



PASTOR ARTICLE

Written by Pastor Candy O'Meara

Psalm 121

1I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come? 2My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. 3He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. 4He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. 6The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. 7The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. 8The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.



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Fellow siblings in Christ, I wanted to take a moment this week in this space to talk about Hope. Notice I capitalized Hope, because the hope I want to talk about isn't just any old hope; it's a Hope that comes from God, the one who is always faithful.

Psalm 121 has always been a place I go when I need reassuring that God is indeed faithful, and ever-present.

There's a lot going on in our nation, and indeed in our world. Change is never easy and this is a doozy! It feels like the anxiety level of our nation has ratcheted up exponentially: our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and family members are worried about their marital security, their identities being threatened, and a plethora of other worries. Our immigrant siblings and family members are afraid that they or someone they love will be pulled off the street, questioned, imprisoned, and maybe even deported. And now, our military members and their families are unsure whether this conflict in the middle east will change their lives dramatically. The poor in our midst worry about whether their benefits will be cancelled or significantly reduced. Many of us struggle within our own families because of differing viewpoints and perspectives on the above "issues".

There is virtually no place in our current society that is not touched by things going on around us.

All of that to say that, as the psalmist wrote, *"My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."* And again, *"The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore."*

Do not lose hope, my friends, lift up your eyes to the hills. Our help—our Hope—does indeed come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Prayer: God our comforter, you are a refuge and a strength for us, a helper close at hand in times of distress. Enable us so to hear the words of faith that our fear is dispelled, our loneliness eased, our anxiety calmed, and our hope reawakened. May your Holy Spirit lift us above our sorrow to the peace and light of your constant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Pastor Candy



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.



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Important Meeting Changes

- What was Implementation Committee is now Exalt Team Meeting which meets after worship on 1st and 3rd Sunday.
- Coordinating Council on 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm.
- HLC Executive Meeting on 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm.
- HLC now meets in Fellowship Hall for worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

July 2025 CHURCH CALENDAR

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

June 29	9am Sunday Service
June 30	Hosanna Hot Meals
July 2	JOY @ 10am at Windsor Senior Living
July 3	Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
July 4	Independence Day!!
July 6	9am Sunday Service in the Fellowship Hall Exalt Meeting after the service
July 7	Hosanna Hot Meals
July 8	Coordinating Council @ 6:30pm via Zoom
July 10	Quilters @ 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall Executive Meeting @ 6:30pm in Conference Room
July 13	9am Sunday Service
July 14	Hosanna Hot Meals
July 16	JOY @ 10am at Windsor Senior Living
July 17	Quilters @ 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
July 20	9am Sunday Service in the Fellowship Hall Exalt Meeting after the service
July 21	Hosanna Hot Meals
July 24	Quilters @ 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
July 27	9am Sunday Service
July 28	Hosanna Hot Meals
July 31	Quilters @ 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
August 3	9am Sunday Service in the Fellowship Hall
August 4	Hosanna Hot Meals
August 6	JOY @ 10am at Windsor Senior Living
August 7	Quilters @ 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall



Hosanna Highlights

Hosanna Lutheran Church

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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 JULY 2nd and 16th @ 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!!!



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



Need Volunteer

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER (OR 2) TO PICK UP CRUMBL COOKIES AT THE STORE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON OR TUESDAY MORNINGS DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL THROUGH JULY. PLEASE CALL LINDA BUSFIELD AT (985) 789-7965.

HELP NEEDED



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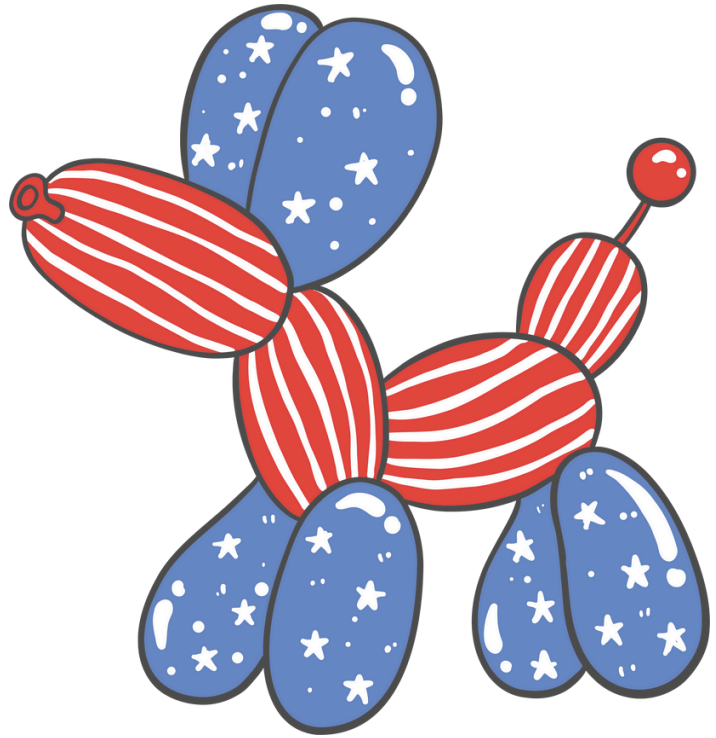
Text "HOSANNALC" to 49775 to get RightNow Media set up on your phone. It is completely free to you with thousands of studies and videos for your whole family!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rob & Heidi Rhea July 21 52 years

EXALT TEAM:

Formerly Redevelopment Team. Meets in the church office on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after the service. Attendance is open to all!



Gayle Miller	July 15
Julia Ann Hodgson	July 15
Marie Growden	July 15
Lauren Moore	July 16
Brian Nichols	July 19
Audrey Borde	July 19
Jonathan Sparacello	July 22
Katty LeVasseur	July 23
Johanna Hurley	July 29