



WELCOME-WORSHIP-WITNESS

WORSHIP TIMES

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. Fellowship & Refreshments

10:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
And Kid's Church

HORIZON OF HOPE

Walking and greeting everyone she passes with a heartfelt "Good morning," Jennifer Ginn regularly exercises not only her body but also her soul.

"I meet God on the track at my local YMCA," wrote Ginn in an email to *Living Lutheran*. "Circling the track over and over creates a pattern for my body and mind in which God takes shape every time."

Most days as she walks, Ginn, a pastor of Cross & Crown Lutheran Church, Matthews, N.C., meditates on the Scriptures she's preaching about on Sunday. She envisions walkers and runners—fellow pilgrims on our common journey of faith—as characters from the Bible. "Rehearsing the story of Mary and Martha, I wonder about the two ladies always walking together. Which one prefers sitting and listening over tending to dinner?" Ginn wrote. "Whatever the Scripture, it issues the same invitation to watch the very real people around me walking in and out of God's story."

Ginn is among those who responded to *Living Lutheran's* call inviting readers to share where they see God. Like Ginn, several see God in other people.

"I see God in the poor moms that need clothes for their children at Harvest House Baby and Children's Ministry in Buffalo," wrote Melissa Peters, an avid volunteer and member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Depew, N.Y. "When I wake and put my feet on the floor, I thank God that he has given me another day to serve." Russell Makant, pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Conover, N.C., saw God in a fortuitous rescue. Makant was walking with his wife in their neighborhood following a winter storm that dropped a foot of snow. By divine coincidence they saw their neighbor fall as he was heading to his car.

"I have most often thought of holy-ground moments as fire-laden, burning bushes—clear indicators that God was up to something," he wrote. "But this 'holy ground' had 12 inches of snow covering it and an elderly man, Eddie, had fallen to his knees, post hip surgery. We helped him up."

Another reader sees God in the faces of kind strangers who assist her as she moves around in her wheelchair. Judy Schlegel, a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Durham, N.C., said fellow shoppers at the grocery store are happy to reach an item high on a shelf or pick up a dropped item for her. "From those who open or hold doors, volunteer to drive, carry my drink at church dinners, run errands, take my trash down to the curb on collection day, and on and on, I experience God's love many times each day," Schlegel wrote.

Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus revealed his divine nature to the sick and suffering. Similarly, some readers saw God as they experienced illness or ministered to the sick. "The doctor-patient relationship is a holy one in which God is the ever-present intermediary," wrote Ronald Burmeister, a retired obstetrician-gynecologist who belongs to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Rockford, Ill. Countless times he has witnessed God in the miracle of pregnancy and childbirth. In retirement he remains a healer, anointing the sick with holy oil.

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"With faces uplifted, some with tears, others with eyes closed, recipients manifest trust through faith as they sense the warmth of the oil-traced cross on their foreheads and hear, 'Child of God, receive this oil in the name of Jesus Christ; be filled with God's Grace and love; and know the healing power of the Holy Spirit,'" he wrote.

Throughout the joys and challenges of her life, Jane McKinley has prayed to God as a friend—in a chatty, conversational tone. "It was so comforting to know that the Spirit was always there," wrote the member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lakewood, N.J. And over the years, that friendship has deepened. "Now I'm old, so tired from my 13 years of battling cancer, but ... my best friend [stays] with me," she wrote. "When I have a crisis, all I have to do is call on God and I calm right down." Jesus promises to be present whenever two or more are gathered in his name. Not surprisingly, many readers saw God in worship and church traditions.

"For me, it is the great classic hymns of the church [that] were sung into my heart in childhood and [that] I still sing from memory even when I can't remember what I had for lunch," wrote Rodney Juell, a retired pastor in Joliet, Ill.

Norwegian Christmas traditions and rituals revealed God to Art Dale when he was a boy. On Christmas Eve 1938, following a family celebration at which his father read the Nativity story, Dale had a profound experience of the divine.

"Pure wonder stopped everything," wrote Dale, a retired pastor in Soudan, Minn. "Standing in the darkness something beautiful, ancient and very real held me in the mystery of God being born in Jesus, zapping the world. Every Christmas Eve, [I encounter] that same wonder. The love of Jesus, bound together with our human love, mysteriously fills the universe. The communion of saints is real. God loves everyone."

But most of the responders—as with most Christians—see God in a plethora of places and faces throughout their days. That was the case for Julie Roy, a member of Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church, Garden City, S.C. Whether it's staring up at the night sky, noticing guests at a food pantry or observing the kindness of members who help others, she's aware God is all around us.

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How will you get connected??

These small groups meet monthly and/or weekly for devotions, fellowship and service projects. We hope you'll find one or two to get involved with.

