



# Hosanna Herald

Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Hosanna Lutheran Church

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## I Believe...



*"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

When I was a kid one of the favorite comic books or paperback books I used to enjoy reading was Ripley's Believe it or Not!

I loved Ripley's. What kid wouldn't?

Here was a chance for my world to be expanded and challenged. I was forced in every picture to make a faith decision: do I believe this or not? Can I believe in the Fiji mermaid? Is it a tall tale or fish tale? I wondered. And what about the "Chinese Shrunken Head," the size of a lemon? Or "Wadlow the Giant" at 8'11" tall, the human high-rise?

I believed it all. I hadn't learned to play the skeptic. Children are like that. So trusting. So innocent. But that changes over the years. We are betrayed, disappointed and let down. No, the Fiji mermaid is not real. And, by the way, neither is Santa Claus. Bummer.

It's time to believe in something again. Something real. Something eternal.

Join us August 18 & 19, as we embark on our Capital Stewardship Campaign titled 'I Believe...' Together we will take a big step forward in faith toward realizing the vision God has given us: to populate heaven by reaching the lost for Christ. Together we will  
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## KEY EVENTS AT HOSANNA DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER!

Sun., July 29	Fifth Sunday Potluck
Sat., August 11	Church Rummage Sale
Sat. & Sun., August 18 & 19	Cap. Stewardship Campaign Intro.
Sun. August 26	Cap. Stewardship Commissioning
Mon., August 27	Hosanna ELC First Day of School
Sun., September 9	Rally Day
Sat., September 15	Oct. - Nov. Herald Deadline
Sun. September 16	Love Inc. Sunday
Sat., September 22	Fall Begins
Sun., September 30	Fifth Sunday Potluck





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**OUR MISSION:**

"To initiate, nurture and empower Spirit-filled relationships with God and God's people."

**HOSANNA'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

(please see related article on this page)

**Saturday**

Traditional Service  
6:00 p.m.

**Sunday**

Traditional Service  
9:00 a.m.  
Contemporary Praise Service  
10:15 a.m.

**Sunday Schedule Changes**

Beginning Sunday, September 9 our new worship times will be 9:00 and 10:15. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will also be at 9:00.

The reason for the change is simple: to reach the un-churched. Church consultants say that 9:00 a.m. is a better time to attract new people, especially young adults.

We also paid close attention to the needs and wants of the members. We are not interested in taking anyone away from a class or worship service they enjoy. We are trying to reach people who are not involved in church at all. Announcements were made and letters sent out. People were invited to come and talk about their concerns. Many meetings were held. There were some valid and compelling arguments. Thank you for taking the time to respond.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to make our worship services more attractive for the unchurched. While other factors were considered (inconvenience for members, Praise Band, Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Pastor, etc.), our mission is to reach the lost. And it was on that basis that the decision was made.

Now that the decision has been made, we can all get behind it and do our best to make it work.

**Welcome New Members**

Please welcome Matt and Jessica Hawley, and write their contact information in the back of your directory: 4601 S. Balsam Way, #817, Littleton, CO, 80123, 303-902-5171.

Also Jacob Swift, age 3, 4808 S. Swadley St., Morrison, 80465.

**Thursday Morning Fellowship and Bible Study**

On the second Thursday of every month the Thursday morning Bible study group enjoys a planned outing or activity, followed by lunch at a local restaurant:

- August 9 - The Money Museum
- September 13 - The History Museum

Everyone is welcome to join us! We always have a great time. We meet at Hosanna at 9:30 a.m. for carpooling.

**Friendliest Congregation in Town?**

Can we be the friendliest congregation in South Jeffco? Yes, absolutely, if we choose to be. Here are some ideas:

- Welcome our visitors. Introduce yourself. Let them know we're glad they came!
- Volunteer to be a greeter. What a great way to meet new people! All it takes is a cheery "hello," a firm handshake and a smile. Call the church at 303-973-1706 to learn how you can make a difference.
- Take advantage of our Card Care Ministry. Cards for all occasions are available in the narthex at no cost. Use them to encourage someone in ministry. Tell a friend that you care.

