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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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FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS

Sunday 9:15am Service Moves to 10:30am Starting Sunday, September 7

RALLY DAY CELEBRATION

September 7

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

September 7, 10:30am

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION (Parents/Students)

Wednesday, September 10, 6:30pm



CHRISTIANITY IN AMERICA

Once upon a time there were two Lutheran congregations. Both wanted to start an elementary school where children could come and learn about Jesus' love for them.

One church had no land, no building, no teachers and no students.

The other church had land, a beautiful building, teachers and eager students. This church did not want to expand its building. Neither did it want to increase the number of students they were permitted to have. They simply wanted permission to supplement their pre-school by adding some elementary grades. They asked for nothing more.

The first Lutheran church, however, was much bolder and much more needy. Not only did they seek permission to start a school, they asked the government to give them the land and a building for their school. And there's more. They also asked that the government pay for the teachers and other expenses involved in the school. They made it clear, however, that they, the Lutherans, would run the school. The children would be taught about Jesus in the classrooms, in the assemblies and in the halls.

One church got what they wanted. The other was told no. Can you guess which church made it?

The church with the land, the building, the teachers and students was told no by their government. The year was 1997. The church was Hosanna Lutheran Church in Jefferson County, Colorado, USA.

The church that started with nothing got everything they asked for. Every day hundreds of ordinary Chinese students learn about Jesus at the T. S. Siu Leun Lutheran School provided by and funded by the Communist Government of China.

In His name,

Pastor Greg

SEPTEMBER USHER SCHEDULE

Date	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8am	Sunday 10:30am
Sep 6,7	Patti Zeggert	Gary Winkler Maxine Wightman	Kathy & Katie Turner Roger Schlichting
Sep 13,14	Anita & Dave Baresel	Gary Winkler Maxine Wightman	Mark & Rebecca Weber Roger Schlichting
Sep 20,21	Ed Chitwood	Gary Winkler Maxine Wightman	Dale Andersen Emily, & Chris Winkler
Sep 27,28	Donna & Byrl Eddy	Gary Winkler Maxine Wightman	Charley, Mary & Luke Powers

ELDERS SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday
Sunday Early
Sunday Late

Lisa Springer
Dave Hitztaler
Teresa Kennedy

MARK THOSE CALENDARS!

September 7	Fall Schedule begins Praise Service moves from 9:15am to 10:30am Welcome Rev. Dr. Mark Larson to our Worship Services Rally Day Ice Cream Social from 9:15-10:15am Confirmation Orientation for parents/students at 6:30pm Fellowship group tours Hudson Gardens
September 10	Love INC Sunday at Hosanna
September 11	Fall Season Sunday School classes begin New Member Class
September 14	Come and hear about Pastor Greg and Phyllis' great China adventure during Adult Bible Study
September 20	Celebration of baptism of Pastor Greg and Phyllis' grandchild at 10:30am followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall
September 21 & 28	Bible Study: Pass it on! Through FAMILY
September 28	Bible Study: Pass it on! Through CHURCH
October 5	Bible Study: Pass it on! Through ALL OF LIFE
October 12	<i>Conversations of Grace</i> , Web Conference:
October 19	"Preparing for the Harvest"
November 8	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

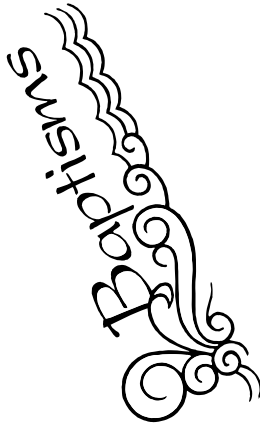
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Christina Mary Venglar, July 12, 2008
July 12, 2008



Alanis, Erika & Unger, Russell (Son of Bob & Peg Hille)

June 22, 2008 at Hosanna

Lutheran Family Services of Colorado Gratitude Abounds at Lutheran Family Services

Thanks to everyone who contributed backpacks, school supplies and gift cards to help make starting school a positive experience for the foster and refugee children of LFS. As of Friday, LFS collected approximately 237 fully-stocked backpacks and 38 backpacks which would be filled with the many additional supplies that were collected. Additionally LFS was able to give a \$25-gift card to more than 130 children so that they could purchase basic clothes or shoes.

