



Pastor article

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My friends, we have reached what many consider the end of the summer: Labor Day. The "summer" begins on Memorial Day in May. We know the real purpose for Memorial Day, but I wonder, how many of you know what Labor Day is for? I did a little light research and here's what I found:

According to History.com, "In the late 1800's In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages." "On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history." ¹

Conditions were harsh, there was no health insurance, no sick pay, or paid time off. On that first Labor Day, people took an unpaid day off to march for better conditions. Today, there are organizations in place to ensure workers have safe working conditions. However, there is still more work to do. Today, the Louisiana Minimum Wage is \$7.25 per hour.

This light research reminded me of the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard from Matthew 20:1-16. I encourage you to read it. In the parable, Jesus talks about a Vineyard Manager goes to the local town square to hire day laborers. He agrees to pay them a fair day's wage. Throughout the day, the manager returns to the square to hire more workers. He promises to pay a fair wage. At the end of the day, he pays them all the same amount, which infuriates the workers who worked all day long.

For Jesus, this is a story about justice. We live in a different system than Jesus envisioned; in many ways we have more control and certainly more opportunities to advocate for justice than those in Jesus' time.

On this Labor Day, I invite you to look around and see who's doing work around us that we hardly pay attention to: landscapers, road workers, school janitors, people who deliver food to places where we get our food, and many others. Maybe take a moment to thank them for what they do.

This Labor Day, in the church, I give thanks for you, for the work that you do in the church in addition to what you do day in and day out. Sometimes that work is recognized; often it is not. Either way, I appreciate you!

Pastor Candy

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¹ <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/labor-day-1>



Notes & News

Join the Hosanna Family
at 9:00AM

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



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2024!

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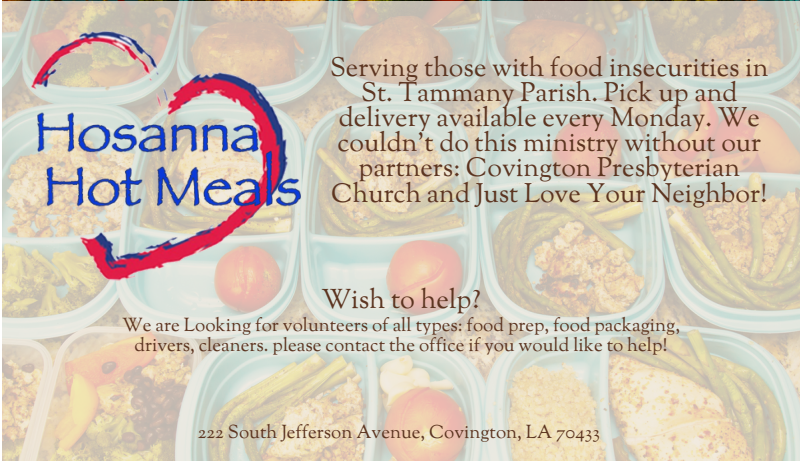
- August 29 Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- August 31 Property Brothers @8am
- September 1 Breakfast Church in the Fellowship Hall @9am
- September 2 NO HOSANNA HOT MEALS- LABOR DAY!
- September 4 JOY @10am at Windsor Senior Living
- September 5 Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- September 7 Property Brothers @8am
- September 8 Sunday Service @9am
Sunday Bible Study following the service
Redevelopment Team Meeting- everyone welcome
- September 9 HOSANNA HOT MEALS
- September 12 Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- September 14 Property Brothers @8am
- September 15 Sunday Service @9am
Sunday Bible Study following the service
- September 16 HOSANNA HOT MEALS
- September 18 JOY @10am at Windsor Senior Living
- September 19 Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- September 21 Property Brothers @8am
- September 22 Sunday Service @9am
Sunday Bible Study following the service
- September 23 HOSANNA HOT MEALS
- September 26 Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- September 28 Property Brothers @8am
- September 29 Sunday Service @9am
Sunday Bible Study following the service

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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!

222 South Jefferson Avenue, Covington, LA 70433

Hosanna Quilters:
QUILTERS MEET EVERY THURSDAY
8:30 AM-12PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
@ 222 S. JEFFERSON AVENUE.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT
DEBBIE COLEMAN OR THE OFFICE



Joy
(Just Older Youth)
 meet the 1st and 3rd
 Wednesday of the month
 at 10am

New meeting location
 Windsor Senior Living Center
 1770 N. Causeway BLVD. Mandeville
 2nd Floor Conference Room
 (elevator available)

For questions or a ride, please contact Rachael Moore
 504-432-8541



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY
 EACH WEEK, AFTER THE SERVICE

Our current bible study is: "Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith".
 Book not required to attend the class.



THE FAITH GARDEN IS G R O W I N G!!!!
THE FAITH GARDEN TEAM MEETS MONDAYS AT 4:30PM.
WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR TEAM!!!

Hosanna F.A.I.T.H
 food always in the home

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER OR STOP ON BY MONDAY EVENINGS!



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 Text 'hosannalutheran'
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PROPERTY BROTHERS
MEETS SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 8 AM AND NEEDS OUR HELP

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT MARK ALEXANDER AT (985) 705-5230



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Redevelopment Team:

Meeting September 8th

Redevelopment meets in the church office every other Sunday after the service. Their next meeting will be September 22nd.

Attendance is open to all!

Presbyterian Women

Fall Gathering:

September 28th @10am

The women of Covington Presbyterian will be hosting a Fall Gathering. Hosanna women are invited to attend. More information to follow.



Alan & Katty LeVasseur	Sep 6	57 years
Bob & Mona Sparacello	Sep 11	53 years
William & Gayle Miller	Sep 24	47 years
Larry & Nicole Gunn	Sep 17	30 years



Nathan Hoffman	September 4
Douglas Burbank	September 8
Nicole Gunn	September 9
Alex Torrey Douglas	September 9
Rob Rhea	September 15
Audrey Anderson	September 23
D'Wanna Hanes	September 28