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KEEP IT SIMPLE

If *it's as simple as that*, why does “*everything*” get complicated? Maybe we need to define “it,” “that,” and “everything.”

For most of us, we plan more activities than a reasonable schedule will allow. We want more commodities than time or cash allows us. We pursue more goals than resources would complete.

We have a management problem. Or, in biblical language, it's a stewardship issue. We fail at protecting, preserving and using God's gifts given to our care.

This October's worship will help us hear God's guidance for improved stewardship. You will be challenged to commit to two promises:

1. Determine one or two actions to simplify your household's life.

2. Estimate your offering to Hosanna's work of sharing Christ to the community.

October 25th is the Sunday we will place our two promises on the altar. Please plan to worship every Sunday in October. [We are very pleased that Pastor Dan Sander will be our preacher on October 4th. Dan and Nancy have been regular participants in Hosanna's ministry. This is the first he has had a Sunday off to preach for us!]

Be sure to make October 25th a day of sacred contemplation. This is not a gimmick to offer two types of commitments. Isn't it said, “Time is money?” Or, “Tis a gift to be simple?” God desires neither our sacrifices nor calendars. He wants our heart, our joy in sharing, and our care for all He provides. Planning and promising are central the fullness of life.

Make It Simple,

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: The Doug Davis Family on his death, Tonie & Dee Barth, Ted Walters, Nancy Rich, Marty Six, Sam Bish, Wanda Quay, Terry Meade, Rhonda Parker, Ron Holtz, Lorraine Newland, Judy Parker, Cary Jenkins, Anna Stewart, Alex Newberry, Linda Rodichok, John Tabor, Cindy Baptiste, Patricia Kirkpatrick, Mark Redick, Don Smith, Bob Campbell, Dorothy Clayton, 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

- 9 AM Traditional Worship
- 11 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:10 AM Sunday School

Our Shut-ins

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

Baptisms...

Congratulations to Ryan Jacob Durbin, son of Erin Walters and Jason Durbin on his baptism August 30th. Ryan's Sponsors were Wendy Shaw and Sean Ryan. May God bless Ryan as well as his entire family.



OKTOBERFEST

Hosanna's Annual Oktoberfest celebration is set for Friday,

October 2nd at 7 PM here at the church. There will be food and entertainment for young and old. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship!

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• **The Newsletter Deadline** is the third Sunday of each month. **The FYI Sunday Announcement Page Deadline** is Wednesday by Noon. Please email your articles to: office@hosanna-lutheran.org

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Money Matters and Figures

Approved Operating Budget for 2009: \$ 387,932.00

We must average approximately \$7,460.24 per week in offerings to meet our 'weekly' budgeted amount. Thru August 2009, we have had 35 Sundays, which means we should have received \$261,108.40 in offerings and other income; we have received \$232,884.89; we are in a deficit of (\$28,223.51).

Hosanna's financial operating position through August 31, 2009 is as follows:
 Offerings and other income for August 2009 totaled: \$ 30,883.92
 Total Operating Expenses for August 2009: \$ 26,706.45
 August average: \$ 4,177.47

Year To Date (YTD) Offering and Other Income thru 08/31- \$ 232,884.89
 YTD Operating Expenses Paid thru 08/31- \$ 239,129.12
 2009 YTD Deficit (\$ 6,244.23)

Using the carryover overage from 2008: \$ 7,183.75 to our 2009 YTD deficit of: (\$ 6,244.23)
 Total overage is: \$ 939.52

We are going into the Stewardship session, so let us prayerfully consider the 'offerings' we have to give to our Church. This is a great time to consider electronic giving: so you have no worry about being late or short on your Church offerings.

O God of abundance, open my eyes to a new understanding of what you intend for me. Amen.

Thank you.
Mary Seal, Treasurer

Faith on 8th

Our last date of 2009 to serve at the Faith on 8th Men's Shelter is November 1st. We are looking for volunteers to cook meatloaves to be reheated at the church, donate bread, cookies or gallons of milk, and to serve the meal at the shelter downtown. Sign-up sheets will be posted starting Sunday, October 4th. Please help us to provide a hot meal to people who are working toward becoming productive, independent citizens in the community.

Fellowship Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, October 11th at 1 PM at St. Albans Golf Club in Alexandria, Ohio. The \$45 cost per person includes 18 holes of golf, with a cart and dinner. The format will be a 4 person scramble. Sign up as a team of two (guys, gals, couples) to be paired with another team. Make check payable to Hosanna Lutheran Church for \$45 each golfer.

