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Pastor's Message



THE FAMILY HEIRLOOM

All of us have family heirlooms that have been handed down from generation to generation. One family treasured a very old vase. They even kept it on the mantle where everybody could see it. When the mother came in from shopping late one afternoon, her teenage daughter said: "Mother, you know that vase that has been handed down from generation to generation?"

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"Yes, dear. What about it?"

Her daughter said, "Well, this generation just dropped it."

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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.

LUTHERAN CHORALE COMING TO HOSANNA

The Lutheran Chorale of Denver has announced an upcoming concert at Hosanna. The Lutheran Chorale (TLC) began in September, 1976, as an incorporated, non-profit organization to create a select, inter-Lutheran choral group in the Denver area, dedicated to blending sacred and secular music for the enjoyment of the general public. Over the years it has seen consistent growth in its membership, performances, the difficulty of its music and the enjoyment of its audiences and members

The spring concert, *It Runs in the Family*, will be presented at Hosanna Lutheran on Sunday, May 4, 2014, 7:30pm. The schedule is planned far in advance in order to apply for SCFD (Scientific and Cultural Facilities District) funding.

Not only is this an opportunity to support TLC but it is a wonderful way to reach out into the community. We are glad to have this opportunity to welcome this well know and distinguished group to Hosanna.

EASTER LILIES

GIVEN BY

Brad and Melissa Johnsons
Dorothy Kramer-Hetner
Lois Liedtke
Ruth Schnell
Bradshaws

Barb Nichols

IN MEMORY OF

Olen & Alice Miller
Alfred & Esther Allen
John (husband)
Charles Snell (husband)
Luella & Bill Lammers
Norma & Jim Bradshaw
Marian Haseman
Vicki Zehme

CLIP ART

This year's Vacation Bible School will be June 17 -21. This year's theme is "Kingdom Rock." At *Kingdom Rock* kids will enter an epic adventure that empowers them to stand strong. There, God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale—it changes kids forever. Daily Bible points include "God's love helps us stand strong" and "Trusting God helps us stand strong." There are many ways you can help, including materials donations, volunteering to be a leader or work in the kitchen, volunteering to help with decorations or crafts, recruiting the children in your family to attend, and many other ways. Watch the Hotline and Herald for dates and other important information. Contact Angela Riemer or Lori Meidal for more information or to find out what you can do.

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SYNODICAL CONVENTION

Pastor Greg was chosen by his colleagues to represent the Rocky Mountain District at the upcoming LC-MS Convention. The convention takes place July 20-25 in St. Louis, Missouri. The Synod faces many challenges. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide Pastor Greg and the other delegates in seeking God pleasing solutions.

Love, Inc.

Hosanna is proud to be a partner Church of Love in the Name of Christ. In fact, Hosanna was one of the first churches to support this community outreach. The mission Love INC is to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ. It is a movement of Christian Churches working together to show God's love to the poor and needy. There are many volunteer opportunities. Love INC will find a ministry to fit your gifts and abilities. Please call 303-978-0037 to find out how you can put love into action.



Show your love for your mother, grandmother or aunt this Mother's Day by placing words of appreciation throughout the house for her to find.

What you need:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Tape



What you do:

1. Fold construction paper into fourths.
2. Cut paper along the folds to get four pieces.
3. On each rectangle, write words of appreciation, drawings and so on.
4. Tape the papers throughout the house. For example, a note on the refrigerator or pantry might say, "Thank you for making yummy meals for me." A note on a mirror might say, "You are beautiful inside and out!"

Community Garden News

Garden plots are now available for Spring planting. Sign up by calling the Church Office. We ask that a part of the harvest go to local food kitchens.

If you would like to support the garden, but don't like to get your hands dirty, donations are always accepted. There is help for the. Call 303-973-1706.

Church Work Day

Please join us on April 20 for a church work day. We need help inside and out with chores such as scrubbing the kitchen, weeding the flower beds, outdoor trash pick up, and getting the gardens ready.

