



PASTORS ARTICLE

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Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again. Luke 24:5b-7

These are hard days. I write these words in early March just prior to our departure for a trip to the Holy Land. I do not know what the landscape will look like in Europe by the time you read these words. The military analyst on the radio said many will die this week in Ukraine as Russia increases its military onslaught.

Over 2 million people already have been displaced by the horrifying Russian invasion of Ukraine. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. We invite your offerings given here at Hosanna and earmarked for "LDR". Or you may give directly at elca.org.

In the midst of warfare and suffering we cling to the cross of Christ and the assurance of God's Easter victory. Luke tells us that Jesus was put to death by sinners. Rev. Tish Harrison Warren, an Episcopal priest has an opinion piece in the New York Times called, "We Are All Sinners, Accepting That Is A Good Thing (March 6, 2022)." She writes, "It can seem gentler and kinder to think of human beings as basically good, our intuitions basically correct and our motives basically pure. But then we run into the hard facts of greed, genocide, abuse, oppression, lies, tyranny, hatred, jealousy, violence, murder, enslavement and even mundane selfishness, impatience, arrogance or resentment in our own heart."

These days of warfare on European soil as well as political warfare in this country is evidence enough of the sinner-status of all humanity. We don't love God nor our neighbor as we ought. Rev. Warren quotes English author Francis Spufford who defines sin as "the human propensity to mess things up." Martin Luther used a Latin word to describe sin, *incurvatus se*, a life curved in upon itself.

Easter is about God's victory over all those forces that would defeat us--sin, death, and the power of the Devil. Easter says that Christ's death on the cross, his being handed over to the wiles of sinful humanity, was not in vain. God suffers with humanity on the cross, takes your sin and mine, your death and mine into his death on Good Friday. There on the cross he dies away all that would defeat us and rises on Easter morning in glorious resurrection victory.

As I marked the ashen cross on the foreheads of people coming for the Drive Through Ashes, I said, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return". Then I quickly added, "Christ the Life of all the Living, Christ the death of death our foe," this latter phrase from one of our cherished Lenten hymns.

In the midst of warfare and political upheaval, we sinners will gather in Holy Week and the Easter season to confess our sin and hear again the Easter Promise. Christ is risen from the dead. Baptized into his saving death and resurrection we too have arisen to a new life in Christ. We are children of God and by the power of God's very Spirit we will keep endeavoring to walk as children of God. We live strive to love God and our neighbor as we ought. We will show courage in the face of evil. We will advocate for the weak and vulnerable among us. We will confess our sin and strive to keep grace and mercy in our hearts. Or to say it another way, quoting a prophet of old, we shall strive to "...act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8)."

I look forward to seeing all of you upon our return from the Holy Land. Whatever the world might look like we shall rejoice in the salvation of our God. A blessed Holy Week and Easter to all of you.



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NOTES & NEWS

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Thank you to everyone who donated goods and money for the Ukrainian Refugee relief. I got this information about the status of the shipment which left Mandeville on Friday, March 18th bound initially for MacDill Air Force Base near Tampa.

"Yes, Supplies arrived safely in Krakow, Poland on Sunday March 20th. Our generous donations are being distributed. Some of the supplies were driven to the border, by my friend Caterina, where there are thousands of people waiting their turn to enter Poland, Romania, and Hungary. There was a drastic shortage of Baby Formula, Food and, Diapers. Our supplies were greeted by very thankful mothers. Everything we sent was exactly what was most needed. Amen Thank You, Again God Bless You"

Money donated is being sent to Lutheran World Relief. Please continue to pray for peace in the Ukraine and thanks to all who donated to the success of this endeavor.



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 UKRAINE**



2022

Church Calendar

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March 27	9:30am Service
March 28	Hosanna Hot Meals Hosanna FAITH
March 30	9am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
April 3	9:30am Service
April 4	Hosanna Hot Meals Hosanna FAITH
April 6	9am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am JOY in the Kitchen
April 10	9am PALM SUNDAY Service
April 11	Hosanna Hot Meals Hosanna FAITH
April 14	7pm MAUNDY THURSDAY Service
April 15	12pm GOOD FRIDAY Service
April 17	EASTER SUNDAY!! HE IS RISEN! 9am and 10:30am Services
April 18	NO Hosanna Hot Meals NO Hosanna FAITH
April 20	9am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am JOY in the Kitchen
April 24	9:30am Service
April 25	Hosanna Hot Meals Hosanna FAITH
April 27	9am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Hosanna Highlights

**MEALS ARE
EVERY
MONDAY!
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OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE!**

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Maundy Thursday
at Hosanna
7pm



Good Friday
At Hosanna
12PM



Easter
at Hosanna

Celebrate with us
at 9am & 10:30am



Hosanna Hot Meals

GRAB-N-GEAUX...
PICK UP DINNER
EVERY MONDAY: 4:00-5:00PM

Hosanna also supports food challenged families in the Mandeville and North Shore area partnering with **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR** Ministry delivering individual meals we supply.

