

Hosanna Highlights

September 2018



Jay Grave
Senior Pastor

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Dear Friends in Christ,

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Hosanna is thriving. What a joy it is to say that. Each week we are welcoming new worshippers. Small group ministry is booming. Hosanna is adding small groups in all of our purpose areas. Youth Night 2.0 was kicked off with great success and an outdoor worship with nearly 200 in attendance. Our new service has created space for new worshippers to become regular worshippers in all of our services. Our ministry groups are proclaiming God's love as they pack containers for overseas mission, mow lawns, and make quilts and care bags for our community. Friends, Hosanna is thriving.

Our Mission statement clearly states that, we the congregation of Hosanna Lutheran will proclaim the love of God to all people, so that they may know Jesus Christ, grow in faith, and follow Christ.

With this as our mission, God has been leading me to the following vision:

Hosanna is transforming our community and our world by proclaiming a unique, inclusive, and serving Gospel as understood by our reformation theologians. I envision that within the next ten to twelve years, Hosanna has a regular worshipping attendance of 800-1000 souls. We are worshipping in this building with significant changes or in another building altogether, but as is, this facility will not hold us.

As we proclaim this welcoming Gospel to all people, we grow in outreach ministries. We see an influx of service MINISTRY and support groups. Our three or four energetic WORSHIP services each week move with a new vibrancy, thanks to a team of AV techs and musicians who are not only leading the services but are also creating new music and media. We will also be engaging the community with a robust online ministry presence.

We EVANGELIZE, particularly to those who feel left out of the congregations they have worshipped with in the past. Our understanding of the Gospel is such that we have moved beyond shame and guilt to instead live as a community in hope and grace. We are welcoming to all.

Our Preschool children and youth night students have an indoor area in which to play, an indoor area which also is able to house all of our regular attenders in robust, joy-filled fellowship events. We FELLOWSHIP with one another and all worshippers are able to come together to be part of the one body of Christ. Our big church feels small.

DISCIPLESHIP ministries lead friends and families to greater love of Christ. Youth ministries grow to the point where we need additional staff to organizing the weekly small groups and summer mission trips. Our Small Group ministry have grown to the point of needing a full-time ordained pastor of small group ministries. Several hundred Hosanna small groups across all of the purpose areas work together in an integrative fashion to bring God's preferred future into being.



To achieve this long-range vision, we need a short-term one.

I see that in the next 16 months, by the beginning of year 2020, Hosanna will increase its regular worship attendance to 450 per weekend. To do this, we will need to invest time, energy and resources across all of our purpose areas in an integrative manner starting today! We will need several well executed evangelism events that target non-Hosanna folks, staffed by our own members, need to funnel into well organized and advertised small groups that are relevant to the newcomers. These small groups move first time members and guests efficiently into our congregation. Greater utilization of online tools will increase our reoccurring financial giving.

Fellowship events, at least four a year need to focus on the interaction between the worshippers of various services in a way that makes our growing church seem smaller. Decisions are made with incorporating the newcomer in mind.

A culture of evangelism is grown, particularly in the youth ministry, and new staff are integral in this new vision. This cultural shift will include training within our congregation on friendship evangelism and welcome. We are a growing congregation sharing gospel message of a loving God, and unfortunately, in our society message is becoming rare.

I envision that by 2020 we will have more than 50 small groups across all 5 purpose areas and we will continue to transform lives through our service ministries. Small groups are the key to a healthy growing church.

This vision will take lots of prayer. This vision will take time, talent and financial resources, but this is the vision I have been seeing here for quite a while. The decisions we as a council have made in the last year have brought us to this place.

This vision takes your energy, your time and your talents, and of course your resources. In October, Hosanna will participate in a stewardship campaign. Over the course of four weeks Pastor Jay, council members, congregational forums, small groups, and large congregational events will provide opportunities for you to increase in stewardship.

I ask you to start praying about this mission and your own financial giving. Ask God to show you your blessings and your response. Ask God to increase your generosity and evangelism. What are the needs your neighbor has which can be relieved by our congregation. I ask you to consider how the ministries at Hosanna have added value to your life and how our ministry is changing the culture of our community.

