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The Mission Statement of Hosanna

Lutheran Church:

*"To initiate, nurture and empower
Spirit-filled relationships for God
and God's people"*

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SUMMER SCHEDULE ENDS—SEPTEMBER 3

No Summer Sunday School—Labor Day Weekend

WINTER SCHEDULE BEGINS—SEPTEMBER 10

Sunday 9:15am Service Moves to 10:30am

RALLY DAY—COUNTRY FESTIVAL

September 10 @ 9:15am during Sunday School Hour
Food, Fun, Games, Cake walk, Duck Pond & More
Free Root Beer Floats Served Following Each Service

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES
START SEPTEMBER 13**

STORIES TO TELL

Stories tell us who we are. Stories bind us together. Stories give us hope. Stories tell us where we have come from. Stories tell us where we hope to be.

Every community has a story. The Lutheran Church has a story. Hosanna has a story. Your family has a story. You have a story.

What is your story? What events made you who you are today? What extraordinary experiences brought you to where you are now?

Do you know the story of your ancestors? What chain of events had to occur at just the right time and in just the right way for you to be you?

You and I are keepers and tellers of stories. We need to pass on those stories to our children or they will be lost forever. Too often the stories our children hear come from strangers on the flickering screen of our television sets. What stories are your children being told?

It is a sacred thing, this story telling. Some stories make us laugh. Some stories make us cry. But the stories need to be told because they define us.

We all have stories to tell. Not just family stories, but the story. We are keepers of the greatest story ever told - the story of God's love and grace poured out for us in Jesus Christ. This is the one story that surely gladdens our hearts and will bind us together for all eternity. When was the last time you told a Bible story to your kids? When was the last time you read a Bible story to yourself?

What is your story? Each of us has stories when the love of God touched our lives. When have you felt closest to God? How has God blessed you? What are the times when God has been an ever-present help in time of need?

All of us have stories of grace but many are unable to communicate these stories to others. Get comfortable with your stories of grace so that when God gives you the opportunity, you will be both able and willing to share your story with others.

What is your story? Join me this fall as we discover the stories of grace in our lives and begin to share them with others.

In His name,

Pastor Greg

USHER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

| Date | Saturday 6pm | Sunday 8am | Sunday 9:15am/10:30am |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Sept 2, 3 | Cindy Watson | Gary Winkler Maxine Wightman | Roger Schlichting Terry & Sean Urecht |
| Sept 9, 10 | Anita & Dave Baresel | Gary Winkler Maxine Wightman | Randy, Sue & Eric Booton |
| Sept 16, 17 | Ed Chitwood | Gary Winkler Maxine Wightman | Dale Andersen Chris & Tim Winkler |
| Sept 23, 24 | Donna & Byrl Eddy | Gary Winkler Maxine Wightman | Charley & Luke Powers Barbara Schelling |
| Sept 30 Oct 1 | Lois & Don Umholtz | Gary Winkler Maxine Wightman | Charley, Mary & Luke Powers |

RALLY DAY ROOT BEER FLOATS!

Have we got your attention? Rally Day is Sunday, September 10. This is the day we go to our winter worship schedule. It is the day we welcome back teachers and students to our fall Sunday School program. It is also the weekend that Thrivent will be serving *free root beer floats* following each service. **Come . . . Celebrate . . . Enjoy . . .**

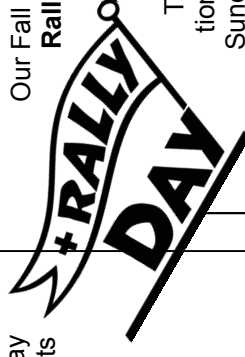
RALLY DAY – COUNTRY FESTIVAL!

Sunday, September 10, 9:15am
During Sunday School Hour
 Come one, come all, bring neighbors and friends to the old-fashioned Country Fair that heralds the start of our Sunday School year! Join us for food, fun, and games including a cake walk, duck pond and more. The Coffee Haus will be open and serving old-fashioned treats.

We'll also be registering the kids for Sunday School and introducing our wonderful group of teachers. Don't miss the fun! *Straw hats and red gingham, optional!*

Also, please note: there will be no Summer Sunday School on September 3, Labor Day weekend.

MARK THOSE CALENDARS! New Fall Schedule Starts Rally Day!



Our Fall schedule of services begins **Rally Day** weekend, September 9 & 10, 2006.

The Saturday evening traditional service at 6pm and the Sunday morning traditional service at 8am remain as currently scheduled. The praise service will move from **9:15am to 10:30am** Sunday mornings.



Wednesday confirmation classes for all 7th and 8th graders will begin on September 13, 2006, at 6:30pm.