Hosanna's UPDATED Calendar of Events is online at www.hosanna-lutheran.org Scroll to Resources and double-left click.

YOUTH NEWS

Kids' Klub will begin on Sunday, October 11th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Every Sunday evening will include music, crafts, and games. Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited. Please bring along a friend! We will not be doing a Christmas program this year, but we will do a Spring Program in May. Please contact Melissa Fettrow with any questions – kidsklub@hosanna-lutheran.org or 740-739-2257.

Kroger has shared profits with Hosanna! We received our first Quarterly Statement from Kroger since participating in their Rewards program. **Our first check from Kroger will be \$534.56!! And that's with only 34 families signed up!** We hope all members will join in the Kroger Rewards Program, with a share of their profits coming back to Hosanna. If you shop at Kroger and sign up for their rewards program, name Hosanna as your nonprofit choice. A percentage of your expenditures comes back to Hosanna, up to \$200,000 per year. Go to www.kroger.com and follow the directions to register your purchases for Hosanna Lutheran Church. Hosanna's NPO number is 84092. If you have difficulty signing up, please call Mary at the Church Office for assistance 927-3548.

Prayer Chain...since the office has moved to Hosanna House and the bulletin board in the old Office will not be available, we have changed the procedure to add someone to the Prayer Chain. There are prayer request cards available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Simply fill out the card and drop it in the Offering and your request will be added to the Prayer Chain.

LutheranWoman TODAY will meet Wednesday, October 14th at the home of Jane Starn (31 Jefferson Ct.) at 10 AM. Our study based on Romans 4 is entitled The Obedience of Faith. Paul helps us see that Abraham is the ancestor of not only the Jews, but of all who believe in Christ. Come join us for study, fellowship, and lunch at the Nutcracker.



MORNINGSTAR BIBLE STUDY

We invite you to join us for bible study continuing in Paul's letter to the Corinthians. We'll meet at Betty Brown-Rose's home at 124 Stonegate Dr., at 10 AM, on October 15th. Plan to stay for a light potluck luncheon afterwards. Bring Booklet 27 (available from Darlene Butler for \$6.00), your Bibles and a salad (pasta or jello) or dessert.



HOSANNA PIECEMAKERS

We hope you had a chance to see the sampling of quilts made this past year at our Quilt Display on September 20th. They have been made ready for shipment to a Lutheran World Relief warehouse, to Lutheran Social Services of Ohio: Appalachia Project, and to Project Linus where they are distributed to traumatized children from infants to 18 year olds through hospitals, fire departments, and battered women's shelters throughout Central Ohio. They along with the knitted and crocheted blankets and prayer shawls are much appreciated by those who receive them. The wrapped bars of soap are sent to LWR along with the quilts for use throughout the world wherever disasters strike. Lutheran World Relief is there along with the International Red Cross serving others and has a reputation of being second to none in it's outreach.

Plan to join us at Hosanna House to tie quilts on October 8th and 22nd at 10 AM. Bring a scissors and a sack lunch.

For those who would like to cut blocks or sew them at home, please contact Darlene Butler at 964-1411.

There will be a full report of the numbers of quilts made this past year in the November Newsletter.

LEADS COAT COLLECTION CONTINUES...

The coat collection for the Leads Center continues through the month of October. So far, 34 coats have been collected and delivered to the Leads Center. Many thanks to the generous Hosanna congregation. Please put your donated coats behind the long yellow "coat" on the coat rack in the Narthex.

Thanks for Caring and Sharing

ALTAR GUILD...The officers for 2009-2010 are Co-Chairpersons; Donna Roberts and Bobbi Dopslaf, Secretary/Treasurer, Diane Arps, Historian, Charlotte Kurt.

On Thursday, October 8th at **6:30 PM (note time change)** we will meet for a pizza and salad dinner. We will welcome new members and then reorganize the Sacristy. Present members please bring a favorite salad topping or dressing and, RSVP to either Diane at 740-927-5685 or Bobbi at 614-861-4313.



KNIT AND CROCHET AT HOSANNA... Hey Fiber Artists!

Please mark your calendars for Monday, October 19th at 7:30 PM at Hosanna as the last meeting for the Knit/Crochet Ministry for 2009. We would like to make hats, mittens, and scarves for LEADS, which will be collected in December. Many kids have lost these items by this time and donations will be much appreciated. We are also still collecting blankets for Project Linus as well as prayer shawls and prayer squares for Stephen's Ministry. Patterns for all of the above projects are available from Liz on request. Yarn is also available on request. Everyone is welcome to our meetings! Please contact Liz Ellis at 740-964-6007 or by e-mail elizabeth_d_ellis@yahoo.com for more information or, see our brochure in the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

Sunday School Teachers, Teachers & Mentors...

