

Pastors Article
Written by Pastor Gerald Mansholt

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Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

(I Thessalonians 1-3)

When I arrived in Mandeville the third week of January in 2021, I had no idea how this interim ministry would develop or how long our time among you would last. Fifteen months later a lot has happened, major decisions have been made, and the time has come for Anita and me to return to our home in Appleton, Wisconsin.

My work as interim pastor has come to an end. On May 1 I will preach my last sermon here and we will say our good-byes. We will miss all of you greatly and we are so thankful God brought us together and blessed us so richly.

We are eager to return to our Wisconsin home, that is true. But we will love and cherish the memories of our time with the good people of Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mandeville. It has been a rich and memorable year as the congregation came to terms with its past, assessed the realities of the present, and began to map out a new future. Where God will lead in all this and how God will continue to shape the congregation remains to be seen. But we can trust that God in God's love and faithfulness will continue to be at work among you.

As Paul was grateful for the people in the congregation in Thessalonika, so we have grown to love and cherish all of you. We shall remember you in our prayers as Hosanna ventures forth into a new chapter of its life and mission. And we will remember your many works of faith, labors of love, and your steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ's love and peace,

Pastor Jerry Mansholt





Notes & News

JOIN THE HOSANNA FAMILY AT 9:30AM OR WATCH ON FACEBOOK WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HLCPAGE

### Have you heard?



Beginning June 1st Hosanna will be nesting at Covington Presbyterian.

Our new address is: 222 S. Jefferson Avenue, Covington, LA 70433.

Our new mailing address will be announced before the end of May. It will be a PO Box.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to one of Hosanna's council members.

Our first Sunday at Covington Presbyterian



If you would like to help pack and organize please contact the office!

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Church Calendar Click HERE for the online church calendar

April 29 Prep for YARD SALE- 1:30pm

April 30 YARD SALE- 8am-1pm

May 1 9:30am Sunday Service

> Marilyn Boudreaux Retirement Bash Pastor Jerry and Anita's last Sunday

May 2 Hosanna Hot Meals Hosanna FAITH

May 4 9am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10am JOY in the Kitchen

May 8 9:30am Sunday Service-

led by Brother Chris Markert

10:30am Potential New Pastor Meet and

Greet

MOTHERS DAY!!!!

May 9 Hosanna Hot Meals

Hosanna FAITH

May 11 9am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

May 15 9:30am Sunday Service

May 16 Hosanna Hot Meals @ 222 S. Jefferson Ave.

Hosanna FAITH

May 18 9am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

> 10am JOY in the Kitchen PRESCHOOL GRADUATION!!

FISH FRY @ COVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN 6pm

May 22 9:30am FINAL Sunday Service at current

location

May 23 Hosanna Hot Meals @ 222 S. Jefferson Ave.

Hosanna FAITH

May 23-27 **MOVING WEEK!!!** 

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Meals are every Monday! Volunteer opportunities available!

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## **IMPORTANT**

### Information regarding the Call Process for Hosanna!

Pastor Candis "Candy" O'Meara is currently under consideration to be called to Hosanna as our re-development pastor. This means she will be called by the Gulf Coast Synod of ELCA to serve Hosanna for a minimum of 3 years. During this time most of her energy will be spent trying to reach into our community to discern ministries that will further the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She is called to "Shepherd" Hosanna through our transition phase and assist us to search for the answers we need to move forward after the sale of our church property.

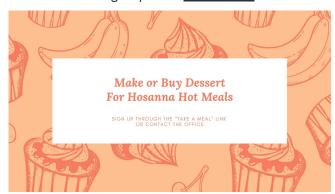
Pastor Candy received her Master of Divinity degree in 2001. She has served as a Pastoral Intern, followed by two 7-year Pastoral assignments in Chilhowie, VA and LaGrange, TX. She is currently serving as an Interim Pastor in the Shared Ministry Program of 4 ELCA congregations in rural Fayette County, TX. Prior to this, she joined the Air Force at 18 years old and served 10 years in administration as enlisted and 10 years as a finance officer. She has lived all over the United States as a child in a military family and has lived extensively worldwide in her own military career, being deployed during her military service.

