

Hosanna Lutheran Church

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# Pastor article

Written by Pastor Candy O'Meara

The season of Advent is upon us, a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. As we light the candles on our Advent wreath, let's allow the flickering flames to remind us of the hope that Christ's arrival brings into our lives. This Advent season we are asking the important and timely question, "How does a weary world rejoice?". Each week we will explore responses to this question:

We acknowledge our weariness.

·We find joy in connection.

·We allow ourselves to be amazed.

·We sing stories of hope.

We are also beginning a mid-week advent series following this topic. A free meal will be provided each week and everyone is encouraged to come and bring a friend. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 6pm. If you are unable to come, we invite your prayers that this will meet the needs of those who can.

Remember, our Sunday worship services are livestreamed on Facebook. If you are traveling or are otherwise unable to attend, hopefully this is an option. If not, use the opportunity to attend a service wherever you are traveling.

In whatever you do and wherever you go, remember that even in a weary world, there are still opportunities to rejoice. Look for signs of hope, peace, and love. There you will find true joy!

Blessings to you this Advent season.

Pastor Candy



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## Notes & News

Join the Hosanna Family  
at 9:00AM

Or watch on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/hlcpage](http://www.facebook.com/hlcpage)

More events may be added throughout the month. Check Hosanna Happenings emails, Sunday slides or Facebook for an updated list of events.

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



## REDEVELOPMENT

The Redevelopment Team meets every Tuesday at 6 PM

The team consist of: Pastor Candy O'Meara  
Pastor Jeff Sims  
Pastor Katie Glass  
Donna Hoblack  
Monica Growden  
Brian Nichols  
George Michell  
Rob Rhea



# December 2023

CPC's Presbyterian Christmas Luncheon	Dec 2
9am Sunday Service/Communion @ 9 am Bible Study after the service	Dec 3
Hosanna Hot Meals @ 222 South Jefferson Avenue	Dec 4
Redevelopment Team Meeting @ 6 pm	Dec 5
Quilters 9am-12pm in Fellowship Hall	Dec 7
Property Brothers @ 8 am	Dec 9
Sunday Service/Communion @ 9 AM Bible Study after the service CPC's Worship Service & Christmas Cantata @ 11 AM Lunch in the Fellowship Hall following Worship	Dec 10
Hosanna Hot Meals @ 222 South Jefferson Avenue	Dec 11
Redevelopment Team Meeting @ 6 pm	Dec 12
Quilters 9am-12pm in Fellowship Hall	Dec 14
Property Brothers @ 8 am	Dec 16
9am Sunday Service/Communion Bible Study after the service	Dec 17
Hosanna Hot Meals @ 222 South Jefferson Ave.	Dec 18
Redevelopment Team Meeting @ 6pm	Dec 19
Property Brothers @ 8 am	Dec 23
Sunday (Christmas Eve) Service/Communion Bible Study after the service Joint service with CPC @ 6 pm	Dec 24
Redevelopment Team Meeting @ 6 pm	Dec 26
Quilters 9am-12pm in Fellowship Hall	Dec 28
Property Brothers @ 8 am	Dec 30

# Hosanna Highlights

**Office Manager**

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Thank you Hosanna, CPC members, and Thrivent Financial (they provided funding for the baskets) for your generosity. Twenty one families had a nicer Thanksgiving Dinner because you cared to share. Since we had more volunteers than baskets, we will sign up to provide 25 baskets next year!

Linda



## Hosanna Quilters:

Quilters meet every Thursday from 8:30 am-12pm in the Fellowship Hall @ 222 S. Jefferson Avenue.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Coleman or the office



I would like to start putting relevant (and fun) pictures in our newsletter. Please send us your pics, selfies, etc. taken at HLC or their activities. If you email us the pictures of yourself, we will assume you are okay with the publication of those pictures. If pictures of children are included, we will need permission of their parents to publish. You may send the pictures to [officemanager@hosannalutheran.com](mailto:officemanager@hosannalutheran.com).

**Hosanna Hot Meals**

**GRAB-N-GEAUX... PICK UP DINNER EVERY MONDAY: 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

*Serving those with food insecurities in St. Tammany Parish. Pick up and delivery available every Monday. We couldn't do this ministry without our partners: Covington Presbyterian Church and Just Love Your Neighbor!*

**WISH TO HELP?**  
WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS OF ALL TYPES: FOOD PREP, FOOD PACKAGING, DRIVERS, CLEANERS. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP!

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**Hosanna Hot Meals**

**NOTICE:**  
**NO MEALS MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST**  
**ENJOY THE DAY WITH YOUR FAMILY.**

**GRAB-N-GEAUX... PICK UP DINNER EVERY MONDAY: 3:00-4:00PM**

**WISH TO HELP?**  
SIGN UP TO PROVIDE DESSERT ITEMS, VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE KITCHEN CREW OR DELIVER MEALS. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. WE NOW SERVE APPROXIMATELY 200 MEALS!