Bible Study with Pastor Jim

Monday at 6:30 PM. Come and dig deeper into the Bible.

Everyone is welcome!

PRAYER TIME FOR EVERYONE:

Every Thursday from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Please join the church staff in the office as we pray for the Church, its ministries, and those who have asked us to include them in our prayers. Plan to join us! "Never doubt what one prayer can do."

WOMEN'S GROUP

Next Meeting: October 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM

WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING OUT TO EAT

Friday, October 25, 2019, 5:30

If you have any questions, please call Linda Feder @402-298-8969 or Jan and Dave Conley @402-296-3833

COUNCIL NOTES

HOSANNA COUNCIL MEMBERS

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We welcome all people to worship God by offering our lives in daily witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

Welcome Ministry

Claudia and Heidi

Worship Ministry

Riley

Witness Ministry

Vicki and Melinda

YOU are always welcome to attend the meeting of our Council. Council meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Be joyful always,
Pray continually,
Give thanks in all
circumstances for
this is God's will for
you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Join Pastor Jim as he goes deeper into the Bible. They meet here every Monday, except for the third Monday when Women's Group meets.

Monday nights at 6:30 PM

Hello Hosanna,

We've started the journey through the bible with a focus on 'God at the Center'. It began with God created – you can't get more being in the center than that! And in that creation we learned that it is not good for us to be alone, we were created for one another. And then we learned that God does what God says God will do – we don't need to live in fear because God is with us.

When we talk of God at the center we can look at like cementing ourselves to Jesus as the author of our faith, we are using the language of a story – like Genesis. Christians are people who take their identity from someone else's story. It's not that we don't have our own story. It's that our story is part of a bigger story. God's story does not swallow our story but gives meaning to it.

From the book by Daniel Hill, '10:10 – Life to the Fullest'. Daniel says in John chapter 10, Jesus describes the relationship between the Good Shepherd (himself) and his sheep (us). Jesus goes out before us, and we follow because we know his voice (vs4). We are able to distinguish between the voice of Jesus and a stranger (vs5). We are able to "come in and go out" from the presence of Jesus (vs9). We are able to intimately know and be intimately known by Jesus (vs14). Jesus will lead us to the fullness of life that we have been designed for. (vs10).

What holds us back? The command "Fear Not" is repeated 365 times in the bible. There is a relationship between fear, faith and fullness of life: *fear sets the limits of life; faith expands the boundaries of life*. Jesus is trying to lead us into fullness of life, and he can't get us there without breaking us free from our fears. And yet, when we keep our eyes locked on Jesus, the author and pioneer of our faith, we can experience things and go places that we never could have otherwise.

Spiritual intimacy with God is the center of Christianity. When we allow ourselves to be cemented to Jesus by faith, he will pull us through our fears and into new levels of spiritual intimacy with God.

Walking with God taught me about mission. Mission taught me about the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God taught me about the role of being a neighbor. Being a neighbor taught me about the centrality of reconciliation. Reconciliation brought me to the intersection of race and poverty, with a call to protect children who live in that intersection. All this is wrapped around a single word *faith*.

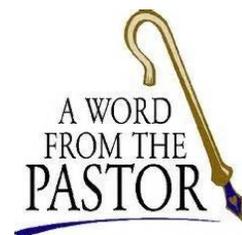
We are told the righteous live by faith and so with God at the center we will continue to learn more about our lives and how to live a life of faith.

Paul reminds us in Ephesians 4: 11-13, "*It was God who gave...., to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*" We will be more and more complete in Christ as we serve those around us. I ask that you begin to look around with new eyes – the eyes of Jesus and see what He would see and let's figure out what we can do. I thank you for all that you do already and know that God has put you here for a reason.

Don't forget the shoe box collection for Operation Christmas Child coming in November – start packing!!

We are blessed to be a blessing

Pastor Jim



October 2019

HOSANNA'S NUMBERS

Combined Offering

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
General	1515.00	1012.00	2408.00	1185.00	n/a
Benevolence	0	0	0	0	

Combined Worship Attendance

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Attendance	69	70	74	66	n/a

Your Financial Gifts...

*Please be mindful that Hosanna's monthly financial obligations continue throughout the year.
If you are unable to attend Sunday Worship Services, please consider mailing your
commitment to the church at P.O. Box 301, Plattsmouth, NE 68048. Thank You!*

*Our Church continues to be grateful for all who faithfully support the
ongoing life and ministry operating costs of Hosanna.*

You make a difference! Thank you Members and Friends Of Hosanna!

Lutheran Ladies Book Club

Next scheduled meeting of the Book Club will be on
Wednesday, October 9th at 11:30 am

Lutheran Ladies Book Club list and dates for the rest of the year. The
group meets at the Bay Hills Club / Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. All are
welcome! The December meeting will also include a book exchange.