This vision of God's mission, alive at Hosanna is a thriving one.

God Bless,
Pastor Jay

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Upcoming Events at Hosanna



The Blessing of the Pets
Sunday, October 7th 2018

Blessing of the Quilts
Sunday, October 14, 2018

Trunk
or
Treat
Saturday, October 27th



Church Calendar

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

Sept 2 No Youth Night
Sept 3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
HIS Planning Meeting
Sept 5 DivorceCare
Sept 6 Quilters
Sept 9 Youth Night
Sept 10 Biblical Greek 1
Sept 11 Stephen Ministry Meeting
Sept 12 Mark Bible Study (first day)
DivorceCare
Sept 13 Quilters
Sept 16 Youth Night
Sept 17 Biblical Greek 1
Church Council
Sept 19 DivorceCare
Mark Bible Study
Sept 20 Quilters
Sept 22 HIS Ministry Service Project
Sept 23 Youth Night
Sept 24 Biblical Greek 1
Sept 25 Congregational Care Team Meeting
Sept 26 DivorceCare
Mark Bible Study
Sept 27 Quilters
Sept 30 Youth Night
Oct 1 HIS Planning Meeting
Oct 3 Mark Bible Study
DivorceCare
Oct 4 Quilters
Oct 7 Blessing of the Pets
Youth Night
Oct 9 Stephen Ministry Meeting
Oct 11 Quilters



Thank you to
all who made
Rally Day a
success & to
everyone who
came!



September 2018

Small Groups

Elizabeth Halliburton-Grave

Tell Me About It

I just ate the best Tiki Masala I have ever eaten. No, seriously. I love Indian food. When we lived in Missouri, Jay and I would drive over an hour to get to our favorite Indian restaurant, The Taj Mahal, just so I could enjoy the best Matar Paneer I had ever eaten. But today, today The Taj Mahal may have been surpassed. And what was the first thing I did when I got home? I uploaded a photo of my Tiki Masala and I blasted that place on Social Media. Why? Because if I love it, wouldn't I want EVERYONE to love it too? The same works for Hosanna's small groups program. Has your intimate discipleship small group changed your heart and soul? Has your small group taught you more about Jesus than you ever thought imaginable? Perhaps your small group has reached your intellectual mind in new ways. Wouldn't you want everyone to experience such joy, intimacy, and challenge? I would! I know that telling people about Hosanna Small Groups is the perfect way to bring new people into the Church. But it is hard sometimes, isn't it? You don't always want to share those things that mean so much to you, because maybe if I tell too many people about the new Tiki Masala, it will be too busy and the next time I go, they might run out. Or possibly, you just want to have something just to yourself. That's okay! Nobody is telling you that when you tell someone of the great things that your small group has done for you, that you have to include them in THAT specific small group. Get them involved in any small group. Let them know they are welcome. All of them. The whole world.

New Programs

Veteran Small Group
Purls of Wisdom
Cajun Dancing
Mission:Feed NOLA

Upcoming Visions

Enneagram: Journey to Self Discovery
Beginning in January, join us as we dive into a book study that will help you discover your perfect personality type. An ancient process that helps a person understand who they are and who God wants them to be.

Christmas Party:
December 1

“Small-group ministry constantly faces a dilemma; maintaining the intimacy of a small group while fulfilling Christ’s command to evangelize.” – Joel Comiskey

Veterans Small Group

**Interested?
Sign Up at the
Small Group Table**

**All Active Duty and Veterans of
the Armed Forces invited
to participate**

**For More Information:
Contact Carlos Pearse @ crispearse@gmail.com
The only requirement is that you have served in the military.**





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HIS Planning Meeting Monday, October 1st

HIS Planning Meeting- 1st Monday each month

HIS Service Project- 4th Saturday each month- September 28th

Contact: Jill Smith (985) 789-1861 or (985) 276-4546

Our next planning meeting is Monday, October 1st. Check upcoming bulletins for updates on what HIS Ministry is up to next at there next Service Project on Saturday, September 29th.



Chemo Care Bags

Update on the Chemo Care Bag Project: The final 25 Care Bags for 2018 will be delivered to St. Tammany on October 1st. The following is the current list of filler needs for the bags.

