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PASTOR ARTICLE

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Hello everyone!

October 31st is Reformation Day. Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

At the heart of our faith as Lutherans, stands what we call the "solas": *sola scriptura* (word alone), *sola gratia* (grace alone) and *sola fide* (faith alone). "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSVue)

And grace does not leave us idle. We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works. We serve our neighbors not to win God's approval, but because we already have it.

That is why the church must always be reforming. We are a community of forgiven sinners who keep drifting back toward earning and proving, and who keep needing to hear the gospel again. Reformation did not happen only once, in 1517. It happens whenever we ask what is getting in the way of grace, and what new step God is calling us toward.

Reflect: Where do I still try to earn God's love? What is God reforming in us right now?

Prayer: Gracious God, you have saved us by your grace and not by our own doing. Free us from the need to prove ourselves, keep us rooted in your Word, and make us ready to be renewed in your service. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Blessings!
Pastor Candy

A Rhea of Hope

On Sunday, September 27, we were blessed to be able to present an Exalt Grant check to our newest recipient.

A Rhea of Hope LA is a survivor-led Louisiana cancer nonprofit supporting cholangiocarcinoma patients, caregivers, and communities through support groups, education, awareness events, research funding, and compassionate, local connections grounded in lived experience.



Chemo Care Bags

In October we will be collecting items to fill these bags to give to chemotherapy patients at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Covington. Please see list below and bring to fellowship hall by November 1. There is also a link to order items on Amazon. These will be mailed directly to me. If you would like to sew bags, please contact me for a pattern and/or fabric.

- Linda Busfield
985 789-7965

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ENQNU7941Y1D?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_oT0GqYI5SS25R

CHEMO CARE BAG PROJECT 2026 ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHEMO CARE BAGS *Due by November 1, 2026*

- 8 Ladies hats or scarves
- 10 Men's knitted or crocheted caps
- 20 Ladies cozy socks
- 30 Unscented lip balm
- 12 Lined Journals
- 12 Fleece blankets (50 x 60)
- 30 Small bags/rolls of candy mints or lemon drops
- 24 Purse-size tissue packets
- 30 Crossword/Sudoku books

***Hosanna is invited
to join CPC at their...***

PW Fall Gathering!

***October 10th @ 10 AM
in the Fellowship Hall
Potluck Lunch***

Sewing Days

Everyone is invited to bring their sewing machine, sewing tools and projects(s) to work on.

It is helpful to bring extension cords and power strips because the power outlets are limited in the fellowship hall.

Coffee will be available and we will have bottled water from the dispenser. Everyone is on their own for lunch, which they can pick up or bring from home.

Looking forward to spending time sewing with you.
Please let Katty Levasseur (504-453-4373) or Rachael Moore (504-432-8541) know if you are interested.

**Oct. 17 & Nov. 7
9am-5pm**



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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OCTOBER 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

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- Oct 1** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Oct 4** Sunday Service @ 9am in Fellowship Hall
Followed by Exalt Team Meeting
- Oct 5** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 10am in Fellowship Hall
- Oct 6** Cookie Packaging @ 11:30am in Fellowship Hall
- Oct 7** JOY @ 10am at Windsor Senior Living
Pastor Candy at Starbucks in Mandeville @ 2-4pm
- Oct 8** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Leadership Team Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Oct 10** Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering Potluck Lunch
@ 10am (Hosanna is Invited!)
- Oct 11** Sunday Service @ 9am in Sanctuary
Monthly Book Study @10am in Church Office
- Oct 12** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 10am in Fellowship Hall
- Oct 13** Cookie Packaging @ 11:30am in Fellowship Hall
Coordinating Council Meeting via Zoom @ 7pm
- Oct 14** Winsdor Worship Service @ 10am in Winsdor Senior
Living Chapel
Pastor Candy at Starbucks in Mandeville @ 2-4pm
- Oct 15** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Oct 17** Sewing Retreat @ 9am-5pm in the Fellowship Hall
Bayou Conference Lay Leadership Meeting via Zoom
- Oct 18** Sunday Service @ 9am in Fellowship Hall
Followed by Exalt Team Meeting
- Oct 19** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 10am in Fellowship Hall
- Oct 20** Cookie Packaging @ 11:30am in Fellowship Hall
- Oct 21** JOY @ 10am at Windsor Senior Living
Pastor Candy at Starbucks in Mandeville @ 2-4pm
- Oct 22** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Oct 25** Joint Worship Service with CPC @ 10am
With Fall Festival and Pet Blessing
Bring your pets and a Lawn Chair!
- Oct 26** Hosanna Hot Meals @ 10am in Fellowship Hall
- Oct 27** Cookie Packaging @ 11:30am in Fellowship Hall
- Oct 28** Pastor Candy at Starbucks in Mandeville @ 2-4pm
- Oct 29** Quilters @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Oct 31 Halloween**
- Nov 1 All Saints Day** - During Worship, we will remember all
who have passed away since last All Saints Day
Sunday Service @ 9am in Fellowship Hall
Followed by Exalt Team Meeting

Hosanna Highlights



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



JOY
Just Older Youth

JOY will meet on
October 7th and 21st
and
November 4th and 18th
10 am - 11:30 AM

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!



3 Ways to Give

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need help in worship:

Readers
Ushers
Communion Assistants
Worship Assistants

If interested, please talk to George or Pastor Candy

New Bible/Book Study!

We have a new Bible/Book Study on 2nd & 4th Sundays following Sanctuary Worship! The meetings take place in the Fellowship Hall from approximately 10am to 11am. We will be studying "Forgiveness: A Lenten Study" by Marjorie J. Thompson.

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.



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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Marie & Brad Growden Oct 14 31 Years



Linda Busfield Oct 10
Cecile Keenan Oct 14
Joan Hoffman Oct 22
Brittany Mehle Oct 28
Brooke Mehle Oct 28