222 South Jefferson Avenue, Covington, LA 70433



Bob & Linda Busfield	Dec 27th	54 years
Yuki & Cynthia Naka	Dec 27th	37 years
David & Mable Rees	Dec 29th	10 years



Alan LeVasseur	Dec 2nd
Steven Michell	Dec 6th
Janet Michell	Dec 9th
Janis Mayfield	Dec 10th
George Michell	Dec 10th
Bill Wallace	Dec 12th
George Francke	Dec 15th
Maxine Eiserloh	Dec 17th
Carol Torrey	Dec 18th
Joe Brocklesby	Dec 21st
Loanne Ibele	Dec 31st

If your anniversary or birthday isn't recognized in the Newsletter, we do not have that information in the system. We would love for you to provide us with your information so you will be recognized for these important events!



# PROPERTY BROTHERS

MEETS SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 8 AM AND NEEDS OUR HELP



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT MATT COLE AT 985-237-5555

THE FAITH GARDEN HAS OFFICIALLY RELOCATED  
TO DAVIS FARMS IN ABITA SPRINGS  
WE MEET MONDAYS AT 4:30PM



CONTACT ROB RHEA AT 318-834-2417 IF YOU'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN THE GARDEN. SCOTT HAS MOVED TO MISSISSIPPI, BUT CONTINUES HIS WORK AT THE FAITH GARDEN, AND FALL PLANTING WILL HAPPEN SHORTLY.

NO BEER N HYMNS IN DECEMBER -- WILL RESUME ON  
JANUARY 28, 2024



Joy (Just Older  
youth)

Meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday  
of the month  
10am at Rachael Moore's

**JOY WILL NOT MEET IN  
DECEMBER**



Please call Rachael at 504-432-8541 if you need  
directions or a ride



Don't forget charitable opportunities through your  
Thrivent Accounts:

- Action Plans - you can fund service projects with up to \$250 from Thrivent twice a year.
- Thrivent Choice Dollars - you may have money from Thrivent in your "Direct Choice Dollars" account. These funds can be 14.2

directed to charitable organizations such as Hosanna Lutheran Church. In the past members had voted to use these funds received by Hosanna for our youth transportation costs. Currently we do not have need for this, so members were polled and responses were in favor of directing Direct Choice dollars to Hosanna Hot Meals.

If you don't direct these funds they revert back to Thrivent. So, check your membership account to see what dollars you may have to direct. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Busfield at 985-789-7965 or your Thrivent Representative.

St. Tammany Inaugural Community  
Christmas Choir being formed now!

"A Light at Christmas"



If interested in participating,  
contact:  
Shirleen Carter  
504-512-1844  
shirleenc@hotmail.com

Ms. Shirleen Carter is organizing a Christmas Caroling event for our community. Anyone interested should contact Shirleen so she can share her vision for this event that reaches beyond the walls of our churches.



## Midweek Meal and Meditation opportunity

Wednesday evenings beginning  
November 29, 2023, 6pm  
through December 20, 2023.  
Fellowship Hall

A light meal will be provided



How does a  
weary world  
rejoice?

I'M DREAMING OF A

## ANGEL TREE PROJECT

**ALL GIFTS ARE DUE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH!**

We still have a few "Angel Tree" lists available if you would like to take one. Wrapped packages should be placed in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like your "list" today, call Dianne Kaack at 985-789-1594.  
List provided by St. Tammany Division of Family Service.

**THANK YOU!**

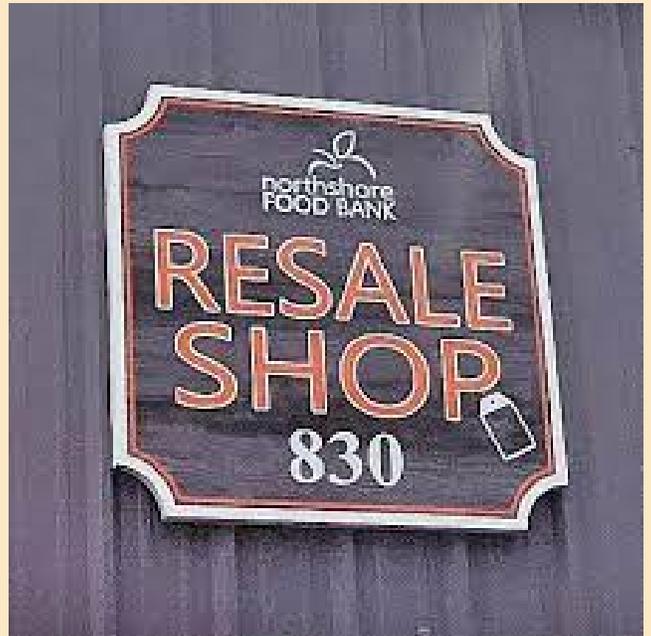
# Memorial Garden



Bob Busfield and Doug Burbank  
building an arch for the  
Memorial Garden.  
It's been amazing watching this  
project come to  
fruition. Good job guys!!!



The First Sunday of Advent is  
Sunday, December 3, 2023.



New Opportunity to Love Your  
Neighbor!

Mention CPC when you donate gently used clothing and household items to the Northshore Food Bank Resale Shop at 830 Columbia Street. Not only will you help the Food Bank purchase more food, but CPC will earn gift cards to give to those in need! Just remember to mention CPC when you donate!



If you have any content for our  
newsletter  
I would appreciate it if you would  
send it  
to Office  
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AS WE  
REMEMBER THE REASON FOR  
THE SEASON!