The first class will be an **orientation for both confirmands and parents.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

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Schnell, Ruth
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Centennial, CO 80112
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Wedding, Andrew
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Morrison, CO 80465
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Wedding, Dan & Madelon
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Hunter, Albert & Lynne
Kelly & Laura
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Lakewood, CO

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Kunkel, Joshua
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Kalkwarf, Greg Allan & Bowe, Kirista Dawn
Married by Pastor Greg at Colorado Springs,
CO on June 17, 2006

White, Trent & Stevens, Jennifer A.
Married by Pastor Greg at the Chapel at Red
Rocks, Morrison, CO on June 17, 2006

NEW MEMBER MEETING

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 one of our informative
and informal New Member Classes.

Classes are scheduled for Saturday, September
16 and Saturday, October 21 from 9am until
noon in the Conference Room.

This will be an opportunity for you to meet and
get to know Pastor Greg and to learn more
about our family of faith.

For additional information, contact
Pastor Greg at 303.973.1706

ADOPT-A-PLANTER

Hosanna needs someone to administer this pro-
gram. Please contact Stephen Winkler at
303.972.9237 or Doug Bradshaw at
303.988.7466 if interested.

BAKERS WANTED!

We need cakes for the Cake Walk at our S.S.
Country Festival on Sept. 10. Pineapple Upside
down Cake, Carrot Cake, Chocolate Cake.
Please call Donalyn Duston at 303.972.7935.

“It’s All About You, Lord”

Worship is the time when Hosanna comes alive. It is the hour when we come from the far corners of our own world into the welcoming community of our home congregation. Worship is the center of our church lives and, hopefully, of our own spiritual life. Remember one of the Ten Commandments speaks to us of “keeping holy the Lord’s Day. Worship calls us to God and “to-gather” together.

Did you know that worship is spoken of in 35 books of the Bible and has 127 verse references? When God positions an item that prominently in His one and only book, it is important to Him and, therefore, important to us.

Before working as a staff member at a large church, I had no idea how many people were involved weekly in preparation for our Sunday schedule. From a practical perspective, worship is the center of our efforts. Literally, it takes a village to develop our worship services every weekend. For every service we need a pastor, an elder, ushers, readers, acolytes, greeters, musicians, vocalists, Altar Guild members and a congregation. We vote to have three services, so three services requires three times the number of people to prepare and serve at our weekend worship services. Many times people perform multiple tasks multiple times.

15 people for 3 services=45 participants/weekend.

For Hosanna to maintain the high quality of excellence in worship services, we must renew our commitment to be participants as well as partakers. Every position needs you.

When we sing “I’m coming back to the heart of worship, because it’s all about You, Lord,” it is important that it’s more than a song.

Sometimes Uncle Sam wants you! Sometimes your mother is calling; sometimes you are invited to participate! Today, I am the recruiter! I want you! I want you as a reader, greeter, acolyte, usher, Altar Guild member, singer and musician. I want you to experience the fuller fulfillment of worship as a participant in the preparation and presentation.

When we voted for a third service, we promised that we would staff it fully. When we expanded our communion services last year, we promised to step up and fill the trays needed. Truthfully, we can’t do it without you. It’s up to each of us to say, “I’ll help. I’ll serve. Put me on the schedule.” Please step forward this month. I have placed a sign-up sheet in the narthex for all these positions. When we all help, each part is smaller. Thanks for doing your part.

Pax Christi,

Jude

A YOUTH WORKER? IT DID HAPPEN!

HELLO!

My name is Chris Asta, and I am the new youth director here at Hosanna. I was born and raised in southern California, where I have lived until the beginning of this year when I moved out here to attend Denver Seminary. I grew up in the church, and as a young person sought to discover what God had planned for my life. After much prayer and study of the Bible, I felt a strong calling from God to enter the ministry. Naturally, I decided to go to a Christian college to develop the skills necessary to fulfill this calling. I attended Pacific Christian College, where I majored in church ministry with an emphasis in preaching, and learned many invaluable life lessons (both in and out of the classroom) that have contributed greatly to my life, personally and professionally. While I was attending classes, I began to realize that although much of ministry deals with ministering on a personal level, there was little or no training available for that aspect of ministry. This led me to decide to pursue a masters degree in counseling, so that I would be better equipped to minister personally to people both in and out of the church.

During my years in college, I got connected with a small church not far from the school, and eventually became the youth pastor there. With help from God and dedicated people in that church, the youth ministry transformed from the fledgling group it had been for some time into an exciting ministry that I was thrilled to be a part of. As the youth group grew spiritually, many of the young people there began to get plugged into the various ministries of the church and were able to discover more about themselves and the direction God had for their lives. I served there until the end of summer last year, when I felt God calling me in a new direction in my life. This ultimately led to moving to Colorado and transferring to Denver Seminary to continue my counseling degree.

