



Hosanna Herald

Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Hosanna Lutheran Church

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Facing the Cross



When the days drew near for him to leave this earth, Jesus "set his face" to Jerusalem to encounter the pain of the cross on our behalf, (Luke 9:51). In the same way in this Lenten series, we set our faces on the cross of Christ that lies before us. As we face the cross during these Lenten

days, we also face certain aspects in our lives which are not always in line with the cross. We come to terms with them in this series through the cross of Christ - who came to save us that we might see him face-to-face in heaven.

Soup suppers will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning February 20; Lenten Services are at 7:00 p.m.

Facing the Cross - The Lenten Series:

- ✚ **Ash Wednesday, February 13** - "Facing Our Sins" - Romans 3:23-24. We come to terms with our sinfulness and rejoice in Christ's forgiveness.
- ✚ **Week 1, February 20** - "Facing Temptation" - Hebrews 4:14-15. We acknowledge that we give in to temptations at times, but rest on the power of Christ to resist the devil.
- ✚ **Week 2, February 27** - "Facing Our Fears" - Isaiah 41:10. Recognizing what strikes fear in our hearts helps us to grab on more tightly to Christ.
- ✚ **Week 3, March 6** - "Facing Our Worldliness" - Matthew 6:19-21. Accepting we are often all too dependent on worldly goods opens the door to seeing the value of everlasting blessings.

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KEY EVENTS AT HOSANNA DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH!

Sat. Feb. 2 & Sun., Feb. 3
Wednesday, February 13 -
Wednesdays in Lent -
Friday, March 15 -
Thursday, March 21
March 24 through 30

60/20 Celebration after each Worship service
Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
February 20 through March 20:
Soup Supper at 6 p.m. and Worship at 7 p.m.
Hosanna Herald Deadline
Herald Angels (newsletter assembly) 9:30 a.m.
Holy Week:
Palm Sunday - Worship at 9:00 and 10:15 a.m.
Palm Sunday - Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31



EASTER:
Easter Breakfast from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Worship at 9:00 and 10:15 a.m.



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OUR MISSION:

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

HOSANNA'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday

Traditional Service
6:00 p.m.

Sunday

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

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- ✠ **Week 4, March 13** - "Facing One Another" - Ephesians 4:31-32. Confessing that we have not always treated each other in a Christ-like manner helps to build better relationships.
- ✠ **Week 5, March 20** - "Facing Suffering" - Romans 8:18-19. Enduring suffering in this world connects us to Christ and points us to the joy to come.

Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday is **February 13** and Lent begins with a Worship service that evening at 7:00 p.m.

SOUP SUPPERS - We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent, from February 20 through March 20. Worship follows at 7:00 p.m. A different group will host the soup suppers each week. Come join us for great food and fellowship as we ready ourselves for Holy Week.

Easter Lilies

You may purchase a lily to adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning, and take it home after the last service. Please check the narthex soon for a lily sign-up sheet.

Easter Breakfast

Mark your calendars for Easter breakfast at Hosanna on Easter morning from 9:30 to 10:30. This event has become a wonderful Hosanna tradition. We need volunteers to serve or bake. Please watch for a sign-up sheet.

And So It Begins



Our "I Believe..." Stewardship Campaign is in full swing. Each week additional funds are moving us closer to our goal. Because of your faithful contributions hundreds of thousands of dollars will become available for ministry and outreach. We are also committed to capital improvements as monies become available – renovating our sanctuary and the addition of an elevator to our current building. What a difference this will make in our church and in our community.

We praise God for his faithfulness. Exciting times lie ahead. Join us as we move forward in faith. Join the people of God as together we populate heaven by reaching the lost. It is what the Father calls us to do.

The Lord bless you and keep you in His grace now and in the years to come.

Pastor Greg

New Member Class

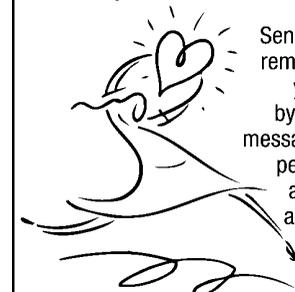
New to Hosanna? Want to know more about the church? Interested in learning what it means to be Lutheran? Want to discover hundreds of ways to find joy in serving?



Then please attend our next informal and informative New Member Class on Saturday, **February 16** from 9:00 to noon. It will be an opportunity for you to meet and get to know Pastor Greg and our family of faith.

Call the church at 303-973-1706 if you plan to attend.

PIECES OF LOVE



Send special reminders of your love by creating messages that people can assemble and enjoy.

What you need:

- Large wooden craft sticks
- Tape
- Permanent markers
- Scissors
- Zippered sandwich baggies

What you do:

1. Make a rectangle out of seven craft sticks by placing them next to one another, long side against long side.
2. Tape the sticks together.
3. Turn the sticks over and draw a special picture or message. You can include this Bible verse: "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19, NIV).
4. Cut through the tape to separate each craft stick.
5. Put all the sticks in a baggie.
6. Give your special messages to family members, friends or teachers — along with directions for viewing them.

FORGIVENESS Game

Try this twist on musical chairs.

What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

What you do:

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.

Thank You, Thank You!

From the Peters - Phyllis and Pastor Greg would like to thank their Hosanna family for all the expressions of love given them over the holiday season. They are truly blessed to be a part of this community and thank God each day for every one of you!

