



the Voice

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From the Pastor

We are Consecrated!

Consecrate: to set apart as holy. We see religious acts throughout our life in which people set someone or something aside in their life for holy purposes. A person is ordained into ministry; a person is dedicated as a teacher, leader, counselor; a piano is consecrated for the purpose of worship. Most of the time, consecration is something we do to another. But, how can we dedicate something as holy unless we are already holy?

Here's the kicker! We are holy. (1 Peter 2:9) At an event in your life which you likely do not remember, God claimed you as His servant, joined you to the death and resurrection of Jesus so that you became a "little Jesus" in this world. On the day we were baptized we were consecrated by God. We were made holy instruments to sing of his grace and by our "singing," let the Holy Spirit gather others into God's family.

I know, our daily life hardly confirms our sacred condition! Yet, if we are to believe the promises of God there is nothing truer than our state of being before God and for the world. In the midst of our sin, we are saints. This is a gift not asked for. It is a reality not to be achieved by any heroic holy deeds. We just are. So what do we do with ourselves?

In the first place, don't we treat holy things with respect? I hear parents tell their children, "don't run in the church, it's holy, it's God's house! What if we treated one another with the same regard? Don't cause her harm, she's God's baptized!

Consider that everything we do with who we are and what we have is a holy act! Wow. That might stop us in our tracks. Grocery shopping, done in God's name; Working, done as an agent of God for the world; Being a friend, as the presence of God in that person's life; Spending our money as though it were God's money.

Sunday, October 21st is called Consecration Sunday at Hosanna. Out of habit, it's become that Sunday we commit ourselves to offering a portion of our wealth for the work of the congregation. It is a "necessary chore." But, how about this: could it be a day to contemplate our holiness? Might we do well to recall that we sit in church consecrated by God in baptism? Could it be a time when we remember again that we are God's creatures, the sheep of his pasture who have been blessed to bless the world?

Giving is something we have to do. Giving is something we do because of what God has done. Can a horse help but neigh? Can we help but see everything we do as holy – even the offering?

God bless our days to reveal His Grace,
Pastor Wayne



Continuing Prayers of Concern:

Many suffer ongoing challenges to life and health. Please keep these names near at your times of prayer and hold them before God who knows our every need. Lillian Meade, Wanda Quay, Donna McWhorter, Kaleb Ervin, Pr. Dan Sander, Jeannie Scholl, Jack Thatcher, Hanna Cross, Rev. Steven Ritter, Arye Baker, Alan Edenfield, Michael Zorich, Karl Van Deest, Lillian Hahn, Alexandra Lipstraw, Robert Hossler, Gary Moore, Paul Wiegerig, Paul Scarberry, Brisker Vanberg, Erin Johnson, Chuck Davis, Bob & Yoshi Campbell, Lois Lamb, and, all those who continue to suffer from illness. For all those who risk their lives for the sake of freedom from oppression, especially men and women in uniform.

Worship Hours: 8:30 & 11 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM

Our Shut-ins

Mary Bauerle, Chuck Beach, Irene Krafft, Harry Siebert, Ruth Wood.

Births:

Congratulations...to Jim & Beth Eckman on the birth of their daughter, Ava May. Ava was born on July 23rd. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 ounces and measured 20 inches long. The proud grandparents are Hosanna members Bill & Bobbie Cady.

Baptisms:

Congratulations to Elizabeth Ann Bricker, daughter of Brian & Shelley Bricker. Elizabeth was baptized on August 26th.

Congratulations to October Jane Buzzard, daughter of Keith Buzzard & Mandy Gagliardi. October was baptized on August 26th.



Our Food Pantry Shelves are empty...LEADS appreciates our donations. Let's fill the shelves up again so, that we can help those less fortunate than ourselves!

Hosanna House "TEAR OUT DAY"...

Saturday, October 13th from 9 AM to 4 PM. Lunch will be provided and the OSU game broadcasted. Contact Donna VerWeire at 964-0381 or Joe Stemen at 862-9237. Sign up in the Narthex.



