

# Hosanna Highlights

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## PASTOR ARTICLE

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Hello everyone!

February invites us into a holy pivot. One moment there's king cake and beads, laughter and color—Mardi Gras, a last joyful feast. The next, ashes traced on our foreheads and a quieter road ahead—Lent. It can feel like a sharp turn, but in the life of faith this movement is not about punishment or denial. It's about turning—*returning*—to the God who meets us in both joy and honesty.

Mardi Gras reminds us that joy is a gift from God. Lutherans don't shy away from feasting; we trust that creation is good and meant to be enjoyed. Lent, then, is not a scolding for having too much fun. It's an invitation to notice what we lean on, what distracts us, and what truly gives us life. We do not enter Lent to earn God's love. We begin already loved, already forgiven, already claimed in baptism.

This Lent, we will focus on Jesus' "I AM" statements from the Gospel of John—words spoken not as riddles, but as promises. *I am the bread of life. I am the light of the world. I am the good shepherd. I am the resurrection and the life.* In each one, Jesus tells us not just who he is, but who God is for us. In a season when we often confront our limits, Jesus speaks presence, provision, and hope.

As we move from feasting to fasting, from celebration to reflection, remember this: Lent is not about what we give up so much as what God gives us—again and again. Even in ashes, Christ declares, *I AM with you.* And this journey, grounded in grace, always leads toward resurrection.

Pastor Candy

## A Message from a Recipient of our Quilts

In January, the office received a heartfelt thank-you message from the Methodist Children's Home, one of the recipients of our Quilts. Please take a moment to read it below.

*"Dear Faithful Friends:*

*On behalf of our children and staff at the Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services, thanks you for your thoughtful gift of 15 quilts.*

*Donations such as yours are important to our organization. With your gift we can do more for the youth in our care. We are proud to partner with you in helping youth across the state of Louisiana. Our residential and community-based ministries positively impact the lives of children and families.*

*Again, I want to thank you for being part of the Children's Home family. We ask for your continued prayers for our children and staff."*



## Just Love Northshore Furniture Re-Distribution

Just Love Northshore will take your old furniture and make sure someone in need receives it!

If you have a living room chair, coffee table, lamp, bookcase, twin or queen bed frame, etc. that could use a new home and you do not have a way to get the item(s) to local non-profit organizations, Just Love is ready to assist you. The Just Love trailer and volunteers can move all but the largest items (no sofa beds, king size beds, large armoires).

**Need help or Like to Volunteer?**

**Call: Neil Kantner, JLN Board,  
770-530-8538**

**or**

**Email at [neil.kantner@gmail.com](mailto:neil.kantner@gmail.com)**



## 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](#)

## Online Resources

- [ONLINE COMMUNITY](#)
- [Online Church Calendar](#)
- [Find a Group List](#)
- [Online Directory\(Log in required\)](#)
- [Online Giving](#)
- [Register for Events or Classes](#)

## 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.

# FEBRUARY 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

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



- Feb 1** Sunday Service @ 9am in Fellowship Hall  
Followed by Exalt Team Meeting
- Feb 2** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 8am in Fellowship Hall
- Feb 4** JOY @ 10am at Windsor Senior Living  
Pastor Candy at Starbucks in Mandeville @ 2-4pm
- Feb 5** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Feb 7** Property Brothers @ 8ish
- Super Bowl Sunday**
- Feb 8** Sunday Service @ 9am in Sanctuary  
Souper Bowl of Caring After CPC's Service
- Feb 9** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 8am in Fellowship Hall
- Feb 10** Coordinating Council @ 6:30pm via Zoom
- Feb 11** Pastor Candy at Starbucks in Mandeville @ 2-4pm
- Feb 12** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall  
Executive Team Meeting @ 6:30pm in Conf. Room
- Feb 14** **Valentine's Day**
- Feb 15** Sunday Service @ 9am in Fellowship Hall  
Followed by Exalt Team Meeting
- Feb 16** **Lundi Gras, Presidents' Day**  
Hosanna Hot Meals @ 8am in Fellowship Hall
- Feb 17** **Mardi Gras Day**
- Feb 18** **Ash Wednesday** - Services at Noon and 6pm,  
Ashes to Go  
JOY @ 10am at Windsor Senior Living
- Feb 19** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Feb 21** Property Brothers @ 8ish
- Feb 22** Sunday Service @ 9am in Sanctuary
- Feb 23** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 8am in Fellowship Hall
- Feb 25** Lenten Lunch & Learn @ Noon in Fellowship Hall  
Pastor Candy at Starbucks in Mandeville @ 2-4pm
- Feb 26** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Feb 28** Property Brothers @ 8ish

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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!

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**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!



*JOY*  
**Just Older Youth**  
**JOY will meet on**  
**February 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 am - 11:30 AM**

**WINDSOR SENIOR LIVING CENTER**  
 1770 N. Causeway Blvd.,  
 Mandeville  
 2nd Floor Conference Room  
 (elevator available).

For questions, please contact  
 Vicki Entzel at (985) 778-1646.  
 We hope to see you there!



**Property Brothers**

*Meets Saturday mornings at 8am and needs our help!*  
*For more information, contact Mark Alexander at (985) 705-5230*

**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

**3 Ways to Give**



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**SMART GIVING**  
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Online giving through  Pushpay 

The quilters are currently in need of donations of cotton quilting fabrics and gently used cotton sheets. Cotton shirts can be helpful to us as well. Financial help is also an option. We welcome all visitors and interested persons to stop by and see what we do.

Donations can be brought to the church on Sunday mornings, Mondays during Hot Meals preparation or Thursday mornings during quilting. God bless you all for help and prayers.

**HELP NEEDED** 



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**EXALT TEAM:**

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month after the service.

Attendance is **open to all!**

**Have a small group, planning a church event?**

**If you would like anything published in the Hosanna newsletter, please contact the office manager at [officemanager@hosannalutheran.com](mailto:officemanager@hosannalutheran.com).**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Richard & Julia Ann Hodgson Feb. 12 32 years



- Nancy Anderson Feb. 4
- Cristine Gowland Feb. 14
- Bob Sparacello Feb. 17
- Erica Hoffman Feb. 18
- Monica Growden Feb. 25