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## Ministry of the Month for April

### Vacation Bible School

The month of April will be focused on Hosanna's Vacation Bible School. This ministry is free to all participants. Our theme this year is Discovery Canyon and we will be leading the children on a hike through the canyon and caverns while we learn about Christ.

There are many ways to support this ministry:

- Volunteering to be here 1 or more days
- Monetary donations (please note VBS on check)
- Prayers for staff and students
- Loaning or donating items to be used to decorate: hiking equipment, canteens, flashlights, silk and living plants (including trees and cactus), scrap sewing notions like lace, ribbon, buttons, empty boxes from Capri Sun juices, coffee cans (any size), oatmeal containers, and any other item you think will help to create the canyon scene!

To share your ideas and your items, please contact:

Jill Maloy - 789-1991 or

Krista Ewbank - 674-4356

Bring your items to church office with your name on all items to be returned.

Thank you for your help.



## Art from the Heart

On Thursday evening, March 26th, Hosanna Christian Preschool presented "Art from the Heart". This annual spring event is for the preschool students and their families and friends.

The children produce three or four special pieces of art during the year to display. We had over 85 poster boards holding 3 - 4 pieces exhibited in the Sanctuary, Welcome Area, Fellowship Hall, and the hall leading to the two classrooms. The students and their families enjoyed the art show, the fellowship, and the refreshments.

John Baricev from Mrs. Maloy and Mrs. Toole's 3 year old class.



The following people were recently welcomed into Hosanna's family through membership:

Amy Ettinger

Kevin and Kaesviharn  
Kristian and Xavier

Jill Maloy and Jack

Emmett and Jennifer Mayer  
Evan, Jake and Sarah

*Thanks to all of my Hosanna family for your prayers, food and cards of sympathy following the death of my grandmother. Your support of love is greatly appreciated.*

*In Christ,  
Phyllis Giffin*

## MWANA MISSION Starve-a-thon

Hosanna Lutheran senior high youth fasted for 30 hours for the Mwana Mission "Starve-a-thon" on March 27-28<sup>th</sup>. The "Starve-a-thon" was to bring awareness which helps enhance the basic needs of orphans, disabled and destitute people in Malawi, Africa who suffer a very harsh existence on their own.

Hosanna youth started fasting Friday after lunch and then met at the church where activities included watching a documentary on the life of Malawian children, decorating t-shirts for the orphans, making African flip flops out of recycled 2 liter bottles and plastic bags, and a beaded bottle opener that really worked! Saturday morning, the youth participated in "Keep Mandeville Beautiful" by picking up trash along East Causeway. Saturday at 6 pm the youth celebrated raising over \$1200 and then broke the fast with a meal of Chicken Alfredo and ice cream.



African flip flops the youth made out of recycled 2 liter bottles and plastic bags.

# Hosanna Highlights

A newsletter for members and friends of Hosanna Lutheran Church

April 2, 2009

## A Word From the Senior Pastor...

Dear Friend of Hosanna,

By the time you receive this Palm Sunday has passed. I hope you enjoyed the expansion to the passion narrative of our Lord Jesus' last week of life. I trust that the live presentation of Mark's gospel account strengthened the presentation. I anticipate a wonderful Easter as we finish our series "Kick It Up A Notch." Certainly Easter and the resurrection kick things up a notch. The series is a perfect lead into the Easter series "Fearless Living." Easter makes fearless possible.

For many parents and youth the week following Easter is Spring Break. I hope it is a time of refreshing and renewal for the family. I am especially hopeful it will bring renewal for students and faculty as they prepare to finish the school year. Be safe in your travels.

Thank you for your prayers while Council and Staff were at the leadership weekend. Important steps were taken as we seek to move into God's preferred future. Two major steps include the pursuit of a Master Facility Plan. The good news is that there will be no cost since this service is from the ELCA Mission Fund and Hosanna's benevolence dollars at work. In addition, Council leaders are investigating the possibility of refinancing our current property loan at a significantly reduced rate. On the weekend, the Council elected Matthew Saacks - President, Peg Campos - Vice-President, Troy King - Treasurer, and Phyllis Giffin - Secretary to serve until the next leadership weekend in 2010.

Looking down the road the ELCA National Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans July 22-26. Thirty-six thousand young people from all over the country will be there and twelve thousand will be hitting the streets each day to share the love of God through service that helps rebuild New Orleans. Our own Scott Quillin is responsible for locating and coordinating the work sites. Keep Scott and the Gathering in your prayers as we approach July.

Until next time...

Anton

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### Maunder Thursday

7:30 pm Communion Service

### Good Friday

7:30 pm Tenebrae Service

### Easter Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Egg Hunt during Children's Church at both services.



Congratulations to the following youth who completed the preparation classes led by Mel Rault and celebrated Holy Communion for the first time at the 10:30 am worship service on March 29th:

Cullen Campo  
Kathlyn Dannewald  
Abigail Ewbank  
Darcy MacFarland  
Tess MacFarland  
Evan Mayer  
Abbie Pence  
Payton Radosta  
Amanda Ross  
Kate Tournillon  
Christine Weber



DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. DivorceCare meets every Wednesday evening at Hosanna from 7 - 9 pm.



If you are not familiar with our Scrip Program, please visit the Information Center on Sunday morning to learn how you can help Hosanna's youth by purchasing Scrip for your everyday needs.

## SERMON SERIES

### "Fearless Living"

April 19th

*Fearless Living with Yourself*

April 26th

*Fearless Living with a Family*

May 3rd

*Fearless Living at Work*

May 10th

*Fearless Living with your Neighbor*

May 17th

*Fearless Living with your Money*

May 24th

*Fearless Living in Church*

May 31st

*Fearless Living in the World*



Vacation Bible School  
June 1st - June 5th  
9 am - noon

We'll explore the wonders of God's word through songs, stories, crafts, snacks, dramas and more!



The Blood Center will be here at Hosanna for a Blood Drive on Sunday, May 3rd from 9 am - 12:30 pm. Look for opportunities to sign up to donate blood. Be an angel and help save a life by participating in the blood drive.



Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall every Thurs. from 9 am - 12:30 pm and on the second Tuesday of each month from 12:30 - 3 pm.