Hosanna's annual Oktoberfest to celebrate fall harvest is in the works! The date is set for October 12th at 7 PM. There will be lots of yummy food including bratwurst, sauerkraut and dessert. We are also planning entertainment for young and old. Tickets are on sale between the Sunday Worship Services. So, mark your calendars and plan for an evening of fun and friends at Hosanna's Oktoberfest.

Fellowship for November...

Mark your calendar now for the annual Women's Holiday Dinner. The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, November 29th. Tickets will be available as we get closer to the date.

First Communion Sunday will

be held on Sunday, October 14th.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

3rd Grade Bibles...

Each year, Hosanna gives Bibles to our third grade class. The Bibles will have their names inscribed on them. This will be done for your child automatically. The children will be presented with their Bible during one of our upcoming Sunday Worship Services

If you have a child that we have missed in the past or, you are a new member with a child in the third grade or older, please give your name to Mary Marvin in the Office.



Join Kids' Klub for the kick-off party on Sunday, October 14th. Kids' Klub meets from 6:00 – 7:30 every Sunday evening at the church. Children, ages 3 – 5th grade, are welcome to attend. The children sing songs, play games, and make crafts. Kids' Klub participants also work toward a Christmas Pageant presented on Christmas Eve and a Spring Musical. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Fettrow at 740-739-2257 or, by email: mifettrow@insight.rr.com

LutheranWoman

TODAY

Bible Study...will

meet Wednesday, October 10th at 10 AM in the Music Room at Hosanna. Our study is entitled Poor in Spirit, Rich in Blessing. Jesus knew the power of possessions to enthrall. That's why he opens his sermon with "Blessed are the poor in Spirit." How do we live without being possessed by our possessions?

Come join us for study, fellowship and lunch at The Nutcracker. Call Nancy Sander at 740-927-3972 if you will need study materials.



ALTAR GUILD

At our September meeting, Historian, Charlotte Kurt, gave a detailed report on the 2006-2007 year for Altar Guild. It was very interesting to hear and recall all that was accomplished this past year. Much more that we remembered!

Co-Chairperson, Rini Terry reported on items discussed at the Worship committee meeting. On Sunday, October 7th at the late service, a Blessing of the Animals will be held outside, hopefully under a tent. Nancy Dickerson will take charge of the Advent and Christmas decor. Co-chairperson, Terrie Baker will meet with her and Pastor Wayne to see how this will impact Altar Guild re the Sanctuary.

All the acolyte robes will be inspected and sorted for possible replacement, with the older robes saved for use as costumes. Terrie Baker will be conducting acolyte training classes the next three weeks.

The new blue Advent banners that will be made by Sue Boring are awaiting approval from the Interiors Committee. New Advent and Christmas banners are being checked out.

The new green banner was made by Bobbi Dopslaf and given in memory of her niece, Lorraine Lynch.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 11th at 7:15pm. For further information, please call Terrie Baker 927-6562 or Rini Terry 927-8806.

Nursery Available!

The nursery is up and running for the new season! It is now fully staffed every week during both worship services to children 3 and younger. Improvements in flooring options and some toy choices have been made for the safety of the children. The staff is excited for the new season and eager to help you care for your youngsters. Volunteers are Kelly Buxton, Julie Martin, Josie Disbennett, Traci Brandt, Becky and Brad Rescola, Janet Hilliard, Elaine Blazek, Katie Belt, and Angela Newland. Substitutes are Sharon Gwilym, Lillian Meade, Darla Spring, and Andy Spring.

Faith on 8thThanks to everyone who participated in the serving at Faith on 8th September 16th! There was enough food for everyone to have seconds with still some food left over, which Faith on 8th will reuse at another meal. The residents raved about how wonderful the food was and the homemade cookies were especially popular. They were very thankful for everyone's efforts from cooking to serving. **Great job everyone!**



Hosanna Red

Hat Honeys

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 13th**.