**Colorful Hosanna Herald**

Sign up to receive this newsletter by e-mail. Send your request to hosanna.lutheran@att.net, and write "Hosanna Herald" in the subject line.

**Love Inc. News**

**Sunday, August 12: BBQ** - 11:30-1:30 at Stern Park in Littleton: Enjoy games, music, food, and a duck race at 2:00. The event is hosted in partnership with Littleton's Sunrise Rotary. Tickets can be ordered at [loveinlittleton.org/events](http://loveinlittleton.org/events).

**Sunday, September 16: Presentation at Hosanna** Read more about this upcoming event on page 3!

**Thursday, October 4: Empty Bowl Annual Fundraiser** from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Pinehurst Country Club. We are again featuring Susie Wargin, MC, gourmet soups and bread, and live music. This is great fun. Tickets are \$40 each. Space is limited.

If you have any questions about the events at Love, Inc. you may contact them at 303-798-0037 or call Hosanna member, Shirley Hieber, at 303-988-7345.

## Winning With LFS

Lutheran Family Services will have their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Innkeeper Dinner at the Air Force Academy Press Box on Tuesday, September 25.

Plan for a fun evening when you can dress casually - even wear your favorite team's colors!

KKTV's Jen Lennon will be the Mistress of Ceremonies. Dinner will be catered by Carrabba's.

Join us for a fabulous silent auction and live music, and learn how LFS assists vulnerable children and families in Colorado Springs through disaster relief, foster care, adoption, and refugee services.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Hamilton-Lyons at 314-0232 or Rebecca.Hamilton-Lyons@lfsco.org.

## Thank You, VBS Volunteers

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped with "Welcome to Babylon" in June. It was another great year for Vacation Bible School as a result of wonderful people working together to make it happen for the children.

## Women's Retreat

Hosanna's First Annual Women's Retreat will be Saturday, October 13 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with an optional potluck at 4:00. Invite your friends and neighbors. More details will be coming soon

## Church Rummage Sale

The sale will be held from 8 to 4 on Saturday, August 11. Thank you to those who have already made donations. We are raising money for our children's Sunday School and other needs of the church. If you would like to help, e-mail Lori Meidal at lori.meidal@gmail.com, or call her at 303-972-8169.

## Address Changes

**Ruth Dawes**, - Keystone Place, 11180 Irving Dr., room #306, Westminster, CO 80031. Phone 303-972-4362.

**Pearl Wedlund** - 445 Strathmore Ln., #114, Lafayette, CO 80026. Phone 303-249-1568.

**The Goerings**, (Blake, Nicole, Caden and Rowan) - 4549 Applecrest Circle, Castle Rock, CO 80109

## I Believe...

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come to a better understanding of Christ's plan for us and our church. Plans to give hope and a future.

In Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, Christian is staying in Doubting Castle where he and Hopeful are held prisoner by the giant, Despair. Christian finally realizes he has a key that will unlock all the doors and gates of Doubting Castle, and the key is Promise.

What do you believe in? A better future for us and our children? That we might be seen by unbelievers as a people of hope? That we might indeed make an eternal difference? God gives us something to believe in. The promises of God.

Believe it!

## Love Inc. Sunday

Doug McKinney, Executive Director, Love Inc. will come to Hosanna to make an informative presentation on September 16 at the 9:00 and 10:15 services.

The mission of Love INC of Littleton is to mobilize the local churches to help our neighbors in need. We are a network of churches that links church ministries and volunteers to people in need. Love INC works cooperatively with churches, nonprofit agencies and county services (including Jefferson, Arapahoe and Douglas counties) to provide help for the disadvantaged.

Learn more about how you can become a member of the Love INC of Littleton community of friends and volunteers -- and help *make a difference* in our area!

