with Heidi Rhea about Hosanna's participation in the Oktoberfest, October 2nd. Hosanna will partner with Oktoberfest and have boards showing off the Hosanna Hot Meals and F.A.I.T.H. garden ministries. We will sponsor a pretzel booth to attract festival goers.

Ministry: No update.

Adjournment: With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Moore