We will leave Hosanna at 9:00 a.m. and travel to Portsmouth, Ohio for a visit of the hand painted flood wall. The wall murals were started in 1993 and completed in 2002 with a total of 53 murals covering over 2,200 square feet of space. The art work represents the history, important events and famous people from Portsmouth. We will also spend time in the Boneyfiddle Historical District down town shops.

A stop is also planned at the Ohio Candle Company and Gift shop in Piketon on the way home.

In order to schedule enough transportation, please call Karen Schwartz at 964-0324 **no later than Tuesday, October 9th** if you plan to attend.

Looking forward to a wonderful fall trip!

Grace, Growth, Group, Gifts and Giving:

This 5 week class is geared toward new members and anyone interested in walking further down the path of discipleship. The five Gs are our attempt to draw, in broad strokes, the essential "marks" of someone devoted to Christ and His Church. If we have participating members living out these characteristics, we are moving toward a biblically functioning community. Each week we will explore one of these topics through bible study and meeting with Hosanna members who lead in that area. This class will start October 14th and will meet during Sunday School. Pastor Ann Marie will lead the class. Please join us for one or all sessions. For more information, please contact Pastor Ann Marie or Chris Ellis.



Once again, Hosanna will be collecting coats during October to take to the Leads Center. It is very

important to put the coats at the **very end** of the **right side** of the coat racks, so as not to get mixed in with the pre-school coats and sweaters. There will be a divider on the rack to help define where the garments should go. **From the Care Committee**

MORNINGSTAR BIBLE STUDY

We'll meet at Bobbi Penwell's, 13013 Saylor Rd., for bible study on Oct. 18th at 10 a.m. We'll continue our study in Rom. Ch. 11 dealing with Israel's future. In v. 5 we learn that "there will be a remnant (of Jews) chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace would no longer be grace." Judaism is and was a "works" religion and if they're going to be saved by the Gospel of Grace they had to drop all their works religion, and come to salvation to same way we do as Gentiles. Our salvation is Faith + Nothing, or it's no salvation at all! Anyone wanting to car pool, please meet in the church parking lot no later than 9:40 a.m.

Prez's Corner

I sat in Sunday school class listening to Julie Konkler tell about her African trip with Bishop Holliwell and thought: "This is what we do as Christians, as a Congregation. We send our youth out and get back our future." The enthusiasm that Julie showed, the depth of an experience she can share, the growth of faith that is apparent will touch the people she is around for the rest of her life. When a congregation can support its youth in their goals, their dreams, it reaps a harvest that is rich in ways we may never know.

Your brother in Christ, Fred McLeod



MONEY MATTERS FACTS AND FIGURES

Hosanna's financial position as of August

31st is as follows: The church ended 2006 with a \$14,481.87 operating deficit that was carried into this year and is included in the current operating balance sheet.

Based on the approved 2007 operating budget of \$392,576, the total estimated Budgeted Expenses through the reporting period was \$267,341.83.

The Actual 2007 Expenses incurred through the end of the period was \$228,260.52.

The Actual Operating Income received in the month of August was \$23,288.74 for a YTD total of \$222,108.66.

As these numbers indicate we are operating below the expected expenses by \$39,081.31, however, even with this conservative stewardship there remains an income shortfall of \$6,151.86. This number, added to the 2006 carryover deficit, indicates that through the July reporting period we were operating at a total deficit of \$20,633.73.

Mark Borrer, Treasurer

HOSANNA PIECEMAKERS

Some of our quilts will be taken to Upper Arlington in early October for shipment to Lutheran World Relief. The remaining quilts will be given to SE Ohio Synod: Appalachia Project. The report of totals sent will be in the November newsletter along with results of the "name the quilt" contest and soap in-gathering Sunday.

We'll tie quilts at Darlene Butler's on Oct. 11th and 25th beginning at 10 a.m. Bring scissors and a sack lunch. This will give us a few quilts before winter to pass along in an emergency.