25 Sticky note pads, 25 fuzzy socks, 25 Journals, 8 decorative scarfs, 20 pens, 25 unscented chap sticks, 7 unscented lotions, 7 Crossword, Sudoku, or adult coloring books and 21 fleece blankets (currently \$2.50 at Walmart)

Donations to purchase these items will be accepted as well, Just note "Chemo Bag Project" on your check to Hosanna. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry in our community.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

We all experience challenges in life. There are times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend that will keep our visits confidential. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care one needs when faced with a difficult time. If you, or someone you know in the congregation

or community, could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please call or ask the person to call the number below.

Stephen Ministry is **CONFIDENTIAL** Contact: Lois or Blair Sundquist (985) 327-7047.

Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Care Team of Hosanna Lutheran Church spends time praying and caring for individuals and families who are going through illness, are home-bound or facing any personal struggles. The group keeps in contact with them by sending cards, making phone calls and visits. They also find out if they need help or anything else during their time of struggle. If you need help or know of anyone please contact Lois Sundquist (985-327-7047), Julie Dauzat (985-264-5951) or the church office (985-727-9200).



FELLOWSHIP CULTURE FUN COMMUNITY

CAJUN DANCE

small group

WITH LYNNE & BILL

Abita Springs Town Hall Dates

September 22

October 27

November 10

December 1

Learn how to Cajun
Dance, then join us as we
strut our stuff at the Abita
Springs Town Hall and
other locations around
the parish!



Sign Up Today!

For More Information Contact: Elizabeth at SmallGroups@HosannaLutheran.com

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The **Hosanna Fellowship team** is planning a Golf Scramble at Pinewood Country Club in Slidell on Oct 20th, 2018. The cost for the Golf scramble will be \$40, which includes golf fees, golf cart and food, refreshments and fellowship/fun after the event. Tentative times for the event are 9 am to 4 pm.

A signup sheet is at the church information center or

contact Ron Entzel (985) 373-3993.

More information to come as we get closer to the date.



101 Exploring Hosanna :

Have you been visiting Hosanna? Would you like to learn more about who we are and what we do? Are you thinking about becoming a member? Come to the Exploring Hosanna Class to learn about Hosanna's mission and perspective on ministry, the opportunities and ministries that we offer to grow in faith and serve others, and the steps to church membership.

Sunday October 7th at 7:00pm

Sign up at the information center or contact the church office



Scrip is a fundraiser to help youth who will be attending camps and mission trips throughout the year. You are invited to buy Scrip gift cards for a variety of stores and websites. A portion of all Scrip that you purchase will help pay the cost of summer youth trips. There are cards for all of your basic expenses like gas and groceries, and we sell them each week at the Info Center. Stop by and ask for more information or to start buying your Scrip. Our youth thank you for your support!

Scrip can be purchased on Sundays after service or online!

To order online register at ShopWithScrip.com and put in the Hosanna code 2D129L3F73L and our youth will receive credit from your purchases. Use your login at MyScripWallet.com to reload and purchase more script on your phone!

Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.

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Hosanna Quilters

Meet every Thursday 9:00 AM- 12:30 PM and on the second Thursday of each month 12:30 PM-3:00 PM for quilting tutorial to learn new skills and for quilting. No experience necessary. All are invited to come see what love creates!

The Blessing of the Quilts will be on Sunday, October 14th at all services!

DIVORCE *Care*

Wednesday Evenings
7 :00 pm- 9:00 pm

DivorceCare helps you recover from the pain of separation and divorce. You will learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward to your future.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Oktoberfest Fundraiser for Mwana Mission Project

Come join the fun on November 3, 2018, from 6-9 p.m. for a fun family event! We are aware of the BIG game that day, but it is hard to find a date that doesn't conflict with something here, so we will have a TV on with the game! As in previous years we will have lots of good German food and music. So, bring the kids and invite your friends! We will have several contests like best dressed German outfits, best yodeler (start practicing!), Masskrugstemmen, and Hammerschlagen (Google those), best Chicken dancers. We will have some traditional Oktoberfest items for sale like flower headbands, decorated heart cookies, roasted almonds along with some beautiful Malawian crafts and some auction items. So, put the date in your calendar, get your German outfits together, practice yodeling, and doing the Chicken dance!! Contact Heidi Rhea, 985-502-5408, if you would like to help. More info will be coming later.



