

**As One Church Serving in Multiple Locations our Mission is:
*To be a gathered people living, loving and serving as Jesus did...so that all may know him.***

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



MnTeen Challenge this weekend

For more than 25 years, Minnesota Teen Challenge has been restoring hope to teens and adults struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. It is one of the largest, most effective, and most affordable programs in the nation with campuses in Minneapolis, Brainerd, and Duluth, Minnesota. For more information on this amazing program go to www.mntc.org.

Can you Hear Me Now?

We are calling you! Communication is the lifeline that feeds the connections we have together as the faith community of Hosanna Lutheran Church. We want this lifeline to be as strong and healthy as possible.

We are looking for up to 4 volunteers to work with Allyson Thiele, from the HLC office, to do two main things in the next 3-4 weeks.

- 1) Undertake an assessment of all the different kinds of communication we currently do here – bulletins, newsletter, e-mail, flyers, posters, signs, community newspapers, how we use display space.
- 2) Look at how we might use social networking sites like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter to stay in closer contact and help raise our profile in the community.

If you are interested in helping with this vital task, please call Allyson or Pastor Lamont for more information, 651-464-5502. Change is coming and we would like you to be part of it!

Update on Pastor Jim and Sondra's daughter, Allison

Allison Sundman was struck by a motorcycle while out for a walk. Her physical injuries are healing quite well. Her brain injuries continue to improve but she still has a long road ahead with continued healing and rehabilitation. You can get updated information on Allison at her Caring Bridge website: caringbridge.org/visit/allisonsundman.

Jim and Sondra are so very thankful for the prayers and encouragement they have received from our Hosanna family. They ask you to "Keep it coming".

New Worship Times and Format Begin Sunday, September 5!

Some of you just rolled your eyes. Others said it out loud, "great, here we go again. Now what are 'they' trying to do!?" You have a right to be somewhat suspicious. I know you've been through a lot of changes. But let me tell you why this change is coming your way.

Worship and Education are central to the mission of the Christian Church in general and to Hosanna Lutheran Church in particular. Sunday mornings are the single largest gatherings of our community of faith. We need to create room enough to do both well during our time together on Sundays. Finally, in my short time here, I have heard from a number of people that they are hungry for adult Bible Study and Sunday Forum opportunities.

Therefore, beginning September 5 (there is no service on Saturday September 4 due to the Labor Day Weekend holiday) the new schedule will be as follows.

Sunday Mornings

8:30- 9:20 AM - Liturgical Worship using a variety of new and old liturgical settings

9:30 – 10:30 AM – Education Hour (preschool through 6th grade Sunday School, Adult Study)

10:40 – 11:30 AM – Informal Worship using a blend of hymns, praise songs, scripture and prayer (Communion will be served at both services each Sunday)

Saturday Evenings

5:00 PM (Garden Chapel) – Table Talk (following an old Martin Luther model) – refreshments, songs, brief introduction of Gospel lesson by leader followed by discussion of the passage, and a time of open prayer together.

(This service will not include the sacraments with the possible exception of the week before Christmas and the week before Holy Week.)

This is a place to dialog, even wrestle with the Scripture – as Jacob wrestled with God in the desert. We will focus on the Gospel lesson or one of the readings for the following week. So if you choose to attend a Sunday service in the next week you will be able to continue to thoughtfully engage – agree or disagree – with the way the preacher chose to work with the text.

Purpose I: Worshipping

Backpack Sunday – August 29!

As the start of the new school year draws near, we invite students of all ages to bring your backpacks or school bags to either service on August 29th. We will have a special blessing for you as you get ready to head back to school. We will also take the time to recognize teachers and all those who work within the school system to support one of the most important callings in the world, to help children grow and learn. So come, be blessed, and know that you are prayed for and supported as the year begins.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers Available

If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer during communion, please let a hospitality team member know as you enter the worship service.

Purpose II: Inviting

New Member Orientation

If you are searching for a spiritual home, know that you are welcome here! Please call or email the church office to sign up or fill out the card at the Welcome Desk.

Purpose III: Connecting

Biblical Holy Land Pilgrimage

Israel and Jordan

12 days (November 7 – 18, 2011)

Led by Pastor Jan Mehlhoff (former HLC pastor) and
Pastor Margie Guelker

Informational Meeting

Monday, August 30th at 6:30 pm
Christ Lutheran Church in Blaine, MN

641 - 89th Ave. NE

Blaine, MN 55434

763-784-3300

contact Pastor Jan Mehlhoff at

651-739-7094

More information available in brochures located
at the Welcome Desk.

