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Pastors Article

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The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

I am delighted to report the Church Council has elected a Call Committee to begin the work of calling a pastor for Hosanna Lutheran Church. The Constitution states the Church Council shall elect 6 persons to serve on the Call Committee. Those six are: Brian Nichols, Louann Stone, Dana Reed, Erica Hoffman, George Michell and Jillian Garretti. I know we have elected people who see the larger picture, have a spiritual maturity about them, embody the trust of the congregation, and have the time and ability to commit to the responsibility. While the Call Committee has a lot of work to do in the coming weeks and months, they need the ongoing support, encouragement and prayers of the congregation.

These six will meet with Rev. Tracey Breashears Schultz, Bishop's Associate for Leadership, in early October to learn how the process works in the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod. Pastor Schultz will walk with the Call Committee throughout the process.

The first part of the Call Committee's work involves the preparing of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), something all ELCA congregations must do. The MSP includes community data, congregational input, the congregation's vision statement and mission objectives from the August Leadership Retreat, as well membership and finance data. After the MSP is completed and approved by the Church Council, then names of potential pastors are received and the interviewing process begins.

There is no set time frame for how long the call process may take. A timetable is not easily determined. I will say to you what I said to congregational call committees when I served as bishop. A call process is a spiritual journey and those that are most successful see the process not as one of "hiring a pastor" but a process of "calling one to serve." Following an established process, working with the bishop's office, consulting with the congregation leadership, being open to surprises along the way, and enfolding the whole process in prayer is more likely to ensure a good and healthy outcome.

The Sunday reading from James 5 recently was all about prayer. Christians are called to pray for the sick, for those who are suffering, to pray for forgiveness that souls may be healed, for good weather as Elijah once prayed for rain.

Jesus invites us to pray. In Luke 11 he says, "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." So we are invited to pray for the Call Committee as they do their work, that they be guided by the Holy Spirit, granted wisdom and counsel in their discernment, and given strength for the tasks ahead.

And we are encouraged to pray for Hosanna's Church Council as they seek to sell property, address financial realities, steward our ministries to a new day, and help the congregation be faithful to the mission to which we have been called.

And we are encouraged to pray for one another, that we not lose heart. Let us pray for young and old, for the sick and healthy, for members of old as well as for recent visitors.

Let us pray that we all be open to God's work among us and attentive to what God's Spirit may be doing. Ask, and it will be given to you. As I said in my most recent sermon, stay calm and stay focused. Stay on God's holy path. God will provide.

In Christ's love and peace,

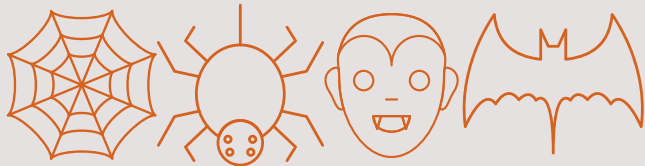
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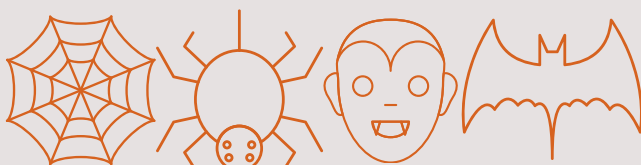
- Masks are now REQUIRED indoors until further notice.
- We have hand sanitizer at the door.
- The Nursery will not be open.
- Offering plates will be kept at the back of the Sanctuary rather than passed down each row.
- We will have music, but we will ask that the congregation not sing at this time.
- **Communion UPDATE:** We have reverted back to "ToGo" Communion. On your way out of the service you may take a prepackaged communion set.
- **Coffee hour will take place after the service.**

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Church Calendar

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

September 26	9:30AM Service
September 27	Hosanna Hot Meals
September 30	Preschool Meet and Greet
October 1	Preschool Meet and Greet
October 3	9:30AM Service
October 4	FRIST DAY OF PRESCHOOL (take 2) Hosanna Hot Meals
October 10	9:30AM Service Fellowship Sewing
October 11	Fellowship Sewing Executive Council Hosanna Hot Meals
October 16	TRUNK OR TREAT!!!!
October 17	9:30AM Service
October 18	Council Meeting Hosanna Hot Meals
October 24	9:30AM Service
October 25	Hosanna Hot Meals
October 31	9:30AM Service HALLOWEEN! Stay Safe!