The Blessing of the Pets

Join us on
Sunday, October 7th 2018
For the Blessing of the Pets!
All pets are welcome!

Church Council

See end of Newsletter for July
Church council meeting minutes.



President-Tara Bremond
Vice-President– Julie Brown
Secretary– Ryan Weber
Treasurer– Brad Phillips

Purpose Area Liaison
Worship– Carlos Pearse
Discipleship– Ginny Sirera
Evangelism– Alex Abram
Fellowship– Ron Entzel
Ministry– Stephen Wetekamm

So...there has been a lot on my mind recently. Do you ever feel like the craziness of the worldly life just takes over? All the responsibilities surrounding the family, the homestead...the church. Is there enough money? Is there enough time? Plus you get everybody else's opinion about what you should be or should not be doing. Mix it together with a few things gone wrong and life at times just becomes a struggle void of joy and full of anxiety. It literally happens to all of us....at some point. It happened to me just recently. I am no different. And my first instinct is to address my issues with solutions borrowed from this world...well let's buy something...or let's go out for dinner...let's take a nap...maybe whatever is bothering me will just go away. But it never does. For some reason, worldly solution always withers and solves little if anything ever. So what then? The Bible tells us to rely on the Lord. First and foremost, always be grateful..."for the Lord is my shepherd...I shall not want" [Psalm 23]. This confirms our reliance on HIM...focuses our lives on HIM...counters worldly desires...pours water on the fires of jealousy and related anger. Ditch the anxiety with this: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God" [Isaiah 41:10]. This counters heavy fear and anxiety about the present and the future...it burns out the worries...things will still happen but the Almighty God is with you. When overwhelmed, turn to Chronicles 20:17: "You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you." When I read this passage I envision this fiery tornado with overwhelming flames...and me or you or both of us right in the center...protected by the Hand of God. In situations bad enough, do not be afraid to cry out to the Lord and ask for deliverance. I guarantee you in the darkest of times there is a Seraphim Angel watching over you. Now...the last and important: Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up"...when the winds of the world try to sway us, stand firm in your affection to the greatest commandment...Love your God and love your neighbor. Your harvest depends on it.

So...I encourage you to be always grateful...to fully rely on the Lord...let Him help you ditch your anxiety and fear the world continuously throws at you...to turn from dismay and anguish...to stand firm in your beliefs and to find yourself relentlessly in pursuit of God's closeness....and to be your brother's keeper always and everywhere.

God Bless,

Alex



Katie Sepcich
youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com

Oh how exciting my first month at Hosanna has been! August was filled with “firsts”, not only for me, but for all our Jr. and Sr. High as well. We switched from the lake to the beach for our end of summer, Sr. High Retreat. We kicked off our new Confirmation program with an overnighter. We had an amazing Rally Day. We also kicked off Youth Night 2.0 with Jr. and Sr. High together in the Barn!

Moving to September, the “firsts” are here to stay, especially with Youth Night! My hope is that as we settle into our Sunday, Youth Night routine, our Jr. and Sr. Highers walk away each time learning and experiencing something they haven’t before. Whether it’s playing a new game where we all throw a dead fish in the air (yep, that happened), answering icebreaker questions and learning something new about someone else, or hearing about who Jesus is in a different way than before. Each week is filled with opportunity for more “firsts”.

Although September is a month of transition from summer to fall, we’ll already be planning next summer’s Lutherhill Trip and Senior High Mission Trip. Next month, we will have our first parent meetings for each trip, and I am excited to see how we can continue this theme of “firsts” all the way into next summer.

I can’t say thank you enough for the overwhelmingly warm welcome I’ve received from the entire congregation. I truly believe God has something special in store for our Youth Program, and I am so humbled to be a part of it. Here’s to another great month!

