



Pastor article

Written by Pastor Candy O'Meara

Hello everyone! Happy New Year!

During the Advent season we used the theme, "Words for the beginning". It was and is an appropriate theme for Hosanna because on December 15th we voted to exit the redevelopment process and begin the "implementation" phase. What does that mean? It means that we have been listening to the Holy Spirit and we feel like we understand better the direction in which the Spirit is calling us.

You've heard me say this before but one of Hosanna's greatest gifts is the gift of being generous, and at the same time being very outwardly focused. These two gifts embody what Jesus calls the church to be. It's what he embodied in his earthly ministry.

To that end, we have discerned that our call has the body of Christ in this community is to, as one of our members has said, to "double down" on what we're good at. In the coming months we're going to roll out this plan.

When Hosanna entered the redevelopment process, we created a covenant (a promise) that spelled out the specific roles of the synod, the redevelopment pastor, the redevelopment team, the executive team, and the congregation. We will create a similar covenant for our implementation phase.

The difference in these two covenants will be that, while during redevelopment the focus was on the redevelopment team and the redevelopment pastor, during the implementation phase, the focus will be on you: Hosanna members and regular attendees. Together, we will develop procedures for grants, and you will help by identifying organizations in this community that are doing good work and would benefit from our generosity.

But this isn't just about giving away money; this is about outreach. And it's about investing in our community. It's also very much about sharing the stories not of the work that we're doing but of the work that God is doing through us.

I'm excited about this new direction, and the commitment that you have to Hosanna Lutheran Church and spreading the gospel. It happens almost every day in the work that you do in your families, and your workplace, and your schools, and in the community. I'm excited that we get to do this work alongside our sisters and brothers in Christ at Covington Presbyterian Church and other local churches.

It's a great time to be the Church here at Hosanna and I invite you to tell the story of what we're about and to invite others to be part of this new ministry. God is doing great things here and I'm excited to walk with you along this path. 2025 is going to be a great year!

Pastor Candy

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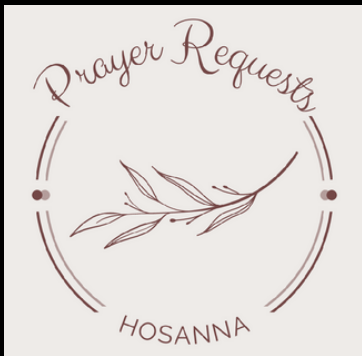
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Notes & News

JOIN THE HOSANNA FAMILY
AT 9:00AM
OR WATCH ON FACEBOOK
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:](#)

Online Resources

- [ONLINE COMMUNITY](#)
- [Online Church Calendar](#)
- [Find a Group List](#)
- [Online Directory \(Log in required\)](#)
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Hosanna's Office Staff



Alisa Nelson
Office Manager



Grace
Schneider
Bookkeeper

JANUARY 2025

Church Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for the online church calendar

- December 29 9am Sunday Service
- December 30 Hosanna Hot Meals
- January 2 Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- January 4 Property Brothers @8am
- January 5 9am Breakfast Church in the Fellowship Hall
Bible Study after the service
- January 6 Hosanna Hot Meals
- January 9 Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- January 11 Property Brothers @8am
- January 12 9am Sunday Service
Bible Study after the service
- January 13 Hosanna Hot Meals
- January 15 JOY Group @ Windsor Senior Living @10am
- January 16 Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- January 18 Property Brothers @8am
- January 19 9am Sunday Service
Bible Study after the service
- January 20 Hosanna Hot Meals
- January 23 Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- January 25 Property Brothers @8am
- January 26 9am Sunday Service
Bible Study after service
- January 27 Hosanna Hot Meals
- January 30 Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- February 1 Property Brothers @8am
- February 2 9am Sunday Service
Bible Study after the service

Hosanna Highlights

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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)

WILL MEET JANUARY 15 @ WINDSOR SENIOR LIVING CENTER
 1770 N. Causeway Blvd., Mandeville
 2nd Floor Conference Room (elevator available)
 For questions, please contact Rachael Moore
 at (504) 432-8541.
 We hope to see you there!



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!

3 Ways to Give



ONLINE
www.hosannalutheran.com
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MAIL
 PO Box 1018
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SMART GIVING
 Text 'hosannalutheran'
 to 77977

Online giving through  Pushpay 

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



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





Redevelopment Team:

Redevelopment meets in the church office every other Sunday after the service.

Attendance is open to all!



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[Chemo Bag LINK HERE!](#)

Chemo Care Bags

We continue this ministry in 2025 as we collect the following items and sew decorative bags. The collection tub will be in the entrance to CPC with a deadline of January 31st. There is also a link below to the registry on Amazon if you wish to order items there. If you are able to sew a few bags, I can provide a pattern, a sample bag, and fabric if needed.

LIST

- Fleece Blankets
- Unscented lotion
- Decorative scarves
- Knitted Caps
- Crossword, word search, or Suduko books
- Journals
- Unscented chapsticks
- Mint hard candies
- Fuzzy, warm socks for ladies or men



Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.
Linda Busfield
985 789-7965

Annual Christmas Tea

Many thanks for all who attended the Annual Christmas Tea. The event was a big success with 35 ladies enjoying tea and 20 ladies serving treats and tea. Christmas Games were played and carols sung. All thoroughly enjoyed the morning spent with our Christian friends.

Participants included our more senior church members, JOY Small Group participants, Covington Presbyterian members, Quilting group participants, and Hot Meals volunteers. It was a great representation of what makes Hosanna such a warm welcoming worship and church environment.

Have a small group, planning a church event?

If you would like anything published in the Hosanna newsletter, please contact the office or Grace Schneider.



happy
anniversary

ERICA & NATHAN HOFFMAN JAN 5 44 YEARS



NATHAN GUNN	JAN 10
RICHARD HODGSON	JAN 10
GAYLE FRANCKE	JAN 22
ZOLA ABADIE	JAN 31