

# Hosanna Highlights

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## PASTOR ARTICLE

Written by Pastor Candy O'Meara

### **Hello everyone!**

March Gladness (Yes, We're Claiming It!) March usually brings Lent, a little pollen, maybe some basketball... and this year, something else worth celebrating.

Our synod's Candidacy Committee currently has 20 candidates in the candidacy process as either Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Pastors) or Ministers of Word and Service (Deacons) – twenty people discerning a call to rostered ministry. In a time when the Church often tells stories of decline, this is a story of calling, courage, and hope.

The candidacy process in the ELCA isn't quick or casual. It involves theological education, psychological assessment, interviews, spiritual direction, internships, committee meetings, paperwork, more interviews, and deep discernment. It asks hard questions. It invites prayerful listening. It takes years.

And still – twenty people are saying, "Here I am."

That feels like good news.

Especially during Lent.

Lent is a season of honest reflection. It is a time when we talk about surrender, trust, and following Jesus toward places that are not always easy. The call to ministry is exactly that kind of journey. No one enters candidacy because it looks simple or glamorous. They enter because they sense that Christ is calling.

Hosanna has seen several people enter either rostered leadership or other leadership roles within the wider church.

And that should give us joy.

The Spirit is still stirring.  
The Gospel is still compelling.  
The Church is still calling forth leaders.

Please keep these candidates in your prayers – for wisdom, resilience, financial provision, supportive congregations, and deep joy. Pray also for the congregations they will one day serve. Some of them are churches we cannot yet imagine.

Who knows? Perhaps one day we'll say, "We remember when they were just starting out."

In a season focused on repentance and renewal, it feels right to notice signs of life. Twenty of them, in fact.

Thanks be to God.

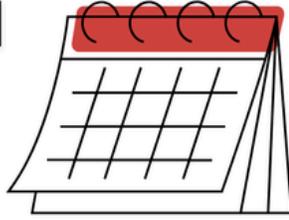


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-Pastor Candy

## Congregational Meeting

**MARCH 15**



The Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, March 15** immediately following worship! All members of Hosanna are encouraged to attend this very important meeting.



## 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)**



The Chemo Care Bags pictured above were blessed on February 8, 2026. They were delivered to Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center the following day to be given to chemo patients. Please join us in continued prayer for the recipients of these care bags.



## 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 7pm.
- HLC Executive Meeting on 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm.
- HLC now meets in Fellowship Hall for worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.



# MARCH 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR



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

- Mar 1** Sunday Service @ 9am in Fellowship Hall  
Followed by Exalt Team Meeting
- Mar 2** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 10am in Fellowship Hall
- Mar 3** Cookie Packaging @ 11:30am in Fellowship Hall
- Mar 4** JOY @ 10am at Windsor Senior Living  
Lenten Lunch 'N Learn @ Noon in Fellowship Hall  
Pastor Candy at PJ's in Mandeville @ 2-4pm
- Mar 5** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Mar 7** Property Brothers @ 8ish
- Mar 8** **Daylight Savings Ends - Spring Forward**  
Sunday Service @ 9am in Sanctuary
- Mar 9** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 10am in Fellowship Hall
- Mar 10** Cookie Packaging @ 11:30am in Fellowship Hall  
Coordinating Council Meeting via Zoom @ 7pm
- Mar 11** Lenten Lunch 'N Learn @ Noon in Fellowship Hall  
Pastor Candy at PJ's in Mandeville @ 2-4pm
- Mar 12** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall  
Leadership Team Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Mar 14** Property Brothers @ 8ish
- Mar 15** Sunday Service @ 9am in Fellowship Hall  
Followed by **Congregational Meeting**
- Mar 16** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 10am in Fellowship Hall
- Mar 17** **St. Patrick's Day**  
Cookie Packaging @ 11:30am in Fellowship Hall
- Mar 18** JOY @ 10am at Windsor Senior Living  
Lenten Lunch 'N Learn @ Noon in Fellowship Hall  
Pastor Candy at PJ's in Mandeville @ 2-4pm
- Mar 19** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Mar 21** Property Brothers @ 8ish
- Mar 22** Sunday Service @ 9am in Sanctuary
- Mar 23** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 10am in Fellowship Hall
- Mar 24** Cookie Packaging @ 11:30am in Fellowship Hall
- Mar 25** Lenten Lunch 'N Learn @ Noon in Fellowship Hall  
Pastor Candy at PJ's in Mandeville @ 2-4pm
- Mar 26** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Mar 28** Property Brothers @ 8ish
- Mar 29** **Palm Sunday**  
Sunday Service @ 9am in Sanctuary
- Mar 30** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 10am in Fellowship Hall
- Mar 31** Cookie Packaging @ 11:30am in 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**  
**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*



## 3 Ways to Give



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**SMART GIVING**  
 Text 'hosannalutheran'  
 to 77977

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:**

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. Please send requests by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to guarantee a spot in the next month's newsletter.**

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

C.J. & Marlene Mehle

Mar. 12 43 years



Dylan Nichols

Mar. 7

Robert Burbank

Mar. 20

Cynthia Naka

Mar. 22

Gayle Francke

Mar. 25

Candis O'Meara

Mar. 27