

# Hosanna Highlights

A newsletter for members and friends of Hosanna Lutheran Church

January 19, 2012

## A Word From Pastor Anton...

Dear Friend of Hosanna,

As I indicated in my last letter, I have set the date of my retirement as June 30, 2012. A sheet of anticipated questions and answers in regard to Hosanna's future is available at the Information Center. The number of people who attended the January 15 opportunity to ask additional questions seemed to indicate that the question and answer sheet adequately answered most people's questions.

The future of Hosanna is not tied to me, but to God and his people engaged in a prayer dialogue about God's preferred future. So, please be in prayer as we approach the January 29 special congregational meeting to affirm Pastor Chris as new lead/senior pastor and begin the process of calling a new associate pastor.

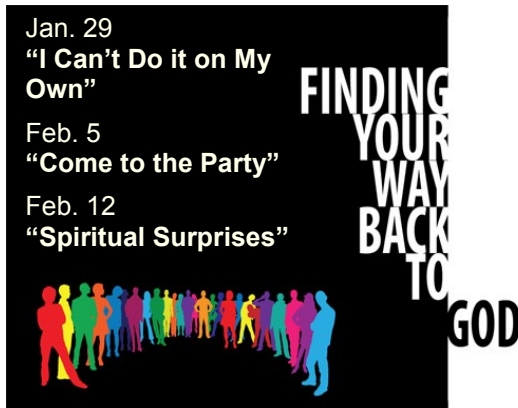
By the time you receive this Alpha will be under way, and it is still possible to invite a guest or come yourself through week four. Continue to pray and invite as you assist in helping people find their way back to God in a fresh new way. There will be great food, great fellowship, great discussion, and a great night out with childcare.

Finally, devotional and Small Group materials for our new series "Royal Pains" will be available for distribution on February 5. The series is scheduled to begin on Sunday, February 26 as a help in the annual Lenten journey. The series is a take off on the USA TV series by the same name. Set in the Hamptons a concierge doctor must put up with some royal pains as he tries to help them. This Lenten series centers in on five of what historically the Christianity community has called the seven deadly sins. Unchecked, they bring death rather than life and they are the same sins for which the royal one, Jesus, died. Following the theme of putting off and putting on the series invites us to put off the things that lead to death and to put on the things that lead to life. I hope to see you during the Series "Royal Pains - from Death to Life."

Until next time...

Pastor Anton

## Special Congregational Meeting January 29, 2012 3:00 pm



This series is helping us find our way back to the God who is already there with us. If you missed a sermon, you can go to our website at [www.hosannalutheran.com](http://www.hosannalutheran.com).



## Casserole Club Information

The Casserole Club is a Hosanna ministry available to our members in times of need - illness, new baby, distress, etc. Please contact Linda Busfield at 845-2068 or by email at [robertbusfield@bellsouth.net](mailto:robertbusfield@bellsouth.net) to notify us of a need.

For those who would like to provide meals, we are using the website, [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com) to coordinate our program. Use the last name of the person in need and the password is their first name. This website allows meal providers to select when they will deliver the meal, indicate what they will be bringing and put their contact number there as well. Instructions on dietary needs, delivery instructions and other pertinent information is available.

**Alpha is here!** Alpha is a ten week, practical introduction to the Christian faith with dinner included. It's not too late participate. Please call the church office at 727-9200 if you or someone you know would like to attend. "What is Alpha?" booklets are available at the Information Center.

## Online Electronic Giving is Here!

Go to Online Giving at:  
[www.hosannalutheran.com](http://www.hosannalutheran.com)

## A Word From Pastor Chris...

Hey Everyone,

Do you have questions? Of course you do! Questions for today and questions about your tomorrow... Questions about your life and your family... Questions...

Do you consider yourself a responsible person? Of course you do! You go to work... You pay your bills... You raise your family... You do your best... You are responsible!

How do responsible people deal with questions? Why, of course, you work to find the answer or solution to your question. We put forth effort to settle those questions that confront us. That's what we do.

