

Hosanna Highlights

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PASTOR ARTICLE

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Hello everyone!

Happy New Year! The Lord spoke to the Prophet Isaiah saying, *“Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”*

When I look back at the last three years, and at the last year in particular, with all the chaos and unpredictability in our nation, and in our lives, one thing has proven to be true: The Lord is doing a new thing in the life of the church, and Hosanna in particular!

We continue to forge new relationships and strengthen others. When we work together and keep our calling from God as our rudder, we can accomplish great things!

I want to encourage you as you look forward to 2026. Challenges and obstacles are inevitable, but so is the love of God and the strength of this community.

I'm not big on New Years resolutions, but if I were, I think it would be to strengthen the relationships that bring safety, security, and a sense of joy. The best relationship to strengthen is the one we have with God. That relationship won't always make everything better, but it does put us in community with others who can lighten the load.

Thank you for being community for me, dear friends. Now, be that light for everyone whom you encounter!

Pastor Candy

Sewing Retreat

The following message is from Katty LeVasseur regarding details about the Sewing Retreat in January:

We are planning to meet together to sew on January 22nd, 23rd and 24th. On the 22nd, we will join the quilters. Once they are finished, we will set up our machines and start sewing our projects. We will stop every evening around 5 or 6.

Anyone can attend. Participants should bring their sewing machine, projects and any materials and tools they will need. Also, extension cords will be needed.

We will have ironing boards and irons, cutting mats and straight edge rulers that we borrow from the quilters.

Lunches can be brought from home or picked up locally.

We will furnish water, coffee and dessert.

Anyone can attend for all days or any days or part of days. It would be helpful if we would have a sign up sheet so we have a count to plan set up and to share any updated information.

Chemo Care Bags

In January, I will be collecting sewn bags and filler items for the Chemo Care Bag mission project. Please see the attached list of items as well as the link to Amazon if you wish to purchase items and have them shipped to my address. If you are sewing bags and need a pattern, fabric or kits, please contact me. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

- Linda Busfield
985 789-7965

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CHEMO CARE BAG PROJECT 2026 ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHEMO CARE BAGS

Due by January 26, 2026

- Unscented Hand Lotion
- Journals
- Small bags of Lemon Drops, Mints
- Soft, Warm Men's Socks
- Soft, Fuzzy Women's Socks
- Ladies Hats or Scarves
- Unscented LipBalm/Chapstick
- Small Packs of Kleenex Tissues
- Fleece Blankets (@ \$5 at Walmart)

A Message from a Recipient of our Chemo Care Bags

In December, the office received another heartfelt thank-you message from one of the recipients of our Chemo Care Bags. Please take a moment to read it below.

“I was fortunate to be one of the cancer (Mary Bird) recipients that receives a care bag from your church. It was filled with great things to help make this journey easier. I was touched by the love and comfort it brought me.

*Thank you!
God Bless You.”*



The Busfield's Small Group celebrating their annual Christmas dinner at Copeland's.



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\(Log in required\)](#)
- [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.

JANUARY 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

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

- Jan 1** New Years Day
- Jan 3** Property Brothers @ 8ish
- Jan 4** Sunday Service @ 9am in Fellowship Hall
- Jan 5** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 8am in Fellowship Hall
- Jan 7** JOY @ 10am at Windsor Senior Living
Pastor Candy at PJ's in Mandeville @ 1-3pm
- Jan 8** Quilters @ 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
Executive Meeting @ 6:30pm in Conference Room
- Jan 10** Property Brothers @ 8ish
- Jan 11** Sunday Service @ 9am in Sanctuary
- Jan 12** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 8am in Fellowship Hall
- Jan 13** Coordinating Council @ 6:30 PM (ZOOM)
- Jan 14** Pastor Candy at PJ's in Mandeville @ 1-3pm
- Jan 15** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Jan 17** Property Brothers @ 8ish
- Jan 18** Sunday Service @ 9am in Fellowship Hall
Followed by Exalt Team Meeting
- Jan 19** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Hosanna Hot Meals @ 8am in Fellowship Hall
- Jan 21** JOY @ 10am at Windsor Senior Living
Pastor Candy at PJ's in Mandeville @ 1-3pm
- Jan 22** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Hosanna Sewing Retreat @ 11am-6pm in Fellowship Hall
- Jan 23** Hosanna Sewing Retreat @ 9am-6pm in Fellowship Hall
- Jan 24** Property Brothers @ 8ish
Hosanna Sewing Retreat @ 9am-6pm in Fellowship Hall
- Jan 25** Sunday Service @ 9am in Sanctuary
- Jan 26** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 8am in Fellowship Hall
- Jan 28** Pastor Candy at PJ's in Mandeville @ 1-3pm
- Jan 29** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

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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!

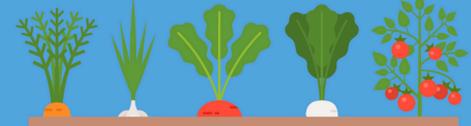
Wish to help?
We are Looking for volunteers of all types: food prep, food packaging, drivers, cleaners, please contact the office if you would like to help!

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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
December 3rd, 2025 and
January 7th & 21st, 2026
10 am - 11:30 AM

WINDSOR SENIOR LIVING CENTER
 1770 N. Causeway Blvd.,
 Mandeville
 2nd Floor Conference Room
 (elevator available) Studying Book
 of Genesis in October & November.

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



3 Ways to Give



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 Text 'hosannalutheran'
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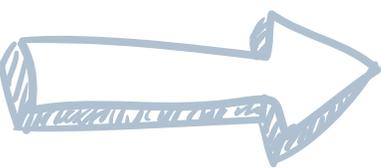
Online giving through  Pushpay 

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

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:

Formerly the "Redevelopment Team."
Meets on the 1st and 3rd 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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nathan & Erica Hoffman Jan. 5 46 years



★ Nathan Gunn Jan. 10
★ Richard Hodgson Jan. 10
★ Zola Abadie Jan. 31