Thanks to Hosanna for your part

in helping to make the school year brighter for many needy students.

The light of Christ continues to shine through your generous spirits. Thanks be to God!

MISSIONS



September is Missions Month at Hosanna. Come and be inspired by the work being done by men and women just like you.

Sunday, September 7, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Mark Larson to our worship services. Mark is the District Executive for Missions, Evangelism and Stewardship. He is instrumental in overseeing church planning efforts, as well as the encouragement and support of new ministries. Rev. Larson will share with us the important work we share as a church partner with the District and Synod. Come and be inspired by his message and then join us at 9:15am to learn more about the exciting work being done in our community and around the world.

Sunday, September 14, will be Love INC Sunday at Hosanna. The Executive Director of LI, Rev. Douglas McKinney, will be our guest. Love INC is a cooperative effort of congregations in the South Jeffco community coming together to meet the material needs of our neighbors with compassion and accountability. Rev. McKinney will give a short description of Love INC's ministry at both worship services. Then join us for the Adult Bible Study at 9:15am where you will learn more about the role Hosanna can play in this ministry.

You've read about it. You've seen pictures. Now come and hear about Greg and Phyllis' great China adventure during the Adult Bible Study on September 21 & 28. See hundreds of pictures chronicling a journey of a lifetime. Learn how you could be the next volunteer to work with fellow Christians in China spreading the gospel message to young and old alike.

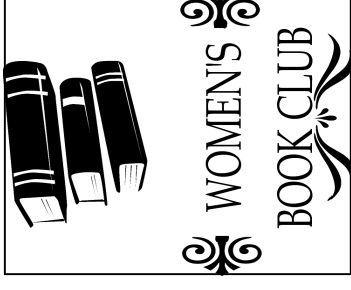
NEW BEGINNINGS

Did you know that September 1 and December 1 are always on the same day of the week? This does not happen with any other months. That may be interesting trivia but there are a number of more important things that make September special. September is a month of new beginnings. Many of our young people are off to school. Sunday School, Bible Study and Confirmation Classes begin.

As God's stewards we appreciate fresh starts. Since we have full and free forgiveness in Christ from past sins and failures, we can start over with a clean slate and look forward with confidence instead of looking backward with regret. As stewards we are always in process. We are not yet where we should be but, by God's grace, we are moving in the right direction. St. Paul in Philippians 3:12-14 offers us some outstanding counsel and encouragement with these words: ***“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*** So, with St. Paul we can say to ourselves and to others: **“PLEASE BE PATIENT, GOD IS NOT FINISHED WITH ME YET!”**

How might we make fresh starts as God's stewards? There are a number of things that we can do to make a difference in our stewardship. We may consider increasing our financial contributions to our church and favorite charities. We may want to volunteer more of our time for helping out in our church and community. We may decide to be more intentional in using our God-given skills and talents in service to benefit others. We may be more committed to worship and the study of God's word. And the list of ways we can improve our stewardship goes on to include such things as working on our relationships with others, our stewardship of the Gospel (witnessing), proper care for God's creation and care for our own bodies.

This September let's resolve to follow this wise counsel from Hebrews 10:24: ***“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”*** And may we practice our Christian living and giving with joy remembering that ***“Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.”***



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Women's Book Club met for the first time Sunday, August 24. We reviewed "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant. This was a "light read" for the summer, but shared the strength of the relationships of women from the early days of the Bible.

The book we will be reviewing in September is *The Shack*. The October book will be *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*.