I am truly excited to be a part of what God is doing here at Hosanna, and am blessed by the warm welcome that I have been given by everyone I have met here at the church. I look forward to getting to know all of you better and having you get to know me more. See you at church!

Chris Asta

LUTHERAN HIGH NEWS - HALLELUJAH!

Miracles may happen every day, but it is not often that we witness such an obvious miracle first hand. It is with a tremendous sense of awe in God's goodness and mercy that we can tell you as of July 1st, it is official. LCEF now formally owns the bonds after an agreement was reached with the bondholders allowing LCEF to purchase the bonds.

The Lord has been hard at work in the hearts of our Association congregations, pastors, alumni, donors, parents, and friends of the ministry. He has given strength to the administration, staff and Board of Directors who gave not only of their resources but of their time and talents. And the Lord reminded us all of the importance of this ministry in the lives of thousands of students, alumni, parents and friends—bringing and strengthening lives in Christ.

To all, we humbly say, "Thank you!"

THANKS A LOT

Thanks to the generosity and support of the congregation, our parking lot improvements are marked "paid in full." Kudos to the Parking Lot Committee whose hard work made it all possible. And finally, praise be to God whose love and care extends to every corner of our lives.

Pastor Greg

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In August children from all parts of our community gathered together to discover our greatest treasure—Jesus Christ. It was a wonderful week of crafts, stories and songs as we shared the gifts of love and grace given in Jesus Christ.

Thanks to our *Treasure Cove* crew who made it all possible. Special thanks to Angela Riemer who was our Director this year. Together they brought a feeling of love and enthusiasm that was contagious.

The closing carnival was a true celebration, a fitting close to a week of fellowship and adventure. Again, thank you and may God bless our efforts in Jesus' name.

AVAST! *Pastor Greg*

THANK YOU!

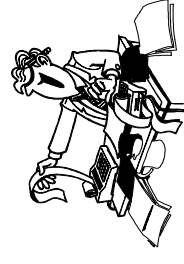
A big thank you to everyone who was involved in VBS this year! We had 54 children registered, and averaged about 50 per day.

A total of 14 youth helped us out as Treasure Seekers and Site Leaders, and there were another 10 adults serving as Site Leaders and helpers. Mission offerings for the Sri Lanka Preschool Project organized by Concordia totaled over \$200. Thank you to those in the congregation who assisted by donating snacks and craft supplies as well. Parents reported that the kids really enjoyed themselves and some even wanted to come back next week instead of going on their real vacation! Thanks to all the Leaders and Seekers for making this such a fun experience for the kids, and for making my job a very easy one!

Angela Riemer

TUITION ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Requests are now being accepted. Forms are available at the Information Desk. Any member of Hosanna, regardless of need, is eligible for assistance to attend any Lutheran School, preschool through seminary. Contact Margaret Goodenow, MJ Pirk, or Maxine Wightman for details.



PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anyone wishing to make a pre-service announcement, please contact the Church Office by noon on the previous Wednesday.

Council also asks that any tables set up in the Narthex be manned at all services and taken down following Sunday's late service.

FINANCIAL FOR MONTH OF JULY

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| Contributions thru 7/31/06 | \$188,500 |
| Expenses thru 7/31/06 | \$196,000 |
| Net Loss | (\$ 7,500) |

I Asked God

I asked God to take away my pride. God said, "No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up."

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, "No. Her spirit is whole, her body only temporary."

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, "No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is earned."

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, "No. I give you blessings, happiness is up to you."

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, "No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, "No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful."

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, "No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things."

I asked God to help me LOVE others as much as he loves me. God said, "Ahhh, finally you have the idea!"

Author Unknown

A MUSICAL NOTE

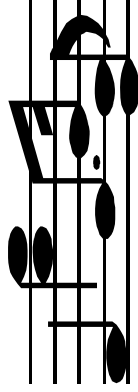
September is upon us so it is time to break out those singing voices for another exciting and challenging choir season. The first practice of the new season will be Thursday, September 7, 2006, starting at 7pm in the church sanctuary.

If you are interested in singing praises to the Lord and having a lot of fun and fellowship along the way, then please pray about becoming a part of the Hosanna Adult Choir. We always have room for new voices in all sections, so if you enjoy a lot of Christian fellowship and, oh yeah, some singing, please join us. By the way, we do not require auditions.

I look forward to seeing all the returning choir members and any new members on Thursday, September 7. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 303.973.2054. *God bless each of you and please pray for God's blessings for the choir.*

Ken Price

Hosanna Adult Choir Director



The Gift of Music

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him Who gave and created them.

Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. I would not forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and they smile through their troubles in song.

Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart. The devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.