For Holiday Giving - Thank you for donating cash, toys, food, and diapers. We were able to help many families this holiday season. We thank the Lord also for all the Hosanna members who were able to give the time required to collect, sort, shop, pack and make deliveries.

From Sunday School - Thank you to all who helped make this year's Sunday School Christmas Program a success! Thanks to the children for sharing their beautiful music and acting skills to enhance our Worship service.

Our Awesome God

Who or what is God? What is He really like? Why is He worthy of our praise? Join us **Thursday mornings at 9:30** as we explore the attributes of God. Behold His sovereignty, glimpse His glory, experience His love, prepare for His coming. On second Thursdays of each month we go on an outing, followed by lunch.

Our **February 14** outing is "up in the air." That does not mean it will be a balloon ride. It means we still need to decide where to go. Plans for that day will be announced in the Hotline (Sunday bulletin news) soon.

On **March 14** we will be treated to a private tour of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, seat of the Archdioceses of Denver. This architectural wonder is home to many beautiful pieces of art.

60/20 Celebration

The beginning of February brings two important events: Pastor Greg's 60th birthday AND his 20 year anniversary at Hosanna. Please join us for a short time of celebration, thanksgiving, and recognition after every Worship service on February 2 and 3.



Give the Gift of Real Life

Last Advent we distributed to the community copies of the most influential book ever written: the Bible. The response was overwhelming. Dozens of books were distributed along with invitations to join us for Christmas services. And they came! By the hundreds they came. And we had an opportunity to tell them of the love that God has for each and every one of them

This Lent you will have an opportunity to do it again. Bibles will be available for you to give to family and friends. Each comes with an invitation to worship with us and experience firsthand the saving grace of God. Take as many as you want. Share them with your neighbors and coworkers. Wouldn't it be wonderful to know that you played a key role in bringing someone to Christ? Wouldn't it be grand to know that you helped someone attain eternal life?

Take the first step and leave the rest to the Holy Spirit. Bath this outreach program with your prayers. There is no cost and the returns on your investment may be greater than you could ever imagine.

Pastor Greg

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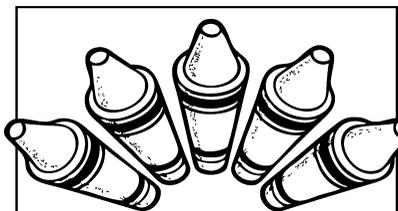
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Thoughts on Prayer

When I was younger I was very taken by Judy Blume's book "Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret." So, when I needed to talk to God, I would start with that: "Are you there, God? It's me, Angela." Later, it became: "Hi, it's me." Later again, when I came further into my faith I began to ask questions about proper prayer. I was offered the ACTS formula: **A**doration, **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving, **S**upplication. This is a beautiful little formula that helps me remember to offer praise and thanks to God for what he will do with my prayers. But what I learned as my faith grew, was that prayer is really just a constant conversation with God.



Biblical authors used words such as "said, call, spoke, say, cry" when they wrote of prayer. "The major terms for prayer are conversational; it presupposes a mutual posture of trust and devotion; it concerns the range of life concerns; like a conversation between friends, it provides both comfort/support and challenge; and its purposes include service of other." (quote from *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*, Ed. Leland Ryken, James Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III, IVP Academic, 1998.) Prayer is not a one-way conversation; it is not us talking to ourselves, and we do not have to do it perfectly. Romans 8:26-27 says "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through word-



Crayon Heart

Make heart-shaped crayons as a reminder that the things of God should be written on our hearts.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- Oven
- Oven mitt
- Heart-shaped silicon mold (available at craft stores)
- Old crayons

What you do:

1. Heat oven to 230 degrees.
2. Remove paper wrappers from crayons. (This is easier if you soak crayons in cool water first.)
3. Break crayons into small pieces. Place pieces into heart-shaped mold, filling them about two-thirds full.
4. Bake for 15 minutes or until crayons have completely melted.
5. When the heart-shaped crayons are cool, remove them from the mold.

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less groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God." God knows what we mean even when don't quite know how to say it.

Prayer is very unique and very individual. I pray in all kinds of places and at all kinds of weird times. In the wee hours of the morning when I can't sleep, when something awesome happens, in the car when I'm frustrated, in line at the grocery store for the mom of the cranky toddler in front of me, at church with everyone else, in the shower when I'm worried. Sometimes I am asking for myself, sometimes I am asking for others. Maybe you pray every morning or night. Maybe you are praying when you don't even know it. Sometimes when I'm thinking about a certain situation and my feelings are coming up I say to God: "Did You get that? Are You hearing me? Will You help me?" That's prayer, too. Prayer comes in so many styles but underneath those styles it remains a conversation with God.

Angela Riemer

Head of Hosanna's Prayer Chain

Hosanna Prayer Chain

Angela Riemer accepts prayer requests by e-mail at pray4hosanna@gmail.com. Expect to receive requests within twelve hours. You will also receive periodic suggestions for generalized prayer and tips for intercessory and other types of prayer. This individualized ministry can fit anyone's schedule.

Spring HAS Sprung

Make this craft to capture the beauty of God's creation in springtime.

What you need:

- White glue that dries clear
- White watercolor paper
- Black fine-point permanent marker
- Watercolors
- Paint brush
- Water bowl
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. With glue, draw a picture on watercolor paper of flowers and other things in God's creation we see in spring. Keep lines fairly big and simple, without many small details.
2. After the glue dries, use a fine-point permanent marker to trace the glue lines.
3. Paint your picture with watercolors for a stained-glass effect.