Contact Rebecca Weber for additional information, 303.973.3925 or rjsooter@hotmail.com.

Please watch for further information about our book club and the great fellowship we share!

FINANCE UPDATE

Many members have asked for an update on Hosanna's current financial situation. Here are the year-to-date numbers through July 31:

Income:	\$33,076 below budget; \$14,157 below 2007
Expenses:	\$13,538 below budget; \$5,525 below 2007

This adds up to a current deficit of \$19,221, which is \$8,631 greater than our deficit at this point last year. In 2007 we rallied for what was essentially a break-even year.

Hosanna's leadership is certainly concerned about this situation and we will continue to monitor the numbers and strive to keep expenses down. Despite these difficult economic times, we are currently in a better financial situation than many other congregations. Please pray for Hosanna and also those members who are experiencing financial difficulties that God will richly provide according to His will.

Tim Boettcher
President, Council of Ministries

GRANDPA GREG

Greg and Phyllis cordially invite you to celebrate the baptism of their grandchild, Merritt Marie, on Sunday, September 28, during the late service. Come celebrate our joy as we welcome this little miracle of God into the family of Christ.



The worship will be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. *Please join us.*

OCTOBER IS AMERICAN POLITICS MONTH

Soon we will be choosing a new president. What is the role of Christians in the political realm? Join Pastor Greg each Sunday morning at 9:15am for a look at another aspect of our role as Christians in the political arena.

We begin with **Christians and Politics** on October 5. How might Christians best impact the culture in which we live? What does Scripture say about a Christian's role in politics? How might we best produce moral change in our country? This study will discuss the relationship of Christians and politics.

National Health Care - A Good Idea? Is national health-care insurance a benefit whose time has come? How do we care for the poor and marginalized? Has the length of life become a higher priority than its quality? How much is too much?

What Being Pro-Life Really Means. To some Christians, the word *pro-life* is centered almost exclusively on opposing abortion. To others, being *pro-life* demands opposition to nuclear war, economic injustice, and environmental pollution. Can Christians unite on the broad issues? Or are we doomed to fragmented efforts?

Your View of War. In this study, we'll explore five possible responses to war and some biblical texts that seem to support two opposite conclusions. How should we react to military intervention?

STEWARDS

We are stewards of many things that God has entrusted into our care – our body, our mind, our physical and emotional health, our family and other relationships, our church, our job, business or career, our time, our talents, and, yes, our money. But the most important thing you and I are stewards of is the story of the greatest gift ever given – the gift of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus Christ is a gift from God. By faith we are forgiven, justified, saved, and given eternal life. Faith is something God wants us to treasure, to nourish, and to grow throughout our life. And faith is something God wants us to pass on to others. That is the mission of our church, and that is also the mission of our personal lives.

Soon our congregation will be exploring God's message to us by means of a three-week stewardship program with a spiritual growth emphasis. **Stories to Tell – Gifts to Share – PASS IT ON!** will offer us an opportunity to be encouraged in our stewardship of our faith.

Once again we will be given the opportunity to reflect on the stories of God's grace in our lives and to **PASS IT ON** – in our family, in our church, and through our lives in the world.

October is **PASS IT ON** month. Please join us as we open our hearts to Him in our worship and study of His Word.

October 5—**PASS IT ON!** Through **FAMILY**

October 12—**PASS IT ON!** Through **CHURCH**

October 19—**PASS IT ON!** Through **ALL OF LIFE**

CONVERSATIONS OF GRACE

Save Saturday, November 8, for an exciting and new type of event in the Rocky Mountain District. This year for *Conversations of Grace*, we are trying a new approach to our conference and will be doing a web conference. Many host congregations around our district and the Kansas District will provide a facility for the conference. It will be a new and different way to present speakers.