PRAYER SHAWLS FOR HOSANNA

The prayer shawls for Kazakhstan was a great success! Thank you to everyone who participated! Now that we have gotten our feet wet, please continue to knit or crochet prayer shawls. We hope to use them for the Stephen's Ministry program as well as for members of the congregation who become seriously ill. We also hope to give prayer shawls to celebrate marriages, births and adoptions. You can use any yarn and any pattern you like. We will meet on October 22nd from 6:30-8 p.m. at Hosanna. With the holidays fast approaching, please feel free to bring a personal project to work on. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Liz Ellis (740-964-6007 or e-mail elizabeth_d_ellis@yahoo.com) for more information.

CREATIVE PERSON NEEDED!

The Interiors Oversight Committee is looking for someone with a good visual eye and creative nature to oversee the displays in the narthex during the year. This position is very flexible, and would require approximately 2 hours per month. Primary responsibilities would be to work with groups in the church to establish a schedule of displays for the year, assist with hanging the displays, and then make sure they are removed at the end of each month, in preparation for the next display. If you feel this is a project that would interest you, please contact Cathy Konkler at 587-2431, or jandckonkler@alltel.net.

The Interiors Oversight Committee

is looking for new members. The committee works with groups in the church to make sure that any permanent or visual additions to the church coordinate with the church structure and design and will work with all groups within the church. The time commitment is minimal – usually 3-4 meetings per year, and access to e-mail. If you are interested in visual appearance of the church, and enjoy interior design and planning, or would like to know more, please contact Cathy Konkler, at 587-2431, or jandckonkler@alltel.net.

Thank You...Thank You...

Thank you from the American Red Cross Health and Safety Services: "Thank you all for the use of Hosanna Lutheran Church for our recent Safety City Program. The program was a huge success, which could not have been possible without your support and assistance!"

Sincerely, Beth E. Wood
American Red Cross of Licking County

"Schools are starting again tomorrow, and thanks to your support, we were able to help 92 children in your community with school supplies.

May God Bless,
The Pataskala LEADS Center 8-21-07"



STEPHEN MINISTRY

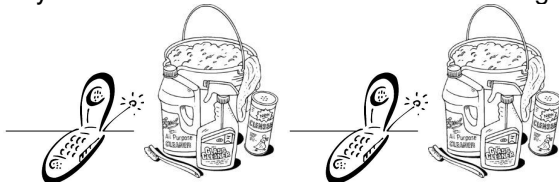
October... the hot and humid days of summer begin to fade into memories... the leaves on the deciduous trees will begin to turn... along with the cool days of Fall apple cider and doughnuts will be added to most menus. Our Stephen Ministry candidates began their fifty hours of training the on September 17th. The following individuals were enrolled into Stephen Ministry:

Rita Beach
Ron Cross
John Mathias
Rhea Mathias
Carol Pierce
Donna Ruark
Nancy Sander
Bill Wiley

Excitement fills the air within the walls of Hosanna as the Stephen Leaders and the Stephen Minister candidates begin their journey together to prepare for a special ministry to the Hosanna family and the community of Pataskala.

CARE Corner – New Beginnings

The New Beginnings Women's shelter for battered women and their children would benefit from cleaning supplies. They could use Clorox Cleaning Wipes and other cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, liquid soap, and large containers of shampoo. Donations can be placed in the box in the hallway by the pastor's offices marked "New Beginnings". The shelter can also use old cell phones with a charger. These can be reprogrammed so they will only dial 911 in the event of an emergency.



Share Your Favorite Photos

Every once in a while we see a photo we took and a big broad smile crosses our face. **Wow!!!** How did we do that? Then, you just want to share your pleasure with others. We find a frame and a mat. We look for a special place to hang it in our house or at work. It isn't that we think we're the next Ansel Adams. It just brings us joy. How about sharing that joy with your sisters and brothers in Christ?

My Favorite Photos Display
October 21 & 28

Hosanna's Narthex Wall

This is not a contest. And, it's not time to be shy! Bring your photos matted or framed, we cannot hang bare pictures. Be sure your name and phone number are on the back. Bring them to the office no later than Sunday, October 14th. Photos should be 4" x 6" through 11" x 14".