According to the terms of our insurance policy, all adults working with minors need to have a background check and results on file with Hosanna. **If you've already been fingerprinted in the past, you will need to complete the in-house background check.** To complete this blue form, please contact Mary Marvin in the Church Office or, pick one up in the Narthex and complete it, then drop it off at the office or drop it in the Offering.

If you have NEVER been fingerprinted for Hosanna, you will need to go to Southwest Licking Local School District, 927-A South St., Pataskala, OH 927-3941. The School District only does electronic fingerprinting on Tuesdays from 8 – 11 AM and Thursdays from 1 – 4 PM. It is done on a first come, first serve basis. Hosanna will pay the \$35 fee for this background check. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at 927-3548.



Hosanna Red Hat Honeys...

Ladies get your walking shoes on and shopping bags ready, we are off to the Outlet Mall in Jeffersonville on Saturday, October 10th. We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:30 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Bev Ferneau at 927-9384.



meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month from September through May. Plan to join them at the Hosanna House from 7 – 8:30 PM.

THANK YOU! We would like to thank the congregation for their donations and attendance at our Fall Music Festival. Through your generosity we were able to collect 20 bags of groceries and \$315 in CASH donations for LEADS! LEADS was so very appreciative of our donations!!

A Special thanks to all the bands and the Lone Wolf Sound for donating their time and effort. Also, special thanks to the Hosanna Pre-School for their generous donation for the raffle. Fellowship Committee

THANK YOU! The Fellowship Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted with the Rummage Sale by either working or bringing items to sell. It was a great success and we earned \$525 for the Shelter House Project. All of the leftover items went to the Southern Ohio Appalachian Relief Project and the Reynoldsburg Cancer Society Thrift Store. Thanks again!

THANK YOU...The family of Charlotte Woolard has expressed their gratitude to Hosanna and its members for leading them through the Memorial Service for their mother. The meal afterward was a wonderful time to honor Charlotte and renew family ties. Sharon, Ron & Tracey

Presentation of Bibles...On Sunday, September 20th the following 3rd graders were presented Bibles:

Jake Belt
William Layne
Seth Newland
Jack Pugh
Olivia Teague

Also receiving Bibles, our new youth members:

Amanda Teague 6th grader
Ellie Teague 6th grader
Nick Teague 8th grader



Stephen Ministries

We are planning ahead and would like your assistance.

Your Stephen Ministers would like to create a devotional booklet for Hosanna to use during the 2010 Lenten season.

Your Stephen Ministry would like to provide a special devotional booklet created for and by the members of Hosanna. We are asking each of you to think of one... or two... or three... of your favorite Biblical passages to be published within the booklet. Also, if your choice of passage(s) has a special meaning for you, and/or has a special story as to why it is special to you, include that information as a point for reflection. Please forward any devotional information to Rita Beach: Ritanbeach@aol.com.

What is the reason behind the devotional booklet? It will be created by members and friends of Hosanna, just for you to use, during a very special time within our lives as we reflect upon the journey of Christ to the cross. The 2010 Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Time flies!!! So please send your devotional thoughts to Rita right away!

Have you ever wondered... "Why does Hosanna have a Stephen Ministry?"

The answer is very simple. Scripture calls the Church to serve one another especially when a hurtful situation may occur within any one of the congregant's life.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2.

The Stephen Minister (care-giver) will lovingly serve anyone (care-receiver) recommended to them. The care-receiver is anyone who may experience a hurtful life situation such as physical illness, divorce or separation, loss of employment, loss of a loved one, or anything that may cause the care-receiver's heart to ache.

Just in case you have ever wondered... "Why does Hosanna have a Stephen Ministry..." Now you know. It is because Jesus asks us to care for one another, *"Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40*

Serving you through Christ,
Pastor Ann Marie, Lori Starn, Rita Beach, Darlene Gillenwater, and the Care Committee



Why go to Sunday School?

Four reasons why I believe Sunday School is important. Sunday school provides a basic systematic study of the scriptures at a level of understanding for that age group. Our new Spark Curriculum follows the Sunday Lectionary which is a three year rotation of bible stories. Will your child miss out on the story of Zacchaeus? Or, the ten bridesmaids? Or, Matthias the Apostle? It is so important to attend regularly, if you can.