Our theme for this conference is "Preparing for the Harvest" based on I Corinthians 3:6-9. In the morning President Kieschnick will lead a Bible study, "Having a Heart for Outreach." In the afternoon, we will have a panel of speakers talking about elements of evangelism based on the above theme, namely, Plowing, Planting, Cultivating and Harvesting. There will be time for group discussion, worship, and fellowship. Check out the conference website at www.conversationofgrace.org and watch for further information in the next few weeks. Please mark your calendars now!

OLYMPIC FLAME

Like many others, I spent too many nights on the couch last month watching the Olympics. It's hard not to get caught up in the athleticism, competition, passion and drama that occur every four years. I enjoy cheering for the U.S. athletes but there are always plenty of underdogs from other countries who also capture our hearts. As we watch the athletes compete we are seeing the culmination of years and years of disciplined training which can result in a gold medal, or sometimes bitter disappointment.



2 Timothy 1:6-7 "I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." These verses have a wonderful tie-in to the Olympics. Paul tells Timothy to "fan into flame the gift of God." One of the main symbols of the Olympics is the torch; the Olympic flame is passed from torch to torch across the globe. Couldn't we do the same thing in our own lives? What a blessing it would be to see the gifts of God passed from person to person around the world just like the Olympic flame.

Paul also says that the gifts we receive are "a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." Power and self-discipline are important attributes for an Olympian. Isn't it wonderful that God is also giving these gifts to each of us? Our responsibility is to now put these gifts into action.

Two examples of this occurred this summer at Hosanna. Steve Winkler had a passion to help build a home with Habitat for Humanity and Charley Powers had a desire to help collect school supplies for children for the upcoming year. No committees were formed; no official meetings were held; and yet both of these projects were an overwhelming success. Steve and Charley truly "fanned into flame" the gifts they were given.

September has been designated Missions Month at Hosanna. We will all be offered many opportunities to step forward and serve. If none of these opportunities match your passions or abilities, I invite you to find another need in the church and fill it in your own unique way just like Steve and Charley have done.

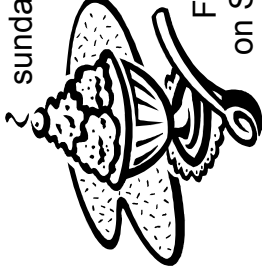
In His name,

Tim Boettcher,

President, Council of Ministries

RALLY DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Hosanna's Sunday School welcomes everyone to join us for a good old-fashioned ice cream social! Help us kick off our new school year on Rally Day, September 7. Ice cream will be served with toppings galore for you to design your own custom



sundae. There will be games and prizes for the kids, a professional balloon artist, and an opportunity for parents and students to meet their teachers. Also, each student who registers on

Rally Day morning for the 2008/2009 school year will be entered into a prize drawing. This event will be held in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour (9:15-10:15am) on September 7. Be sure not to miss the fun! Fall Sunday school classes begin the following week, September 14.

God's Blessings,

Larry and Amy Boeding

Sunday School Superintendents

2008 Men's Church Softball Champions

The Hosanna men's team won a defensive battle on Sunday, August 3, to become the *2008 Men's Church Softball Champions*.

What a day! We barely won our first game against Concordia 11-10 and were facing the strong St. Philip Lutheran Church team for the Championship. St. Philip had strong momentum having just trounced Our Father Lutheran, 23-6. We were losing 1-0 until the third inning when Chris Winkler started us off by a strong single. He was followed by singles by Mike Wightman, Bill Attebery, Tim Boettcher, Sean Utech, Stephen Winkler and Aaron Reimer to give us the lead. The game remained close until Mike hit another single (2/2) in the 5th followed by an in-the-park homerun by Bill (2/2) which sealed the game. Our stellar defense held them until time expired with the final score of 7-4. Great job!

Special thanks to the many fans who came to watch our games.

See you all next season!

Stephen Winkler

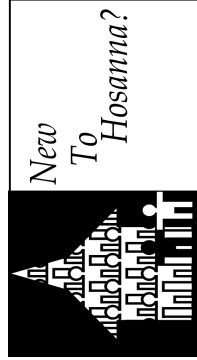


SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Our fall schedule of services begins Rally Day, Sunday, September 7.