Hosanna Highlights

Women's Book Club is making up their August book. If you haven't started reading, you have time! They will meet October 13 to discuss Ten Words to Live By.

HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We will be having in person and online discussion
OCTOBER 13 at 6:00 PM
Be sure to join us!

TEN WORDS TO LIVE 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

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



Trunk or Treat will take place OCTOBER 16th!

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

Hosanna Lutheran Church and Hosanna Preschool logos.

Wednesday Bible Study

currently studying
the book of Luke

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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.

FELLOWSHIP SEWING

October 10th & 11th

Ladies (and Gentlemen): Fellowship Sewing is a one time event for socializing while working on your personal sewing projects. The event will be held in the Hosanna Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 10th and Monday, October 11th. We will begin right after worship services Sunday and continue sewing on Monday. You will need to bring your own projects with sewing machine and all supplies needed. Bring a sack lunch. Fellowship provided! For more information, call Rachael Moore at 504-432-8541.



Have a sewing project you'd like to start or finish?
Come sew with friends October 10th and 11th!

Hosanna Highlights

Grace Schneider
Office Manager



Nicole Gunn
Bookkeeper/Assistant



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

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Lend your support while gearing up for school

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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.
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Online Resources

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[Online Church Calendar](#)
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[Online Directory \(Log in required\)](#)
[Online Giving](#)
[Register for Events or Classes](#)

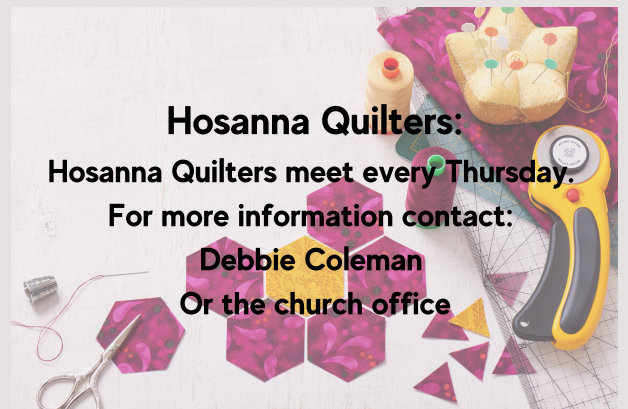


Hosanna Quilters:

Hosanna Quilters meet every Thursday.

For more information contact:

Debbie Coleman
Or the church office



3 Ways to Give



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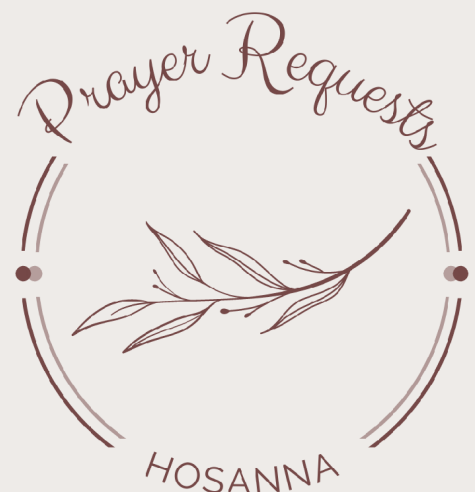
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To submit prayer requests **[CLICK HERE:](#)**



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

Call the Preschool office for further details♥



**We'll see you OCTOBER 4th for
the First Day of School!!**

Questions before the first day? Give us a call!

**Thank you for your patience as we recovered from Hurricane
IDA! PRE-K Classes are now located upstairs in the main part
of the building. Can't wait for you to see them!**

Out with the old.....



.....in with the NEW!!!!!