Sunday school allows an opportunity for its members to talk and share about their needs with others in similar life situations.

Sunday school provides for fellowship and a sense of belonging for each member of the class. I still remember my Sunday School friends and it was a joy to see one a couple of years ago at an event.

Sunday school is a training ground for young Christians to be more productive in their church and gives them the opportunity to develop their skills and talents for the Lord.

They say it takes about 6 weeks to develop a new habit. Consider trying Sunday School, adult or youth from now until Thanksgiving. Classes start at 10:10 and go until 10:50. 40-45 minutes a week learning about the scriptures and your faith would be good stewardship of your time.

In five years, only 13% of new members who become active in Sunday School will drop out of church while 87% of those who attend worship only will drop out.

If you have any questions or concerns about Sunday School, please feel free to call me at 740-927-6193.

Donna Ruark -- Sunday School Superintendent



October 4	By Karen Combs
October 11	To the Glory of God by Charlotte Kurt
October 18	In Celebration of Eric & Traci Brandt's 8 th Anniversary
October 25	To the Glory of God by Don & Ginny Leiter



October	1	Rachael Scarmack
	2	Michael Taylor
	2	Scottie Taylor
	3	Jackie Osborne
	3	Kylie Linihan
	3	Spencer Truett
	4	Donna Wood
	4	Bill Powers
	4	Austin Steinmetz
	5	Bill Winter
	5	Megan Sass
	5	Olivia Teague
	6	Debbie Lynd
	6	Ali Rammon
	6	Lauren Newland
	6	Sam Blum
	7	Rita Beach
	7	Brenden Siebert
	8	Ken Roslan
	8	Shawn Johnson
	9	Gert Schaffner
	10	Nancy Althoff
	11	Pr. Wayne Zavotka
	11	Brady Wolf
	11	Bob Keane
	11	Hannah Mohler
	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
	21	Jutta Lochmeyer
	21	Debbie Chamberlin
	22	Paul McFerrin
	22	Mark Newland
	23	Edna Kuder
	23	Carole Gischel
	23	Lisa Stemen
	24	Bob Benson
	24	Harmony Buzzard
	25	Pr. Dan Sander
	25	Sandy Bricker

October	26	Katie Beach
	26	Margaret Hegenberger
	26	Sarah Kennedy
	26	Tiffany Faust
	27	Penny Killilea
	27	Anna Belt
	28	Bob Hockstok
	28	Eric Brandt
	28	Zachary Bricker
	29	Pat Cisar
	29	Brian Wilkinson
	30	Lori Nolan
	30	Donna Forren McWhorter
	30	Drew Cross



October	8	Scott & Stacey Blum 15 Years
October	11	Tom & Lisa Wolf 29 Years
October	12	Larry & Nicole Walker 7 Years
October	14	Scott & Georgiann Taylor 14 years
October	16	Chris & Liz Ellis 16 years
October	17	George & Marissa Priest 22 Years
October	18	Ted & Teresa Alfred 5 Years
October	20	Eric & Traci Brandt 8 Years
October	20	Sean & Sarah Kennedy 8 Years
October	24	Don & Karen Burkey 11 Years
October	25	Greg & Brenda Behnke 34 Years
October	25	Bill & Shirley Steinmetz 34 Years
October	26	Brent & Suanne Howell 18 Years
October	27	Mark & Thelma Borrer 42 Years
October	27	Roger & Janet Hilliard 37 Years
October	29	Dave & Billie Bauchmoyer 16 Years
October	31	Tim & Joni Thompson 33 Years