## Hosanna Early Learning Center

### Taking Registrations

We are taking registrations for the 2012-2013 half-day program for ages 2 1/2 through age 5. Did you know about our referral program? If you refer a family to our school, and they enroll, you may be eligible to receive \$50. Restrictions do apply. Please call the ELC Director, Karen Howells, at 303-973-6485 for information or to schedule a tour.

### What We are Learning in September

Children in Hosanna's Early Learning Center have abundant opportunities to grow in their faith and knowledge of the Lord.

September - CREATION: God made the world, plants, animals, and people. God calls and blesses Abraham.

# BIBLE Treasure Hunt

Let the search — and the fun — begin! Try one or both of the variations below, adjusting for age-appropriateness as needed.

### What you need:

- Bibles
- Self-stick notes or pieces of paper
- Pencil
- Treats
- Boxes (treasure chests)

### What you do:

#### Locations Treasure Hunt

1. Find Bible verses that mention a place inside or outside your house. The location for Matthew 7:8, for example, is a door.
2. Write each verse on a self-stick note and hide all but the first clue. Give the first clue to the player(s).
3. Leave the treats at the final clue destination.

#### Object Treasure Hunt

1. Find Bible verses that mention objects that can be found nearby. The object for Matthew 16:19, for example, is a key.
2. Give each player an empty box, a Bible and a list of verses as clues.
3. Have players return their collected items for a final prize.



## Confirmation Registration

We are beginning a new year of Confirmation Instruction. Everyone entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall is eligible. If you know of anyone who might be interested or would like more information please call the church office (303-933-4726) by Friday, August 31.

## Narthex Renovation

*"It looks like the Colorado sky,"* observed one member as he saw the newly painted narthex.

Blue is the newest color to beautify our narthex. Blue is the coolest color - the color of the sky, ocean, sleep, twilight. Blue symbolizes heaven and the Virgin Mary. A pure blue is the color of inspiration, sincerity and spirituality. Peaceful, tranquil blue causes the body to produce calming chemicals.

The project was funded entirely by our insurance company as the result of damages of a windstorm on Ash Wednesday. The colors were chosen with the help of a professional interior design expert specializing in color.

## Community Garden

Our first produce donation - peas and strawberries - was made to Open Arms Food Bank on July 17. Lori is now harvesting on Mondays, and welcomes anybody who wants to come and help. We have an asparagus garden and blackberry and raspberry patches! We could use some volunteers to help us plant the Bing cherry bushes that were donated by Roger and Jan Schlichting.

## Good Shepherd Craft Fair

The Good Shepherd Craft Fair is coming to Hosanna on August 25 and 26 - The Good Shepherd Auxiliary mission is to "Prayerfully provide spiritual and financial support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities within Bethesda Lutheran Communities." Come and check out wonderful homemade craft items at great prices while supporting a great cause.

## Sunday School Report

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL is going very well. Thank you to all the volunteers. The children have really enjoyed their time with you.

TEACHERS ARE NEEDED for the Fall and Winter classes. No experience is required. We need helpers, too! Please consider this important ministry to our children. Please e-mail Lori at lori.meidal@gmail.com, or call 303-972-8169.

### RALLY DAY - September 9!

Join us in the fellowship hall to celebrate a new Sunday School season!

Register for the 2012-2013 Sunday School year and meet our teachers.

There will be treats for all the kids! Each student who registers will receive a goodie bag.

Refreshments will be available for the adults, too.

Classes begin the next Sunday, September 16th!

# THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE

Play this game with a group of friends to remind you to follow Jesus.

### What you need:

- Large space for running
- 3 jump ropes or 9 traffic cones

### What you do:

1. Using jump ropes or traffic cones, form lines at both ends of the playing area. Also make a dividing line in the middle. Designate one side as "The Way" and the other as "The Truth." The center line is "The Life."
2. Choose one person to stand in the middle of the center line. He or she is the caller, yelling, "The way!" or "The truth!" or "The life!" The rest of the players also start on the middle line.
3. When a location is called, players run as fast as possible to the designated area. The last person to arrive switches places with the caller.
4. When "The Life" is called, players run to the center line and raise both hands. No one gets out.