She professes that she loves leading worship and preaching, involving as many lay people in the process as will step forward. She believes working with others makes us stronger Christians and seeks opportunities to work with ecumenical partners. She takes comfort in the presence of God, particularly in difficult situations when God may seem distant. She believes her most prominent strength is pastoral care that God's love is unconditional, that He wants a relationship with each of us and wants us to be in Christian relationships with each other. She has a wealth of experiences including working with a large youth group, serving as Chaplain for the LaGrange Police Department, pastoral care through COVID 19 to her membership and reaching out to others who have not attended worship in a long time. She is energetic and wants to share her enthusiasm for the Gospel, helping others to make a difference.

Pastor Candy will be visiting Mandeville/Covington May 7th and 8th. She will meet with church staff, church membership, council, and Pastor Jeff Sims from Covington Presbyterian Church. She will be leading worship on May 8th and there will be an opportunity to meet with her after the service. There will also be time for her to tour and get a feel for the area. Please make every effort to be in church May 8th so we can all get to meet and welcome Pastor Candy.



Hosanna Hot Meals is looking for desserts! If you can make or buy dessert for this ministry sign up with <u>THIS LINK!</u>





### The following items are needed:

- Lemon or mint hard candies
- Journals
- Crossword or Suduko Puggle Books
- Ladies Cogy or Men's Warm Socks
- Ladies head scarves or mens knitted hats
- Unscented Chapsticks
- Unscented hand lotions (aloe is ok) Page 3



GRACE SCHNEIDER OFFICE MANAGER NICOLE GUNN BOOKKEEPER/ASSISTANT





OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30AM-1:30PM





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# Let the office know if you plan to attend!



## Online Resources

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



# GET TO SKNOW YOU

FISH FRY AT COVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN!

Wednesday, May 18th at 6pm 222 S. Jefferson Ave. Covington, LA 70433

Come get to know the members of Covington Presbyterian and see our new location. Put on by Hosanna Hot Meals!



## Hosanna Quilters:

WILL CONTINUE TO MEET AFTER OUR
MOVE IN JUNE! FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT TIME AND RIDES CONTACT THE
OFFICE OR DEBBIE COLEMAN











Dear Hosanna,

I have been blessed as a teacher and a director with over 20 years of memories with all the children and families that have passed through our doors, and it is not easy to leave a place to which I am so deeply devoted. The time has now come for me to look in a new direction and see where the future takes me. With that said, I have led the preschool to their new future, and it is up to them with the knowledge I have given them to move forward. I have the confidence in our staff and the ministry that this will happen.

Tara Boynes will become the new Director of New Beginnings Preschool; she has worked closely with me for 8 years out of my 14 years as director in the office and I believe she will be a wonderful director.

I want to thank our incredible team of teachers, office staff and the school board for supporting me and our school all these years and most importantly the parents who have entrusted us with their most precious gift. It has been a privilege to watch the children grow and learn. I will always be proud of my time spent at Hosanna helping and shape the minds of tomorrows leaders and encouraging children to love to learn. I will cherish all my memories made while at Hosanna.

Thank you, Marilyn D Boudreaux





THANK YOU Thank you Mrs. Boudreaux for your many years of service to Hosanna! You will be sorely missed by your students, staff and the Hosanna Church members!

Hosanna Christian Preschool's legacy continues on! Hosanna Lutheran Church was unable to move forward and continue the ministry of the Preschool. But we are so happy to announce Hosanna Christian Preschools name and location change to **New Beginnings Church Connection Preschool!!** Same teachers, same great curriculum. We hope to see many of our students at the new location this September!



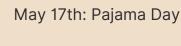


## Lots Going on in MAY!

May 6: Mother's Day celebrations

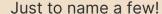


May 12 & 13 Water Days





May 18th: Pre-K Step Up Program LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!





If you missed the Preschool Art show in March, here are some highlights!







































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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: MARCH 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 6:00 PM by Rob Rhea.

Members Present: Rob Rhea, George Michell, Rachael Moore, Charles Stone, Nathan Hoffman, Marc Reed, Bob Busfield, and Marie Growden.

Members Absent: Steve Beene and Pastor Jerry Mansholt.

**Devotion:** An opening prayer was offered by Rachael Moore.

**Election of the 2022-23 Executive Committee:** Rob indicated that we would have open discussion about officers and election proceed. If there was any opposition, he would encourage a secret ballot. Everyone agreed to this method.