If this type of labor is not your style, consider volunteering to prepare lunch for the "laborers."

We especially welcome any teens working on community service for high school graduation and other requirements, and Scouts working on badges; this a great opportunity to fulfill those duties. Not to mention, we have a ton of fun. Please plan to meet at 8:45 for prayer and organizing task forces, and stay for lunch from 12:00-1:00. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Angela Riemer so

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 - Praise Band Computers/Website

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We have been given the greatest gift ever – the saving knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It has been handed down from generation to generation. How are we handling that reassurance?

We are now in the fulfillment phase of our Capital Stewardships Campaign – "I Believe." Our goal is to pass the gift of salvation to the next generation by using the gifts that God has given us – our time, our talent and our possessions. Gifts that are not meant to be put on some dusty shelf and ignored but are meant to be used and drawn on for the sake of the kingdom.

How are you using those gifts? We are already experiencing new growth from the commitments that are being fulfilled. Thank you.

We have been entrusted with a great gift and a great responsibility. Future generations are depending on us not to drop it. For God's sake, pray that we would seek God's will and make strides toward bringing more people to faith in Christ.

What do you believe in?

OUR AWESOME GOD

THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Thursday morning for study, fellowship and service. We are currently studying the attributes of God, discovering that he is indeed an awesome God.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

On Thursday, April 11 we will visit the Georgia O'Keefe exhibit at the Art Museum followed by lunch.

On Thursday, May 9 we will have a mountain picnic. Fried and rotisserie chicken as well as place settings and drinks will be provided. You are invited to bring a side dish or desert. We meet at church at 9:30 to carpool to our destinations. Everyone is welcome

THRIVENT DOLLARS

Last year, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provided THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS to Hosanna. If you are a Thrivent member you may direct your Choice Dollars to Hosanna or another Lutheran organization you prefer.

The Thrivent Choice® program offers two ways members can determine where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach funds. Some members can participate in both, based on eligibility. If you are unsure of your eligibility, review the eligibility requirements, login or register to view your eligibility and Choice Dollars. Go to Thrivent.com or see your local agent for more details.

ELC NOW ENROLLING

Hosanna ELC is currently taking registrations for the 2013-2014 school year. We will be offering a half day program for ages 2 1/2 through age 5.

Hosanna's Early Learning Center is part of and backed by the second largest parochial school system in America with partner schools around the world. Now in its 30th year, our goal is to provide excellence in education in a loving Christian environment. We are proud of our teachers whose love and devotion to their students is evident in all that they do. Call 303-973-6485 for more information.

SOUP SUPPERS AS COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

The purpose of our Lenten Soup Suppers was to reach out to the community with God's love. Members of the community were invited through media and word of mouth. Our message: come and experience community at Hosanna.

Special teams made welcomed our guests. Each received a special gift and an invitation to return. We made it clear that we cared about them and were here to help. Many reported that we were successful in connecting with our visitors.

It is our vision to create community for the community in all that we do. Help us make Hosanna a welcoming congregation, a place that connects people to Jesus.

CARD CARE MINISTRY

Hosanna's Card Care Ministry has recently been updated. Cards are free and available to anyone. Let someone know that you miss them or are praying for them or are just thinking of them.

There are cards for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and much more. Grab a few to take home with you or fill one out while at church and put it in the recipient's mailbox. Give us their name and we will even mail it for you. Just put it in the office mailbox. Don't hesitate. Send some love today!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTION

We are accepting nominations for the Board of Directors. All nominations must be in writing. Before being considered each candidate is required to go through a training course and sign a covenant upholding the highest standards of participation, service, conduct and tithing with regard to the church. If you or someone you know would aspire to this office please contact Pastor Greg or a member of the Board of Directors.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the altar may be donated in thanksgiving for blessings given or in memory of a loved one. Flowers may be selected by the donor and taken home after the late service. Contact the Church Office to sign up.