

Special Campaign Report

I Believe...



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Our Commitment Progress

We celebrate the response of God's people so far. It includes:

32 Commitment Cards returned.

156,730 total dollars committed.

Our "I Believe..." Capital Campaign has been a success both spiritually and in financial commitments. We are grateful for your response, as the Lord has truly blessed this congregation. Next Sunday, December 2, will be our Commitment Sunday and First Offering Sunday. Special "I Believe..." envelopes will be available for use in making your 'over and above' giving to the work of the church. Using these envelopes will help the financial secretary keep accurate giving records.

Thank you to every family or individual who took the journey in heart and mind of stepping out in faith, praying and responding. Most Capital Campaigns are designated for building programs – things that will crumble and decay. *Never in my 35 years of ministry have I heard of a congregation launching a Capital Campaign to invest in things eternal – building the kingdom by reaching the lost. I respond as did King David in 1 Chronicles 29:14: "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." I am proud to be your pastor.*

If you personally have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. You may return your Commitment Card to the church office or contact us.

We realize that some have chosen not to make a commitment. In any case, we thank you for taking part, and seek your prayers and support in this worthwhile endeavor.

We plan to keep you informed by regular information in the bulletin, the church newsletter, and periodic reports. We want you to stay with us as we see "tomorrow" unfold before our eyes with God's blessings! If you have ideas which would help our ministry in this area, please let us know.



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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.

Voters' Meeting

There will be a brief but important Voters' Meeting on Sunday, **December 9** at 11:20 a.m. The agenda includes adoption of the 2013 Budget, allocation of the campaign funds, and election of the Board of Directors. Don't miss this opportunity to voice yourself.

If you have any other agenda items please contact Angela Reimer, Board of Directors Chairperson, by Wednesday, December 5. Nominations for the Board of Directors are also due by December 5.

Early Learning Center News

The ELC will serve hot chocolate and cookies between services on Sunday, **December 2**. All are welcome!

Mark your calendars now for our annual Silent Auction, which will be held on Friday, April 19. More information will follow soon. This year's theme will be "It's a Small World." We have a great group of parents planning this event, and look forward to another huge success.

School enrollment has been outstanding. We have just a few openings available for the current school year. Please call Karen at 303-973-6485 for more information.

Hosanna Gives

In addition to the Coat Drive for the Homeless Hosanna is gathering non-perishable foods and new unwrapped toys for our neighbors in need. In partnership with Love INC we are also gathering gifts for children and teenagers.

Please bring your gift and leave them under our Giving Tree. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Weekly Offering Envelopes

Weekly offering envelopes are available to all members. They will be on tables in the Narthex beginning Sunday, **December 23** or any time by calling the church at 303-973-1706. Please continue using your 2012 envelopes through the end of the year. For those who give with checks or cash, weekly envelopes are a great reminder of the importance of regular support to Hosanna, and also allow us to give you a report of your annual giving for income tax deduction purposes.

Automated Fund Transfers

Automated Fund Transfers from a bank account of your choosing can be arranged at no cost to you or Hosanna by contacting the Church Office.

This is a great tool for making sure your support for Hosanna's ongoing ministries and expenses continues even in those times when you are unable to be present at worship. Automated contributions also allow us to send you a report of your annual giving for tax purposes at the end of the year.

About the Hosanna Herald

This issue is for December, 2012 and January, 2013.

The next issue will be for February and March, 2013. The deadline for your articles to arrive in the church office is Tuesday, **January 15**. Put them in Gail's mailbox in the narthex or e-mail them to hosanna.lutheran@att.net.

Thank you!



As you head into 2013, create a special journal for the new year.

What you need:

- Spiral notebook (with a plain-colored cover)
- Foam letters, numbers and shapes
- Stickers
- Jewels and glue (optional)

What you do:

- Decorate the notebook cover with letters and numbers. Options include "2013," "Journal" or your name.
- Decorate with foam shapes, stickers or jewels.
- Write in the journal daily – or whenever possible – recording life events, thoughts, prayer requests and more.
- Keep the journal private or share it with your friends and family.

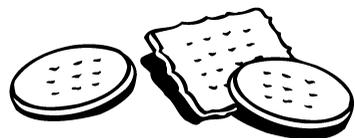


Spread a little cheer

This holiday season, "spread" some cheer by giving a yummy treat that can be spread on crackers, bread or apple slices.

What you need:

- ½ cup chopped, crushed candied pecans
- ½ cup chopped fresh basil
- ½ cup chopped dried cranberries
- ¼ tsp. black pepper
- 8 oz. goat cheese log
- Decorative plastic wrap



What you do:

1. Combine the first four ingredients on a flat surface.
2. Roll the cheese log firmly in the nut mixture, coating all surfaces.
3. Wrap the log and give it, along with a box of party crackers, to neighbors, teachers and so on.