SCRIPTURE READINGS OCTOBER 2009

10/1/2009	Zechariah 10:1-12	God will gather the people
10/2/2009	Acts 4:13-31	The believers pray for boldness
10/3/2009	Psalms 5	Lead me in righteousness
10/4/2009	Mark 10:2-16	Teaching on marriage
10/5/2009	Deuteronomy 22:13-30	Laws about sexual relations
10/6/2009	Deuteronomy 24:1-5	Laws about divorce
10/7/2009	Matthew 5:27-48	Be perfect
10/8/2009	Jeremiah 3:6-14	God will forgive the unfaithful people
10/9/2009	1 Corinthians 7:1-16	Paul on marriage and divorce
10/10/2009	Psalms 112	Happy those who fear God
10/11/2009	Mark 10:17-31	Teaching on wealth and reward
10/12/2009	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	The Ten Commandments
10/13/2009	Deuteronomy 5:22-33	Moses mediates God's word to the people
10/14/2009	Matthew 15:1-9	Jesus teaches the true commandments
10/15/2009	Amos 3:13—4:5	Judgment against oppressors
10/16/2009	Hebrews 3:7—4:11	Against disobedience
10/17/2009	Psalms 26	Prayer for acceptance
10/18/2009	Isaiah 53:4-12	The suffering servant
10/19/2009	1 Samuel 8:1-18	Samuel warns against kings
10/20/2009	1 Samuel 10:17-25	Saul proclaimed king anyway
10/21/2009	John 13:1-17	Jesus washes the disciples' feet
10/22/2009	Genesis 14:17-24	The story of Melchizedek
10/23/2009	Psalms 37:23-40	God will exalt the righteous
10/24/2009	Mark 10:46-52	Christ heals blind Bartimaeus
10/25/2009	Exodus 4:1-17	Moses' power from God
10/26/2009	2 Kings 6:8-24	Elisha has power over sight
10/27/2009	Mark 8:22-26	Jesus heals a blind man
10/28/2009	Jeremiah 33:1-11	God promises healing
10/29/2009	Hebrews 7:1-22	Jesus like Melchizedek
10/30/2009	Psalms 119:17-24	Open my eyes
10/31/2009	Mark 12:28-34	Two commandments: love God and neighbor

PLANTS TO SHARE?

Hosanna gardeners: THANKS for the great response to “Adopt a Bed”! There is enough help now that we can begin to think about creating new flower beds at the Hosanna House.

This is where we are:

1. The horticulturist for New Albany Country Club will be taking a look at the Hosanna House to make suggestions.
2. Those suggestions will be analyzed to see what, how, and when we can actually start the beds.
3. Because of budget constraints, we will be asking for plants and mulch to be donated (Maybe an Adopt a Bed Part II or, Adopt a Shrub!)
4. Since some of you gardeners will be dividing plants this Fall or in the Spring, would you Consider sharing them?
5. If you need to divide them NOW, we can probably establish a temporary nursery.
6. A sign-up poster will be in the Narthex starting on October 4th, or you may want to fill out the insert below and put it in the appropriate box in the Narthex, or you can call me.

Isn't this exciting gardeners? How often are we able to start with a clean slate? I can't wait to see what plants you have to share for the Hosanna House!

LOOK FOR THE POSTER OR, DROP THE INSERT IN THE BOX OR, CALL ME!

Nancy Starn
927-8652

Do you have plants to share?

Name _____

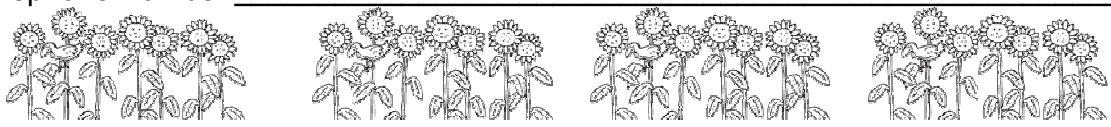
Plant (s) _____

Mulch _____

Now? _____ or Spring? _____

Would you like to help with the work or planning for the Hosanna House? _____

Telephone Number _____



August 24, 2009

Hosanna Lutheran Church
7714 Hazelton-Etna Rd
Pataskala, OH 43062

Dear Pastor,

I am please to announce that Wittenberg University is continuing the Martin Luther Scholar Award that was initiated in 2008. This August Wittenberg will welcome the second group of Martin Luther Scholars to campus. This scholarship initiative aims to reward outstanding Lutheran students with an \$80,000 academic award and to give them an exceptional opportunity to continue their education at Wittenberg, one of 27 ELCA-related colleges and universities.

Located in Springfield, Ohio, Wittenberg University has been affiliated with the Lutheran Church since its founding in 1845. Today, the 1,900 students who attend this national liberal arts university are educated in the tradition of Martin Luther to discover their callings for service to humanity. Current Martin Luther Scholars are having a positive influence on campus including: president of sophomore class, members of first year academic honoraries, student athletes, Peer Helpers, Resident Advisors, graduates of Emerging Leaders program and chapel leaders, to name a few.

For the 2010-2011 academic year, Wittenberg will award 25 Martin Luther Scholar Awards to students entering Wittenberg as freshman. Each scholarship is worth \$80,000 (\$20,000 per year, renewable for four years) and provides opportunities for recipients to experience personal and spiritual growth during their time at Wittenberg. Your church is invited to select one student to receive a four-year award for 2010-2011. By nominating a student to receive this award, you have an opportunity to make a significant difference in the life of a youth from your congregation.