**We'd like to thank the volunteers who
helped move furniture upstairs, clear out
rooms and helped us create a space for our
PRE-K 4 kiddos! We are very appreciative!!**

Hosanna Christian Preschool

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FOR CANCER AWARENESS!

Our little school will be collecting change for cancer awareness during the month of October. We will donate all change collected to our own HLC Chemo-Care Bag Ministry, which supplies Chemo patients with handy, needed items, in a handmade bag, which is made by HLC members. These bags are very important to Cancer patients, as I have experienced this personally.

We will have a bottle out in each classroom for the children to put extra change into, and they can see how high the coins can reach to make a change for Cancer. This is a great way to show the children how a little change can go a long way, and help a person going through a difficult time. Once again, thank you for your continued support!



Many blessings,
Marilyn Boudreaux, Director



Meet and Greet:

Thursday September 31st and Friday October 1st
Meet and Greet info was sent home via mail!
It is the same as originally scheduled.



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.





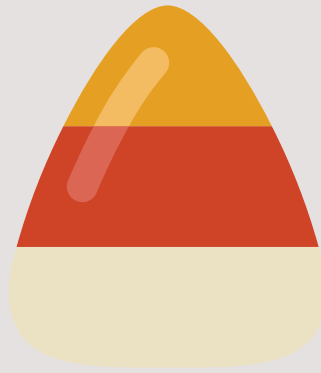
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Church Council

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

Call Committee Update:

The council has chosen a call committee and they will begin the call process in the coming weeks. You can find updates each month on this page in the newsletter, or contact one of the call committee members.

Those six are: Brian Nichols, Louann Stone, Dana Reed, Erica Hoffman, George Michell and Jillian Garretti



Volunteer Opportunities:

[Sign up for desserts here!](#)



There are always openings for volunteers here at Hosanna! If you are looking to get involved ask a council member or the office!



October Birthdays

Oct 2	Bryan Gowland	Oct 17	Myron Greenleaf
Oct 4	Barbara S. Reisig	Oct 19	Judy Willem
Oct 4	Maria Board	Oct 22	Joan Hoffman
Oct 5	Greg Weber	Oct 25	Barbara Reed
Oct 7	Ron Kilcrease	Oct 27	Patty Coulter
Oct 9	Jerry Schulz	Oct 28	Brooke Mehle
Oct 10	Linda Busfield	Oct 28	Brittany Mehle
Oct 10	Ron Entzel		
Oct 12	Gary Hanes		
Oct 14	Cecile Keenan		

October Anniversaries

Oct 6	Roy & Julie Honold	59 years
Oct 15	Brad & Marie Growden	26 years
Oct 23	Roy & Julie Dauzat	22 years
Oct 23	Jay & Shannon Bearden	22 years
Oct 27	Chris & Shelley Pettus	20 years

**HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 26, 2021**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Rob Rhea.

Members Present: Rob Rhea, George Michell, Amanda Watson, Charles Stone, Nathan Hoffman, Rachael Moore, Pastor Jerry Mansholt.

Members Absent: Steve Beene, Doug Burbank, Marc Reed

Special Meeting Agenda and Discussion:

10:30 Service: Charles moved that the 10:30 service be eliminated for now and the 9:00 service moved to 9:30. Amanda seconded. A discussion was held regarding the need for having some type of worship service in addition to the traditional worship service that we have been doing for both services. A caution was offered that we need to develop a more contemporary worship service that people would respond positively to. The loss of people the church has suffered is 90% of the people that worshiped at the 10:30 service and that's where we need to focus on bringing new worshipers into the church. Others agreed that a more non-traditional service is needed for 10:30 when it can be brought back. A vote was held, and the motion carried.