WISH TO HELP?
SIGN UP TO PROVIDE DESSERT ITEMS, VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE KITCHEN KREWE OR DELIVER MEALS

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Hosanna Hot Meals is looking for desserts! If you can make or buy dessert for this ministry sign up with [THIS LINK!](#)



**Make or Buy Dessert
For Hosanna Hot Meals**

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



*Chemo Care
Bags*

Collecting items from April 15-May 15 in the Narthex. If you are interested in sewing bags, contact Linda Busfield: 985-789-7965

The following items are needed:

- Lemon or mint hard candies
- Journals
- Crossword or Suduko Puzzle Books
- Ladies Cozy or Men's Warm Socks
- Ladies head scarves or mens knitted hats
- Unscented Chapsticks
- Unscented hand lotions (aloe is ok)

We hope to see everyone at our Holy Week services! Volunteer opportunities at every service. Contact George Michell or the office if you'd like to serve.

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Grace Schneider
Office Manager



Nicole Gunn
Bookkeeper/Assistant



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

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Hosanna Quilters meet every Thursday.

For more information contact:

Debbie Coleman
Or the church office

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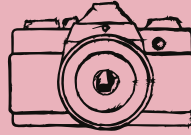
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Spring class pictures are March 30 and 31.



Easter parties are April 7 and 8



Spring break is April 11- April 19.
Return to school on April 20.



Science
experiment
making
volcanoes



Mardi Gras parade, Dr. Suess Day,
St. Patrick's Day

The Leprechaun left gold on the playground



Thank you for years of support through Community Coffee labels! We will no longer be collecting them for 2022. We greatly appreciate each and every person who has taken the time to cut the labels and bring them to Hosanna!!





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CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes below.

2022-23 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Rob Rhea- President
Bob Busfield- Vice President
Nathan Hoffman- Treasurer
Rachael Moore- Secretary

HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 17, 2022

2022-2023 Council Members:

Steve Beene
Bob Busfield- Vice President
Marie Growden
Nathan Hoffman- Treasurer
George Michell
Rachael Moore- Secretary
Marc Reed
Rob Rhea- President
Charles Stone

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Rob Rhea.

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

Members Absent: Steve Beene, Nathan Hoffman

Devotion: The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Jerry.

Approval of Minutes: Doug moved, and Marc seconded that minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Property Search Report: Rachael presented a spreadsheet with options for moving the church as of June 1st. See attached. A discussion was held. The council agrees that we should conserve funds as much as possible and continue to pursue a partnership with Covington Presbyterian Church. The Covington Presbyterian Session will meet Monday, 2/21/22 and will vote to move forward with relationship with Hosanna. After that vote, we will plan to meet with them to work out details of the relationship. Pastor will continue to explore additional options with other clergy in the area.

Nominating Team Report: Rachael reports that the slate for election of officers and Nominating Team is not yet complete. We are still looking for 1 nominee for council and 1 for Nominating Team.

Investment of Property Sale Funds: All council members were individually polled, and it was decided that Hosanna would work with Thrivent to invest funds from the sale of the church property.

Pastor's Update: Pastor will be leaving for his trip to the Holy Land on March 11th. He has arranged pastors to cover the service on both March 13th and 20th. He will be back for service on March 27th. Pastor reports that he is prepared to continue his interim work at Hosanna through April. He is expecting that Hosanna will have a pastor by that time. He will adjust his departure date as needed.

Pastor has ordered devotion books for congregants for Lent. There will not be midweek Lent services since he will be gone for 3 of the Wednesdays in Lent. He is making plans for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

Redevelopment: George has been in contact with Pastor Markert. He is interviewing potential candidates. None identified thus far.

Treasurer's Update: Doug is working on a budget to present to the congregation at the March 6th meeting. Charles has developed a spreadsheet to show 2021 P&L deficit that does not include PPP, preschool donation, and insurance payout post Ida. Doug will review.

Adjournment: With no other business, George moved, and Marc seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachael Moore

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Zachary Wetekamm

Apr 11

Brittany Bennett

Apr 12

Sandy Nieto

Apr 16

Sylvia Wallace

Apr 19

Donna Lacoste

Apr 29

Jeanette Mayo

Apr 30

Morgan Growden

Apr 30



April Anniversaries

Don & Sue Provo

Apr 9

56 years

Myron & Lisa Greenleaf

Apr 14

38 years

Danny & Jillian Garretti

Apr 14

5 years

Steve & Janis Mayfield

Apr 15

44 years

Mike & Mandy Slye

Apr 28

21 years