Weeding Wednesdays!

Last day to help will be 6:30pm on Wed. Aug 25. Connector:
Michelle Trudeau-Spanjers 651.982.0037

Women's Ministry

Women's AA Group Mondays 6-7 p.m.

Experience "Women of Faith" Oct. 22-23 !

Friday Oct. 22, 10am-9:30 pm and Saturday Oct. 23, 9 am-4pm

Join thousands of other women of faith at the Excel Center in St. Paul to experience God in our lives through music, dance, drama, and powerful speakers. Cost \$89. Make your reservation now at the welcome desk by writing a check to Hosanna with "Women of Faith" on the memo line.
Connector:csorensen@hosannachurch.net

Quilters, Crocheters, Knitters Invited

2nd Tue. of each month, 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact Diane Zak, 651.464.7075.

Purpose IV: Growing & Giving

Youth News

<http://hosannachurch.net/youth>

Jake Taylor on the Chicago Mission Trip

This year the youth of Hosanna had the amazing opportunity of going to Chicago for our annual mission trip. We visited the south side of Chicago instead of just staying in the city. It was *much* more poverty stricken than the city which was a shock from the start. We stayed in a church that was in the middle of the south side's many neighborhoods. It really wasn't like a church that we would recognize here in Forest Lake because it was a building crammed in between two apartment complexes. Because of the immense kindness that radiated from every staff member the size didn't matter; it could have been the cathedral of Notre Dame it wouldn't have mattered. We also met a man named Marcus who told us about the wonders of God. He gave us an amazing message about Jesus' word and how much God does for him even though he is a homeless man that pulled the short stick when it came to having luxuries in life. He showed me that Jesus is alive and works with every single one of us!

During this short week in Chicago, my work group "Da Beastly Bears" led by Trisha worked at two sites. These sites were a Methodist church on Union Avenue in the small neighborhood of Canaryville, and a soup kitchen that was barely making it by in Chicago. In this area of Chicago there was literally a racial barrier. It separated the whites from the blacks. It was torn down *but* the segregation is still happening. Not because the different races are being forced but because they just don't want to move. So each site was located on either side of the barrier.

Canaryville was a mostly white neighborhood and it has been that way for years. We didn't have anything to do with the Methodist church per se but we did work at the food shelf inside the church. We helped unload a small amount of boxes one day and gave out food to the less fortunate the next. It was a great experience because we saw that even though the people that came to the shelf were needy, God would still serve them and give them what they needed! We had the opportunity to meet an amazing man, Ray Carey, who was the shining light in this small neighborhood. He always had a smile when helping the people who were in need of

food. He had helped the youth in the neighborhood in his past and had been working with the church for years. We saw God working throughout the church and definitely through Ray himself.

Our second site was in an all black neighborhood right inside the barrier. This place was a different story. It was a very poor, small building that was ridden with garbage and rat feces and tons and tons of food. We were definitely put to work here, not made easier by a tall black man shouting orders at us throughout the day. But because of the hard experience at this place, we could see God working within the foundations of this soup kitchen. It was an outstanding experience for me because it was the first time I could see Jesus working with me, lifting box after box.

In short, our Hosanna mission trip was a astonishing and eye-opening experience. We all got so close to God in that short week. It has changed my life and broadened my horizons because of the relationship I established with God. I had trouble reducing this experience into one page but my message is that a Hosanna mission trip is a must-do! I've learned more about God in one short week than I have in my life before.

Children's News

Be sure to note Education hour time change on Sundays beginning September 5 (see page 1). We will see you there!

Purpose V: Serving

State Fair Church Fundraiser

Still need slots filled!

This is a major fundraiser for the ministries of Hosanna, a chance to earn almost \$9200. The sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk has seen some action but there are still many open spaces that need filling. Please consider putting your name on one of the empty lines. Come join the experience. Connectors: Rick Bahnemann and Mary Schaefer 651.464.5502.

Missions: Local/Global/International

Hugo Community Foodshelf

We are in **immediate need of: toilet tissue, body soaps, shampoo. Bountiful Re' Thrift. Now accepting: gently used household items (lamps, end tables, pictures, small appliances) in our Thrift Store. We are looking for Womens business/proper work attire. Not accepting other clothes at this time.** Mary Schaefer is the Director 651.464.5502 ext. 2002 or mschaefer@hosannachurch.net

Congregational Care

Prayer Support, Spiritual Care, and Visitation

It is our desire to be available to one another in time of need, and during life's challenges. If you are in the hospital, have a death in the family, would like a visit, have a new baby, or have a public (listed in the Palm) or confidential (not published) prayer request, please contact Pastor Lamont or Allyson in the church office.