Christian Events

December 5

"HOPE IS WHAT WE DO"

Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine will speak about health and education services provided by Bright Stars of Bethlehem at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Ave., after the 6:30 p.m. Advent service. E-mail mhinchey@aol.com, or arnievoigt@msn.com, or call 303-798-7887.

December 6

"CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"

The Lutheran Chorale's performance will be on Thursday, December 6, at 7 p.m., at the Lakewood Cultural Center. Tickets are \$20 adult, \$15 senior 65+, and \$10 children. Call Linda at 303-973-1161.

February 3

"HYMNS TRIUMPHANT" Lutheran Chorale concert at 3 p.m. at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, at 920 Kipling Street in Lakewood. All attendees are invited to sing.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Help nonprofit organizations that are near and dear to you - even Hosanna Lutheran Church and ELC!

Now eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funds, based on qualifying insurance premiums, contract values and volunteer leadership, through Choice Dollars, part of the Thrivent Choice grant program.

For more information, or to check your eligibility, visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or call 1-800-847-4836, or call Financial Associate Michael Stecker at 303-962-6265.



Keeping Our Ministry Strong

We thank those who also support the work of the Kingdom through their annual pledge. If we fail to keep our ministry strong, our campus will become a mausoleum rather than a ministry center. It is important, over the next three years as we give our sacrificial commitment to continue to give and grow our tithes and offerings which support the on-going ministry and mission needs of our church.

It is important to avoid the temptation of diverting some of our regular offerings into our commitment to the "I Believe..." Campaign. For our capital campaign, we are asked to make over-and above gifting as God has blessed us.

Christmas Greetings To You

We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior with our Hosanna family.

May God bless you and yours this Christmas and throughout the new year.

Pastor Greg and Phyllis

Hanging of the Greens

Come join us to deck the halls as we gather on Sunday, **December 2** following the 10:15 service for the Hanging of the Greens. There will be music, food and fellowship. Many hands make the job easier.

2012-2013 Key Contacts Non-Staff

Board of Directors

- Angela Reimer - Chair
- Jason Beu - Secretary
- Willa Bradshaw
- Roger Schlichting

Others

- Eric Linneman - Head Elder
- Angela Reimer - Stephen Ministry
- Lori Meidal - Sunday School Superintendent
- Sheree Gilmore - Treasurer
- Gerideane Tracey - Financial Secretary
- Tracy Stabrava - Prayer Chain
- Doug Bradshaw - Facilities Maintenance
- Rob Meidal - Computers and Website



Hosanna's Live Nativity

Hosanna's Sunday School children will again put on a live performance of the Nativity of Christ on Saturday, **December 22** at 6:00 p.m. We will be serving refreshments after the performance.

Please come and experience the wonder of this event.

New Member Class

Want to know more about Hosanna? Interested in membership? New member? Interested in volunteering, and making a difference?

Please attend our next scheduled New Member Meeting on Saturday, **January 19** from 9:30 to noon. Learn more about our wonderful Hosanna family!

Contact Pastor Greg for information at 303-973-1706.

Thursday Morning Fellowship

On Thursday, **December 13** the Thursday Morning Bible Study Group will hold their Annual Christmas Luncheon at Assignments Restaurant. We will meet at Church at 9:30 to carpool first to St. Nick's Christmas Store and then to Assignments. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP to the church at 303-973-1706 by Monday, December 10.

On Thursday, **January 10** we will visit the National Renewably Energy Lab in Golden. Again, we will meet at Church at 9:30 for carpooling. No reservation needed.

Sunday School Important Dates

December 2 -
Lori will not be at Hosanna.

December 9 and 16 -
Sunday School & Nativity rehearsal during Sunday School.

December 16 -
Sneak preview of the nativity performance song presentation during the 9:00 a.m. service.

December 23 and 30 -
NO classes

January 6 -
Return to the regular class schedule.



The Message Continues For Three Years

Reaching the lost. Populating heaven. Filling our building with people and ministries.

While our Leadership Team finishes its work, it is important that the message of our mission and vision not become silent and forgotten. So our Fulfillment Team has accepted the mantle of leadership during the three-year giving period. Their special areas of ministry will include four areas:

Assure that timely and accurate record-keeping and reporting take place. Please remember to use the special **"I Believe..."** offering envelopes when making your gift.

- Regularly communicate with us about the progress and events connected with the campaign.
- Share the story with new members and give them the opportunity to join us in giving.
- Plan special events connected with the campaign.

In addition, there will be coaching for the pastor, and a special enrichment weekend called 'Building & Believing.' Watch for details.



Hosanna's Commitment Cele-Brunch-Ation on November 18, 2012