Two services will remain as currently scheduled:
the Saturday evening traditional service
at 6:00 p.m.
and the Sunday morning traditional service
at 8:00 a.m.

The praise service will
move from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
on Sunday mornings,
commencing September 7.



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 Members Classes.

These classes are usually held once a month.

The next class is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 9am
until noon in the large, upstairs conference room. If you cannot
attend this class, please watch for more info
on the scheduling of future classes.

For additional information, please contact Pastor Greg,
303.973.1706.

YOU'RE INVITED...TIME TO GET READY!

Now that school has started and fall is on the way, let's take a long look at our calendars, pushing our thoughts toward December. Pastor Greg has again asked me to publish an Advent Devotional. Last year our first Advent book was very well received by the many members who provided stories and by so many of you who saw the Hand of God's blessing, provision and protection in our lives.

In the liturgical sense of preparation, Advent is the season that encourages us to pull away from the secular and prepare in spiritual ways for the birth of our Lord. In last year's booklet, Mark Weber asked, "How often do we need to 'prepare ye for the way of the Lord?'" The inspiring response Mark shared with us is that we need to prepare every year. Though "***It's the same Jesus we prepare for every year, it's a different me.***" We are in different places, we are different people."

Pastor Greg and I are inviting you to look at your life to find a special faith story to share with our congregation.

Our booklet will have a "story" told by one of Hosanna's members for each day in Advent. Your stories will show how God has become real to you in a personal way. Perhaps you will share how God answered a prayer or how a personal crisis strengthened your faith. Some families have even seen the hand of God change the future of a child or the eternity of an adult.

Please ask our Lord which story He wants you to share with us this year. For planning purposes, notify me by October 10 that you will submit a brief story. Each article will be one-half page long. If you wish, I will help you develop your story, or can even interview you and together we will put your story on paper.

Please submit your article by November 1. You may email me at Hey-jude264@aol.com, call me at 303.972.0873, or put a note or article in my church mailbox. The important thing now is to say, "Yes, Jude, I'd love to tell you a story of God's blessings."

Be a part of and a partner in Advent Book 2 this season.

**Pax Christi,
Jude Donovan**

Hosanna Lutheran Church

September 2008 (*Missions Month*)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY	2	3 7am Bible Study 9:30am School Chapel 7:30pm Praise Band	4 9:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	5	6 7:30am Men's Breakfast 6pm Service of the Word
7 FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS RALLY DAY 8am & *10:30am Holy Communion 9:15am Rally Day Celebration 9:15am Bible Study & Coffee Haus 10:30am Installation of SS Teachers 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Youth *NOTE TIME CHANGE	8 7pm Troop 47 (F.H.)	9	10 7am Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Orientation (Parents/Students) 7:30pm Council 7:30pm Praise Band	11 9:30am Fellowship Group Tour Hudson Gardens 7pm Choir	12 <i>Herald Deadline</i>	13 6pm Holy Communion
14 LOVE INC SUNDAY 8am (TLH) & 10:30am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School & Bible Study	15 6:30pm Stephen Ministry 7pm Troop 47 (F.H.)	16	17 7am Bible Study 9:30am School Chapel 6:30pm Jr./Sr. Confirmation 7pm PMC 7:30pm Praise Band	18 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir	19	20 9-12 New Member Class 6pm Service of the Word
21 8am & 10:30am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am China Presentation 9:15am Coffee Haus 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Youth	22 7pm Troop 47 (F.H.)	23	24 7am Bible Study 6:30pm Jr./Sr. Confirmation 7pm Bible Study @ Winkler's 7:30 Praise Band	25 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir	26	27 8:30am—4pm Troop 47 (F.H.) 6pm Holy Communion
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