Public Prayer Requests 8/11/10

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for what He has done." Philipians 4:6

Thanks and Praise for Healing!

New Baby boy Tate Robert- born to Danielle and Jeff Burnette, grandparents Bob and Patti Cole

New baby girl- born to Pam and Brian Riebe, grandparents
Pray for Healing

Lorna Peck- Deb DeVore's aunt diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer

Allison Sundman-Pastor Jim and Sondra Mericle's daughter-hit by motorcycle-seriously injured

Linda Hackl-cancer-surgery recovery

Emma- Lisa and Ted Phillip's 7-yr. old daughter

Leo Dohmen- recovery from heart surgery

Taylor-Mary and Trever Boerem's 12 year old son
Savannah Yaritz- medical evaluation

Patti Yaritz- decisions concerning daughter Savannah's care
Sue Chester- leukemia

Dave Haider-cancer

Keri Johnson-Ron and Janice Ward's niece-cancer

Ginny Kypke-Betsy Friesen's aunt-cancer

Lynn- Nick (Andrea) Acker's sister-cancer

Kim Byam-Peggy Berg's relative-cancer

Michelle Swanson-Peggy Berg's friend-cancer

Upcoming Surgery

Jack Storlie-Courtney and Ben's son- surgery August 20

Tim Tollefson-possible arm surgery

Comfort and Peace

Pat Phillips-Ted (Lisa) Phillips' father

Alma Kretzschmar- Deb (Chuck) DeVore's mother

Bill Daly -Marilynne and Dave Olson's friend

Bill-Harold (Susy) Richey's brother

Protection and Blessing for Military Troops Stationed Overseas

Ben Vedder- Cindy and Mark's son- Afghanistan

Kirk Swenson-Sandie Swenson's son

Josh-David and Robin Hopkins' grandson

James McArthur- friend of Cassandra Brandt and Andy Levesque

Betsy-Jeff (Danielle) Burnett's sister

Sam- Karen and Lyle Alm's relative

Katie- Karen and Lyle Alm's relative

Kurt Nahl-Kayla Williams' stepdad

Other

Students preparing for and leaving for college

Calendar of Events

August 16 – August 22, 2010

Monday, August 16

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Women's AA (Luther B)

Tuesday, August 17

10:00 am -11:30 am Al Anon (CR & Nur)

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Moms Club of Forest Lake (Nursery)

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hugo Community Food Shelf Open (Outreach Cntr.)

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Al-Anon Group (Luther A)

8:15 pm - 9:15 pm FL 12X12 Study Group (Luther A)

Wednesday, August 18

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Staff Retreat (off site)

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hugo Community Food Shelf (Outreach Cntr)

Thursday, August 19

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hugo Community Food Shelf Open – Hugo

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal (GC)

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Council Retreat (off site)

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Washington County Child Care Assoc. (Luther B)

Saturday, August 21

5:10 pm - 6:00 pm Casual Worship (GC)

Sunday, August 22

9:00 am - 9:30 am Lakeside Worship – Lakeside Park

10:30 am - 11:30 am Contemporary Worship (GC)

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3.5 mi. east of 61 in FL on TH97

Saturday

5:10 p.m. Casual Worship

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Lakeside Service

10:30 a.m. Contemporary

*Thanks for Worshiping with us!
Please Join us for Refreshments
following each service.*

Hosanna Harbors' Outreach

Outreach Center at Victor Marketplace

14755 Victor Hugo Blvd. #101

Hugo, MN 55038 651.429.1576

Global Gallery and Fair Trade Gifts

Hugo Community Food Shelf

Bountiful Re' Thrift Boutique

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Stop by the Welcome Center for information about
the Hosanna Church community
and all it has to offer.

*Hosanna is a place to connect and
worship God through...*

*Worshipping
Inviting
Connecting
Growing and Giving
Serving*

*Pastor Lamont Koerner, Interim Pastor
James Mericle, Confirmation Pastor*

Find it at the Welcome Center!

Brochures (Info Rack), sign-ups and
more. If we don't know the answer, we will
find someone who does, or have someone
get back to you this week.

Thank You to all of this weeks sponsors of the Palm!!

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