So, how do responsible people deal with the questions that concern us regarding our life-in-Christ, both for today and for eternity? Where do we put forth effort to find answers?

Here at Hosanna, we seek the answers to life's questions by participating in God's life. We worship together and discuss the Message with our family, small group friends, and with the Lord in prayer. We attend Sunday School with Christian brothers and sisters who also have questions, who too, are seeking answers. We bring our children to Sunday Kool and Sunday Youth Night, where they can ask their questions. We attend ALPHA where we find God waiting in every question and every response. We attend each of the courses in the Class Series where we find help in growing and serving and loving our neighbor. We serve the less fortunate in places and in circumstances where the questions dominate the answers. We read our Bibles and devotionals, and we say our prayers! We put forth effort.

Come and ask your questions. Come, and with your effort, your Christian friends' prayers and their support, and God's guiding hand, work out your answers. We make commitments to our family and co-workers to work towards solutions that confront us. Join your Christian friends, old and new. Make the commitment to yourself to find some answers. Make the effort, and you will find every answer you seek in God's loving response in your life.

Pastor Chris

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Trudy Miller - Secretary  
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Troy King - Bookkeeper

## Did you know?

- ◆ Quilters gathering every Thursday have a variety of church homes in our area?
- ◆ The Lenten series, "Royal Pains" will include 5-day per week short devotions and a small group study in addition to the weekly message?
- ◆ Contributions for the Capital Fund in 2011 totaled \$113,260.00? That's a little over 16% of our 3 year goal in less than 2 months along with some eager contributors who gave prior to the campaign!



Hosanna Senior High Youth participated in "Keep Mandeville Beautiful" on Saturday, January 14th. Eighteen (18) bags of trash were picked up on the East Causeway Approach working from 8:30 am to noon. Pictured from left to right are Elisabeth Dixon, Kendall Couvillion, Haley Kieff, Scott Tucker, Anthony Wetekamm, Madison Horst, Taylor Bevilacqua, Susannah Sirera, and Brooke Henderson.

**Sunday Kool** begins a new Quest on Sunday, January 29th - "The Good Samaritan." Children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to join the fun in learning through drama, cooking and games.



Memorial Gifts

**In memory of Mary Finney:**

Audrey Anderson  
Jack and Nancy Anderson  
Dar Barke  
Bob and Mona Sparacello

**In memory of Doug Shallenburger:**

Audrey Anderson

**In memory of Wilbert Reisig:**

Audrey Anderson  
Jack and Nancy Anderson  
Barbara Brook  
Ray and Lou Fomby  
Janis Hazlett  
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard P. Hood

### Exploring Classes Sunday January 29th 4:00 - 7:30 pm



Youth Yard Sale is March 3rd. Please bring in your "treasures" to begin filling our 2 large containers to make this year's sale a success. Proceeds go toward summer camp costs.

**Drop off:**

Mon-Thurs 8am-noon & 1:30 - 4pm  
Fri, weekends, evenings contact Vicki at (985) 778-1646

We are not accepting clothing, shoes or mattresses.

The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is 9 am on January 31st.

### The Samaritan Center Food Bank

Cereal Collection for the Samaritan Center is Sunday, February 5th. Bring your donations to the Information Center in the Welcome Area.

## Hosanna Christian Preschool

Clown Day for the preschool was Friday, January 13th. M.T. Nagin (Mike Teifer) helped the children understand that clowns are regular people under their clown makeup by beginning the demonstration in regular clothing and then adding an item at a time of his costume. He transformed into a clown right before their eyes!



Pictured with M.T. Nagin are from left to right: Daniel Brannen, Branson Athas and Natalee Fothe.

**Hosanna Christian Preschool** is accepting registration for the 2012-2013 school year. Our program is 9:00 am - 1:00 pm for 18 month through 5 year olds.

- 18 month to 2 year olds  
Tues/Thurs or Mon/Wed/Fri
- 2 and 3 year olds  
Mon - Fri
- 3, 4, or 5 year olds  
Mon - Fri

Call Marilyn Boudreaux, Director at 624-5525 for additional information.