—Martin Luther

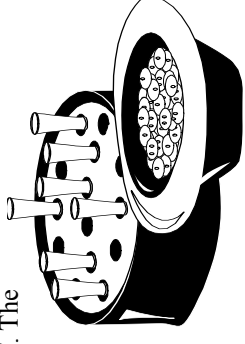
HOSANNA EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Welcome Back Karen Howells!

Many of you may remember Karen Howells who served as our director several years ago. Please welcome her and all our staff. Pray for them as they guide and nurture the precious children entrusted to our care. School started Monday, August 28. Back to school night for parents will be Thursday, September 14 at 6:30pm. We have openings for toddlers, preschool, and preK classes, both ½ and extended-day classes.

HELP WANTED!

The sign's out over the sacristy door... *Altar Guild has Vacancies to Fill.* The Lord's kitchen needs partners to carry on preparations of the meal He ordered His disciples to perpetuate when He declared "this DO in remembrance of Me." He therewith entrusted the incredible gift of sharing His true body and true blood to followers of all ages in the hope that they would in every respect value this gift. Today, it comes down to us here at Hosanna to become the "delivery system" required to make His Supper happen in the here and now.



Hosanna members are diligent in accepting Jesus' invitation to partake, but it takes special commitment on the part of some twenty people to ensure that the eucharistic meal is consistently made available. As with any group, membership changes occur. Altar Guild now seeks others to take on responsibilities which heretofore may not have been assumed.

WHAT WE DO:

Essentially, duties consist of ensuring that the pastor has at hand all that's required and in the proper place. Communion is prepared in advance – usually on Saturday. On Sunday, elements are assembled where needed, the chancel tidied after the meal, communion vessels washed and put away, soiled linens laundered and restored. Baptism preparation is an occasional responsibility.

LEARNING WHAT WE DO:

A guideline detailing all phases of responsibility is furnished each member. New members are trained and given *all the time needed* to become comfortable with the routine. Effort is made to associate a new member with an experienced member.

PARTNERING:

Two or more *partners share duties* arranged on a *mutually convenient* basis during a service period. Partnering removes the burden of assuming entire responsibility alone. Service periods are limited – *only two months annually* beginning September/October. In early summer a sign-up sheet is circulated so each member can express preference for the period to be served. Some adjustments may be needed to ensure complete coverage throughout the year.

The Lord calls upon YOU to become His Altar Guild "delivery person" at Hosanna. Should it be in your heart to respond to this call, please advise Marge Carlson, Membership Assistant, at 303.985.8004, or Ruth Dawes, Altar Guild Chair, at 303.972.4362.

Ruth Dawes, Altar Guild Chair

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September 2006

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 7:30am Men's Breakfast 6pm Service of the Word |
| 3 Summer Schedule Ends 8am Holy Communion 9:15am Holy Communion 9:15am No S.S. 6:30pm Bible Study | 4 LABOR DAY | 5 7pm S.S. Teachers Mtg 7:30pm Praise Band | 6 7am Bible Study 7pm Council | 7 9:15am Bible Study 7pm Choir (1st practice of the season) | 8 | 9 6pm Holy Communion |
| 10 RALLY DAY Winter Schedule Begins 8am Holy Communion 9:15am S.S. (Country Festival, Coffee Haus) & Bible Study *10:30am Holy Communion Installation of S.S. Teachers | 11 6:30pm Bible Study @ Nahales 7pm Scouts in FH | 12 7:30pm Praise Band HERALD DEADLINE | 13 7am Bible Study 6:30pm Jr/Sr Confirmation Orientation for Parents and Students | 14 9:15am Bible Study 6:30 Back-to-School Night 7pm Choir | 15 | 16 9am New Member Class 6pm Service of the Word 7pm Bible Study Young/Fannin Wedding |
| 17 8am Holy Communion 9:15am S.S. & Bible Study, "Natural Evangelism" 10:30am Holy Communion 6:30pm Bible Study | 18 7pm Scouts in FH | 19 7:30pm Praise Band | 20 7am Bible Study 6:30pm Jr/Sr Confirmation | 21 9:15am Bible Study 7pm Choir 1ST DAY OF FALL | 22 | 23 6pm Holy Communion |
| 24 8am Holy Communion 9:15am S.S. & Bible Study "Improving Your Serve" 10:30am Holy Communion | 25 6:30pm Bible Study @ Nahales 7pm Scouts in FH | 26 7:30pm Praise Band | 27 7am Bible Study 6:30pm Jr/Sr Confirmation 7pm Bible Study @ Winkler's 7pm School Board | 28 9:15am Bible Study 7pm Choir | 29 | 30 6pm Service of the Word |

***Note: Winter Schedule for Sunday Late Service Starts on September 10**