Oct 9th – The Mountain Between Us, Charles Martin

Nov 13th - The Girl Who Wrote in Silk, Kelli Estes

Dec 11th - The Christmas Sisters, Sarah Morgan

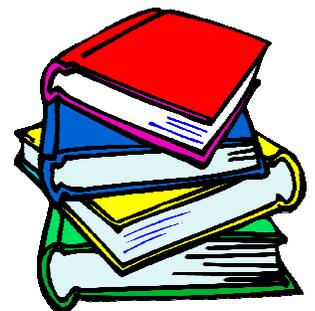
Please join us for a
Soup Supper

Thursday, October 24, 2019
4:30-7:00 PM

Hosted by Hosanna Lutheran's
Women's Group

Donations of desserts are
needed! Please sign up in the
church lobby.

If you have any questions,
call us in the office
402-296-2662



"The Breakup Song"

Sick and tired of being sick and tired
Had as much of you as I can take
I'm so done, so over being afraid

I've gone through the motions
I've been back and forth
I know that you're thinking you've heard this before
I don't know how to say it
So I'm just gonna say it

Fear, you don't own me
There ain't no room in this story
And I ain't got time for you
Telling me what I'm not
Like you know me well guess what?
I know who I am
I know I'm strong
And I am free
Got my own identity
So fear, you will never be welcome here

Take a minute, let it settle in
You probably never saw it coming
Something's gotta give so I give up you, oh
There's no room for you here
Yeah, I've had enough
No vacancy sign on my heart is lit up
In case you didn't hear it
Here it is again

Fear, you don't own me
There ain't no room in this story
And I ain't got time for you
Telling me what I'm not
Like you know me well guess what?
I know who I am
I know I'm strong
And I am free
Got my own identity
So fear, you will never be welcome here

Is there anybody out there just like me?
Anybody needing fear to leave?
If you don't know how to say it
Sing along with me

Sing fear, you don't own me
There ain't no room in this story
And I ain't got time for you
Telling me what I'm not
Like you know me well guess what?
I know who I am
I know I'm strong, brave
And I am free
Got my own identity
So fear, you will never be welcome here
Oh, goodbye, goodbye fear
You will never be welcome here

~Francesca Battastelli

Helping Our Community

- ▶ Under His Wings Baby Pantry:
Located at Under His Wings
Always needs diapers, Size 3, 4, 5, & 6
Baby shampoo, lotion and wash.
- ▶ Under His Wings Thrift Shop:
511 Main St.
Hours: 10-5:00 pm Tues.-Fri
10-3:00 pm Sat

Please pray for:

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| Bill Bade | Norman Rishel |
| Bertha Black | Joyce Ross |
| Ann Begley | Russ Sederburg |
| Arlene Boyd | Ron Thorson |
| O.C. Coleman | Kathy Todd |
| Jan Conley | John Warsing |
| Glenn Crockett | Royce Weber |
| Barb Culbertson | Richard Worthan |
| Mary & Ted Dalhberg | Grace Zimmerer |
| Jim Flanagan | Alan, Chris, Julie |
| Ebbin Gehrke | Jerry A., Mary C. |
| Bill Grunewald | Taurasi and Hamilton |
| Sandy Ham | |
| Harley Hein | |
| Beverly Kwasnieski | |
| Donna McClean | |

Prayer for those serving in the military and law enforcement:

- Justin Bartlett, Marines
- Meshack Casey, Army
- Cory Clines, Air Force
- Alex Houchin, Navy
- Sean Gardner, Law Enforcement
- Zach Gehrig, Air Force
- Mason Jensen, Navy
- Calvin Johnson, Air Force
- Rachel Mildenhall, Marines
- Caleb Morehead, Army Reserves
- Scott Nelson, Army
- Tyler Nielson, Navy
- Nick Richards, Law Enforcement
- Steven Richards, Army
- Travis Roeder, Air Force
- Brent Wiese, Army
- Craig Wylie, Law Enforcement
- Sandra Wylie, Law Enforcement
- Jennifer Zeitler and Marcus Hough, Air Force



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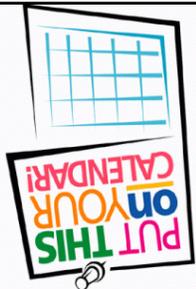
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



*We welcome all people to worship God
by offering our lives in daily witness
to the love of Jesus Christ.*



Thursday, October, 24, 2019 Women's Group Soup Supper,
4:30-7:00 PM. Desserts needed! Please see sign up sheet in the Lobby.
Sunday, November 10, 2019 Community Thanksgiving Dinner.
All hands on deck! We'll need your help to prepare, feed and clean up
for this free dinner for our community.

Coming Up!!