Rob volunteered to remain President. No opposition. Marc can no longer continue to serve as Vice President. Bob volunteered. There was no opposition. A vote was taken, and Bob was elected. Nathan was nominated for Treasurer by Marie, George seconded. Nathan indicated acceptance. A unanimous vote followed, and Nathan was elected Treasurer. Rachael volunteered to remain Secretary. No opposition. George moved that officers be installed by council vote, Marie seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote followed.

**Re-development Pastoral Candidate:** George reported that the previously submitted questions (for the first candidate who was never interviewed) have been modified and will be used to interview Pastor Candis O'Meara. The initial interview will take place via zoom next week (Tuesday if Pastor Candy and Pastor Chris Markert are available). The interview will be moderated by Nathan and Council members and Call committee will be invited to attend. The interview will be limited to 2 hours. George will arrange zoom call after date confirmed and he will send out questions to Hosanna participants.

Pre-school Status: New Beginnings Church has offered to take in Hosanna Pre-School. It is planned that Tara will move into Marilyn's director position when she retires at the end of this school year. Pre-school staff wants to know what they can take with them to new location. It was generally agreed that they can take what they have been using to run the pre-school. Expenses were presented for the pre-school for the summer (see attached). Marilyn Boudreaux wants to know if Hosanna is willing to give them funds from the pre-school savings account to bridge expenses from June to September when school resumes. The pre-school currently has approximately \$75K in the bank. Pre-school has not given Hosanna any donation for this past year which helps cover school expenses incurred by the church (2021). Typical donation is \$50K per year. It was noted that prior to COVID, the pre-school was profitable. It was noted that Hosanna needs to get a letter of intent from the pastor at New Beginnings about taking on the pre-school. Marc made a motion to give the pre-school \$25K to keep operational from June to August and to help with their physical move to New Beginnings contingent on the pre-school acceptance letter from the New Beginnings pastor. George seconded. Discussion included that funds should be paid out as expenses occur and not as a lump sum. Marc amended his motion to include that expenses would be paid out as they occur up to the \$25K. George seconded. Motion passed.

**Investment of Funds from Church Sale:** New council members were informed that a previous decision was made by the council to invest funds from the property sale with Thrivent. Terry King will handle the account. Documents will need to be signed. Rob suggested 3 members for the investment committee to handle the investments for the next 3 years. He proposed Doug Burbank, Nathan, and Marc.

#### Rob reviewed the financials of the sale:

Sale Price: \$2,300,000

Field Church Finance: \$230,000 - to be re-paid to Hosanna (after 5 years)

Realtor Fees: \$92,000

Loan repayment, current property: \$225,000 Immediate Net Proceeds: \$1,753,000

**Move/Storage Needs:** A discussion was held about storage needs for the move. The biggest item to store would be the sanctuary chairs. It is possible the chairs might be needed by a sister congregation in LaPlace. George will investigate the cost of chair replacement (275 chairs).

Doug and Bob will evaluate what storage needs will be for HIS Ministry tools.

Rob will organize the move. Pastor and Grace will evaluate room to room when he returns from the Holy Land trip.

Adjournment: George moved the meeting be adjourned. Marc seconded. With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Moore

# May Birthdays

MAY 3	LARRY GUNN	MAY 17	WAYNE WELLS
MAY 4	TARA BREMOND	MAY 19	KAYLA BENNETT
MAY 4	MELANIE WETEKAMM	MAY 22	JULIE DAUZAT
MAY 4	JACKSON NIETO	MAY 23	DEBORAH BETTENCOURTT
MAY 11	CINDY BROCKLESBY	MAY 24	TAMMY MEYER
MAY 11	VALARIE COLE	MAY 24	DEBBIE COLEMAN
MAY 12	DESIREE BILD	MAY 27	DAR BARKE
MAY 13	PHYLLIS GIFFIN	MAY 30	KIMBERLY MICHELL
MAY 13	PHYLLIS MELKILD		

## May Anniversaries

MAY 17	GARY & D'WANNA HANES	37 YEARS
MAY 21	RON & JANET CLARK	40 YEARS
MAY 26	ALLEN & SANDY SANDERS	10 YEARS
MAY 28	JOSH & KATY SOONG	11 YEARS