Pre-School Disposition/Church Sale: Nathan reported that he has been working on the pre-school and church P&L and they are not congruent. He continues to work toward resolution. He has discerned at this time that for the calendar year 2019 and for the current year, the preschool made and is on track to make \$20-25,000. This did not include any funds for operating costs for space (square footage used), utilities, or insurance which total approximately \$60,000 (provided by church). That leaves an approximate \$40,00 short fall in true operating costs for the school. Charles disagreed on this \$60K (cost per square foot) being relevant as it is a non-cost now and would continue to be a non-cost after a new building is bought/rented/built for HLC using NET proceeds from sale of property. Nathan noted that the church does not currently have an infrastructure to help fiscally manage the pre-school and recommends that we seek someone to absorb the pre-school.

The following points were discussed:

- We might be able to find a building for the school separate from where the church is located. They would need at least 2-3,000 square feet to continue operations. Purchasing this space would cost more for the church.
- In the leadership retreat, everyone agreed that we have a lot of gratitude toward the school and want to continue to support it.
- We must ask ourselves, "Does the church have the capacity to have a pre-school, claim it and do what is needed for the school and itself survive?"
- There has been a loss of 8-10 pre-school families because of the church going up for sale.
- How Hosanna handles the pre-school right now will have long term consequences. It needs to be a high priority for the church to resolve.
- Faculty and parents have lots of questions and will be meeting soon. Parents are coming in for meet and greet on September 1st.
- Upcoming Stewardship program might help with money to keep the school open.
- We should be committed to assisting the pre-school finish out this school year. Current pre-school numbers at 72, not 100.
- Since it takes longer to close a commercial sale, we have at least 90 to 120 days. A practical plan is needed to assist pre-school for the remainder of this school year if the building is sold and must be vacated before May. Conversations need to begin about how this can happen.
- It was noted that we need to decide to either keep or not keep the pre-school but find a location for the school until the end of the current year if we sell our building.
- Question came up, "Does this have to go before the congregation", i.e., pre-school no longer being a part of the church ministry? It was noted that we do not need a congregational vote. It is important that we remain transparent (communicate rationale and expense questions and concerns which affect Hosanna's vision and growth strategies) with our decisions, and it is important to take care of the pre-school. Our concern now must be for the current year and to help them find a place for the future as needed. How we handle the pre-school now will affect our overall church ministry.
- It was mentioned that a new pastor may or may not be supportive of a pre-school. It was noted that we will need a full-time pastor to help the church grow. George made a motion to financially subsidize to get the pre-school through the year. Before the motion was seconded Nathan noted that this does not solve the problem of whether the church should continue its relationship with the preschool and a vote to subsidize the preschool couldn't happen until the preschool relationship was decided. Rob suggested voting on whether to continue supporting the preschool before voting on financially subsidizing the preschool through the year. George withdrew the motion.
- Amanda made a motion not to continue to support the pre-school as a ministry and amended it to terminate the relationship by the end of this school year. Nathan seconded. Motion carried with 4 yes votes, 2 abstain, and 1 no vote.
- George made a motion that we financially subsidize the pre-school through the end of the school year if necessary. Motion seconded and carried with 2 abstentions.

Future Church Property for Hosanna: A discussion was held about where to locate after building sold – Abita, Madisonville, Mandeville – with the following discussion points:

- Need facilities and location for a youth program and attract young families.
- Location may affect some of our older members who continue to support the church. i.e., 9:00 worshippers.
- Building will need church office, outreach area (kitchen), sanctuary (up to 150 people), classroom(s) for nursery, small groups, and youth group. Rob will talk with realtor about needs. George has volunteered to look at facilities. Rachael and Charles may need to assist.

Other Business:

- Oktoberfest has been cancelled due to Covid.
- Trunk or Treat is October 16th.
- Back to Church/School Bash with Potluck and small groups generating interest on 9/19 or 9/26.
- Blessing of the Backpacks uncertain.
- Rob asked that council members not leak any of tonight's discussion out until Pastor Jerry and Nathan have a discussion with Marilyn. The goal is to help Marilyn understand the conversation we have had and assist her to move forward with this school year and future plans. Nathan will find out her availability and set up a meeting.
- 9:30 services will start Sept 5th, Labor Day weekend.

Adjournment: With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. Pastor Jerry closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachael Moore