Much Love,
Katie





Erin Forgarty

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The old adage that time flies is true. I am proud to say that as of today, we have hosted two Youth Nights for the new school year. Last weekend's Youth Night was remarkable. Most of the "kinks" had been corrected, and there was a "full house" during the early dining time in Fellowship Hall to the point that I had to personally sit in the reception area! I did not mind of course. Also, I have been busy with cleaning and organizing the closets in the different classrooms so it will be much easier for our teachers to find any items they may need while teaching each Sunday. There is still so much more to get rid of and organize, but I feel I am making great progress. In addition, I am thinking of ways to spruce up our classrooms by adding decorations and allowing the teachers to feel free to embellish the rooms to their specific taste.

With regards to Hosanna's Preschool, I am looking forward to attending the "Meet and Greet" event that is scheduled for September 14th. I believe it will provide me with a great opportunity to get to know our preschoolers and their parents, as well as, enlighten me with ideas on how to incorporate the preschool into future church events.

Sincerely,
Erin Fogarty

**We proclaim God's love to the world as we grow
and develop together as a faithful community.**

Youth Calendar

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

NO Youth Night
September 2nd

Youth Night
September 9th

Youth Night
BRING A FRIEND JR and SR High
September 16th

Sr High After Hours
September 21st

Youth Night
September 23rd

Youth Night
September 30th

Milestone Ministry

Baptism Milestone

If you are interested in being baptized or having a child baptized.

Contact the office.

[Milestone Ministry Website](#)



Our new Splash program provides support for families and provides Faith Practices which can be used in the home.

Home is Church Too! Each month, a newsletter will arrive with ideas for gameplay with your child, prayers, blessings, and they are all developmentally appropriate for your child's age. If you would like your child to be a part of this program, please see contact the office.



New Youth Night times for Sundays

4:45 – 5:30 PM Preschool – 6 Grade Youth Night.

5:30 – 6:00 PM Early Dining

6:00 – 6:45 PM Sunday Night Worship

6:45 – 7:15 PM Later Dining

7:15 – 8:30 PM Jr and Sr High Youth Night.



Director Marilyn Boudreaux

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Registration

For the 2018-2019 School Year

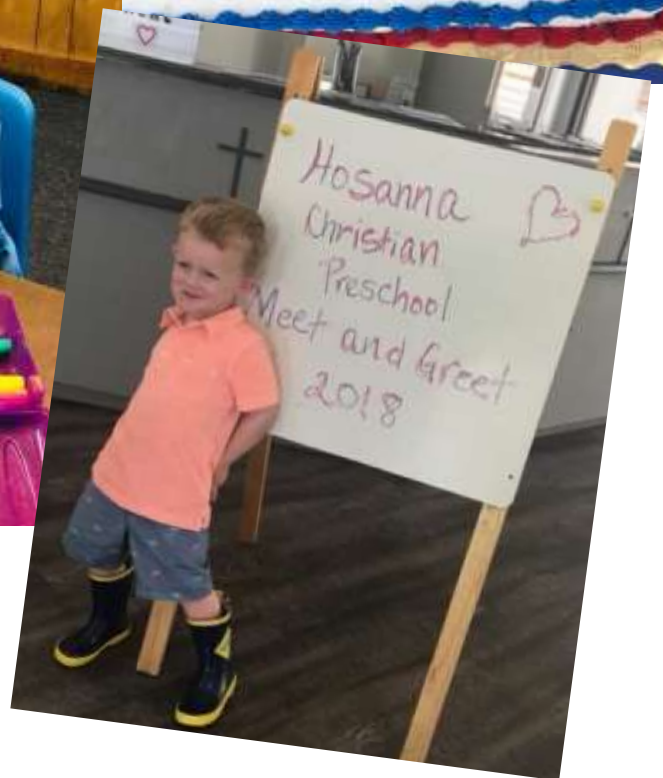
Is Open

Plastic Bottle tops are need for the Hosanna Preschools "Art from the Heart" art show. Please bring them by the church office or leave at the information center!


Dominos Pizza Night
Every 3rd Thursday of the month. Pick up a flyer at the Info Center and bring it in to your local Dominos to raise funds for Hosanna Christian Preschool.



If you have little ones that need structure, socialization, and want to prepare them for a classroom environment... come check out Hosanna Christian Preschool!
www.HosannaPreschool.com
Call 985-624-5525



October Birthdays!