Worship News...Bulletin Change

Copier expenses have consistently been over budget and the worship committee has explored ways to reduce costs. A leaner, reusable bulletin is now being used with the liturgy for traditional and contemporary services. A take home insert with current announcements, lessons and gospel readings is included each week. Bulletins will be collected each Sunday and reused. Reproducing the music for the traditional service has claimed much of our paper usage. Therefore, we have gone back to the using the hymnals for this service. The driving force behind the decision is the stewardship of our world's natural resources and the best use of church money. We hope you will feel the same and acclimate to the change.



October 7	In Loving Memory of Jim Marvin by Mary Marvin
October 14	In Memory of Bill Everhart by Donna Roberts
October 21	To the Glory of God by Charlotte Kurt
October 28	For Blessings of Family by Bob & Jeri Hockstok



Take Time to Laugh ... it's good for YOU!

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, "62." He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, **"Did you start at 1?"**

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, **"Who was THAT?"**

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" **"You're both old,"** he replied.

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying sagely, **"Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"**

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm four to six."

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, **"to find the fire hydrants."**

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, **"Then you ask him."**

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, **"Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"**

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE, God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, **"Take all you want. God is watching the apples."**

A Doctor was addressing a large audience in Tampa. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have, or will, eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?" After several seconds of quiet, a 75-year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, **"Wedding Cake."**



October	1	Rachael Scarmack
	2	Scottie Taylor
	2	Michael Taylor
	3	Jackie Osborne
	3	Kylie Osborne
	4	Donna Wood
	4	Bill Powers
	4	Austin Steinmetz
	5	Bill Winter
	5	Megan Sass
	6	Debbie Lynd
	6	Ali Rammon
	6	Lauren Newland
	6	Sam Blum
	7	Rita Beach
	7	Brenden Siebert
	8	Ken Roslan
	8	Betsy Siebert
	8	Shawn Johnson
	9	Gert Schaffner
	10	Nancy Althoff
	10	Landen Potter
	11	Pr Wayne Zavotka
	11	Brady Wolf
	11	Bob Keane
	11	Hannah Mohler
	14	Mark Bowman
	15	Jessie Jimison
	16	Chuck Denhardt
	16	Jennifer Benson
	16	Beth Eckman
	16	Rebekah Beach
	17	Kay Denhardt
	17	Kaitlin Hiscar
	18	Steve Seal
	18	Becky Carr
	18	Leah Spring
	20	Jerry Wood
	21	Jutta Lochmeyer
	21	Debbie Chamberlin
	22	Paul McFerrin
	22	Mark Newland
	23	Edna Kuder
	23	Carole Gischel
	23	Lisa Stemen
	23	Matt Young
	24	Bob Benson

October	24	Ryan Varnum
	24	Harmony Buzzard
	25	Pr Dan Sander
	25	Sandy Bricker
	26	Katie Beach
	26	Margaret Hegenberger
	26	Sarah Kennedy
	26	Tiffany Faust
	27	Penny Potter Killilea
	27	Anna Belt
	28	Bob Hockstok
	28	Eric Brandt
	29	Pat Cisar
	29	Brian Wilkinson
	30	Lori Nolan
	30	Donna Forren-McWhorter
	30	Drew Cross



October	8	Scott & Stacey Blum 13 Years
	11	Tom & Lisa Wolf 27 Years
	14	Scott & Georgiann Taylor 12 Years
	16	Chris & Liz Ellis 14 Years
	17	George & Marissa Priest 20 Years
	20	Eric & Traci Brandt 6 Years
	20	Sean & Sarah Kennedy 6 Years
	24	Don & Karen Burkey 9 Years
	25	Bill & Shirley Steinmetz 32 Years
	26	Brent & Suzanne Howell 16 Years
	27	Mark & Thelma Borrer 40 Years
	27	Roger & Janet Hilliard 35 Years
	29	Dave & Billie Bauchmoyer 14 Years
	29	Chris & Holly Bowman 14 Years
	31	Tim & Joni Thompson 31 Years

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Will be on Sunday, October 7th
At the 11 AM Worship Service