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# Pastor article

Written by Pastor Candy O'Meara

Happy New Year Hosanna!

I want to say thanks for the Christmas gifts I received and for the generous gifts for myself, and the staff, from the congregation! Your love and support throughout this year has sustained me and has set us on the right path for whatever God has in store for us in 2024.

During this Advent season, we experimented with a dinner-church type service as we dug further into what it means for a weary world to rejoice. It has been a joy to gather on Wednesday evenings, with not only people from other churches, but with people who are not church-ed at all. Thank you for your support. We look forward to experimenting with this type of gathering again.



Candy O'Meara  
Senior Pastor

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The new year is an opportunity for new beginnings. Back in September, Deacon Peggy Hahn from LEAD came and did some listening with the congregation, the Executive Team, and the Redevelopment Team. In the coming months, your redevelopment team will be the ones doing the listening; this time in the community. We will be asking questions and listening to what the greatest needs are in the community. We will be talking not only to leaders, but also to people who are in need, such as those we serve meals to every week. We can use your help with this, if you are willing to come with us. No experience necessary and there is no age limit. We'll tell you more about this soon. Don't be surprised if we come to you and ask you to help us!

We celebrated on Christmas Eve with the baptisms of two young people. This was a great reminder that God is still at work here in this community. Remember that. Hold on to that joy, and share it! Time and time again in our scriptures, the people felt as if God had abandoned them, and then God showed up in unexpected ways; not the least of which is as a baby born to a teenager in a stable. If God can do that, God can surely show up for us, and God does, just as God always has.

Blessings to you and those you hold dear in this new year. May God continue to show up for us in mighty ways. I'm going to leave you with this, my very favorite blessing:

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Pastor Candy

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# January 2024

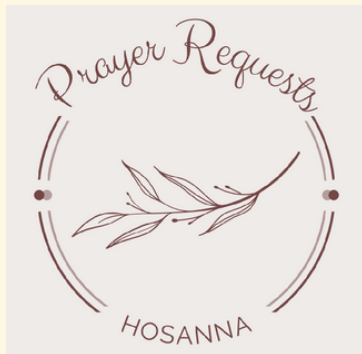
## Notes & News

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 Katie Glass  
Pastor Zac Ritchie  
Donna Hoblack  
Monica Growden  
Brian Nichols  
George Michell  
Rob Rhea



NO HOT MEALS	Jan 1
Moving with Mari (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 am	Jan 2
Quilters 8:30 am-12pm in Fellowship Hall	Jan 4
Property Brothers @ 8 am	Jan 6
9am Sunday Service/Communion @ 9 am Bible Study after the service	Jan 7
Hosanna Hot Meals @ 222 South Jefferson Avenue	Jan 8
Redevelopment Team Meeting @ 6 pm	Jan 9
Quilters 8:30 am-12pm in Fellowship Hall Moving with Mari (Zoom in Fellowship Hall) @2 pm	Jan 11
Property Brothers @ 8 am	Jan 13
Sunday Service/Communion @ 9 AM Bible Study after the service	Jan 14
Hosanna Hot Meals @ 222 South Jefferson Avenue	Jan 15
Redevelopment Team Meeting @ 6 pm	Jan 16
Quilters 8:30am-12pm in Fellowship Hall Moving with Mari (2 pm)	Jan 18
Property Brothers @ 8 am	Jan 20
9am Sunday Service/Communion Bible Study after the service	Jan 21
Hosanna Hot Meals @ 222 South Jefferson Ave.	Jan 22
Redevelopment Team Meeting @ 6pm	Jan 23
Quilters 8:30 am-12pm in Fellowship Hall Moving with Mari (Zoom in Fellowship Hall) @2 pm	Jan 25
Property Brothers @ 8 am	Jan 27
9am Sunday Service/Communion Bible Study after the service	Jan 28
Hosanna Hot Meals @ 222 South Jefferson Avenue	Jan 29




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In 2024 we will be collecting items for the Chemo Care Bags. Our first collection will be in January with a goal to provide 25 filled bags on February 1. A tub will be placed in the Narthex during January until the 28th to collect donated items.


Items needed are listed below and can be purchased using the Amazon link below for those who prefer to order rather than shop. As always you may also donate funds toward the project by specifying Chemo Care Bags on your checks and placing in the Sunday offering plate.

- Items Needed:
- Small packs of Kleenex tissues
- Mint or lemon hard candies
- Journal Books
- Crossword Puzzles, Sudoko Books, or Word Search Books
- Unscented lotion
- Unscented Chapstick/Lip Balm
- Fleece Blankets
- Cozy, Warm Socks for Men or Ladies

Chemo Care Bags - Amazon Gift List -  
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/32MG10MTFH5YJ>



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.



## ***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



**Hosanna Hot Meals**

*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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*Congrats*



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|------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Steve Mayfield</b>  | January 4th  |
| <b>Richard Hodgson</b> | January 10th |
| <b>Mable Rees</b>      | January 11th |
| <b>Gayle Francke</b>   | January 22nd |
| <b>Zola Abadie</b>     | January 31st |

# 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.

## BEER N HYMNS WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 28, 2024 AT 6:00 PM AT ABITA BREWERY IN COVINGTON



## Joy (Just Older Youth)

JOY will meet on January 3rd & 17th at 10:00 AM at Rachael Moore's House, 484 Browning Loop in Mandeville. (Gate code 6921)  
Hope to see you there!




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.



Christmas decorations will come down on Sunday January 7th following worship. Anyone who could stay after worship and help, would be greatly appreciated!

## Hosanna is invited to: Three January Kickoffs of Wellness & Creativity at CPC!!!

Tuesday January 2nd, 9:30 am Fellowship Hall

Mari Meade guest teacher LIVE and IN-PERSON!

Exercise and dance class - senior friendly

Thursday January 11th 2 PM Fellowship Hall

Six-week exercise and dance with Mari Meade on Zoom, senior friendly

Tuesday January 16th, 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall

New Small Group Every Tuesday (Except 2nd Tuesday of the month)

Moving with God - focus on Wellness and Creativity

## Memorial Garden



The Memorial Garden has the beautiful archway standing. Members from both CPC and HLC had a hand in this, either in building or erecting it. CPC cannot thank Bob Busfield enough for regularly sharing his talents in helping the Property Brothers with upkeep, as well as using his architectural gifts to enhance our church grounds.

Hosanna's Christmas Tea hosted to honor and serve those ladies from HLC and CPC who have graciously served others over the years.





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