Bryan Gowland Oct 2	Corey Christopher Oct 12	Chandler Bonnette Oct 23
Paul Gelbke Oct 3	Evan Saacks Oct 13	Barbara Reed Oct 25
Maria Pearse Oct 3	Cecile Keenan Oct 14	Bryce Peck Oct 26
Maria Board Oct 4	Sierra Dean Oct 14	Brad Phillips Oct 26
Barbara S. Reisig Oct 4	Kelly Ulfers Oct 15	Patty Coulter Oct 27
Daniel Gros Oct 4	Camille Wetekamm Oct 17	Amanda Ross Oct 27
Sheri Lemmond Oct 5	Myron Greenleaf Oct 17	Nikki Kieff Oct 27
Greg Weber Oct 5	Mila Krumins Oct 18	Brooke Mehle Oct 28
Ron Kilcrease Oct 7	Erica Phillips Oct 19	Braydan Manino Oct 28
Jerry Schulz Oct 9	Sam Heffker Oct 19	Brittany Mehle Oct 28
Chandler Colbert Oct 9	Judy Willem Oct 19	Cheryl Gardner Oct 29
Emma Pellegrin Oct 10	Molly Marie Dowd Oct 20	Paul Zummo Oct 30
Margaret Reed Oct 10	Dee Dee Goodgion Oct 21	Cooper Lalanne Oct 30
Bethany Hallenborg Oct 10	Tessa Abram Oct 22	Hayden Pettus Oct 30
Linda Busfield Oct 10	Joan Hoffman Oct 22	Patrick Moskau Jr Oct 31
Ron Entzel Oct 10	Chase Johnson Oct 22	Justine Fucci Oct 31
Jeffrey Wetekamm Oct 11	Hayley Pettus Oct 22	
Donna Turgeau Oct 11	Julie Brown Oct 23	
Adriana Michel Oct 11	Tommy Gidman Oct 23	
Gary Hanes Oct 12	Jack Collier Oct 23	

October Anniversaries



Wayne & Audrey Borde Oct 9	Roy & Julie Dausat Oct 23
Elliot & Phyllis Schehr Oct 9	Jay & Shannon Bearden Oct 23
Jim & Peggy Murphy Oct 8	Chris & Shelley Pettus Oct 27
Brad & Marie Growden Oct 15	Shannon & Ross Doyle Oct 27
Chris & Nancy Miller Oct 28	Richie & Michelle Helmlinger Oct 24
Paul & Kelly Ulfers Oct 17	Carlos R. & Danielle Pearse Oct 16
Brian & Theresa Johnson Osborn Oct 16	

July 16th, 2018 Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Attendance: Alex, Brad, Carlos, Ron, Ryan, Ginny, Jay, Tara, Stephen, Julie

Julie called meeting to order at 7:04pm and announced a quorum is established

Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Carlos motioned to approve June's meeting minutes and Purpose Area, Treasurer's, Small Group Coordinator, and Pastor's reports; Julie Seconded, no discussion, unanimous consent

New Business

Ron motioned to switch Alex and Ginny respective positions on council as purpose area representative. Alex would now be the Discipleship rep; and Ginny would be the Evangelism rep; Tara seconded; no discussion, unanimous consent

Old Business

Continued discussion on 2020 vision and Stewardship Campaign; Tabled to special meetings in July

Focus Area Discussion: Worship

Council held a brainstorming session on Worship purpose area. A review of the Council handbook highlighted a checklist for worship service, which some contended was a list of adiaphora. While important for the worship team, assistants, and potentially staff; the checklist did not feel essential to this Council. Rather, Council and the worship purpose-area representative might serve better to focus on the experience of worship, and steer policies to instill the Sacraments, inspire, uplift, and spread the Good News to the congregation. Worship Teams can then procure a methodology (or checklist) to achieve the vision.

Julie motioned to adjourn; Carlos Seconded; Jay led the Council in Closing Prayer at 9:09pm.

New Online Resources

Check out our new additions the church website:

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

The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is October 4th at 9:00am
Click [here](#) to submit information



Online

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Text [HOSANNALUTHERAN](#) to 77977