To qualify, students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5, be a member of a Lutheran Congregation, and be accepted for admission to Wittenberg. To nominate a student, you may complete the on-line form at www.wittenberg.edu/mls. Please write a letter of recommendation (the Pastor) for the student, reflecting your thoughts about his or her selection. **We must receive your nomination by October 30, 2009.** The Office of Admission will then send to the nominee all the information he or she needs to submit **an application to Wittenberg University, which must be completed by December 4, 2009. Wittenberg will notify nominees of their acceptance and scholarship confirmation by January 15, 2010.** To recognize the importance of identifying young Lutheran scholars throughout the world, the scholarship will be awarded to the first 25 nominated students worldwide who accept the scholarship.

If you have any questions, please visit www.wittenberg.edu/admission or contact one of the following:

Bob White, Director of Church Relations
937-327-7494
rwhite@wittenberg.edu

Karen Hunt, Director of Admission
877-206-0332
khunt@wittenberg.edu

We look forward to working with you to provide this opportunity for academic and spiritual growth to bright Lutheran scholars.

Sincerely,

Karen Hunt
Director of Admission

P.S. Wittenberg also offers other financial aid for other Lutheran students you think would benefit from a Wittenberg education. Students may receive only one merit scholarship.

Reasons To Go Electronic Giving:

1. Try it; you will like it – Don't most of us receive our paychecks, monthly retirement checks, social security checks, etc. electronically into our account?
2. Pay monthly/weekly/every 2 weeks-How often do you get to select how often you want the monies to come out of your account and in the what amount? Aren't you usually given 30 days or less to pay a bill?
3. No paper check-electronic transfer-We can lower the amount of trees cut down and have a more beautiful view of God's natural gift to us.
4. Not only would this decrease the amount of trees cut down, it would also lower our collection envelope purchase expenses.
5. No need to get behind –Your pledge is done automatically.
6. Tax time –Statements can be prepared more accurately and more timely.
7. Pay any day of week, month, etc –You can select the specific time to transfer your pledge.
8. If you miss a Sunday from church, your contribution won't be missed to help support church ministries Or if an emergency comes up and you must miss Sunday, there will not be an 'emergency' for you to make-up the missed contribution (like a double contribution).
9. Or if you are on vacation, your contribution will be made. Have you ever thought about what would happen if God went on vacation and 'forgot' to watch over each one of us?
10. Once you get used to it –you do not have to worry about getting caught up.
11. If you don't see it, you won't miss it –isn't this true? It might be missed at first, but after a few deductions, will you miss it? Just think-you are keeping up with your pledged contribution.
12. If you get used to the deduction, you will not fall behind in your financial assistance to help in the ministries of the church.
13. It will help Hosanna Lutheran Church to lower our deficit.
14. Have you ever sit next to someone on Sunday who does not put any envelope in the offering basket? Do you think 'bad' of them for not contributing? Did you think that maybe they are doing the electronic giving?
15. Talk to Stewardship and your bank about electronic giving. Have a peace of mind that you are doing your part.
16. If a financial crisis comes up, you can redo your electronic contribution and alert Stewardship so this can be taken into consideration for the remaining year's budget.

To Sign up for Simply Giving ...simply pick up a Simply Giving Application at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or, call Mary Marvin at the church office 740-927-3548 and she will mail you a form. Place the completed form in the Sunday Offering or, mail it to Hosanna Lutheran Church, 7714 Hazelton-Etna Rd. SW, Pataskala, OH 43062.

<p>STEWARDSHIP UPDATE</p>

In an effort to increase transparency in the fiscal process at Hosanna, I have provided the attached chart showing a comparison of the budgets for the last 3 years, and the tentative budget for Hosanna for 2010. As we have seen in the past, some of our costs will remain the same, some will increase and some will decrease, but the numbers shown are what we need to continue our ministry at the level that we have in the past.

As we enter October and begin our annual Stewardship process for 2010, I ask you all to prayerfully consider what you can afford to pledge for the continuation of our important ministry here at Hosanna, and I hope that by making the information about the fiscal needs of our church apparent we can encourage people to give a clear estimate of their giving for 2010, thereby enabling our church council to bring a representative budget to the congregation for approval in November.

I encourage anyone interested to join the Stewardship team as we labor to balance the needs of our church and the blessed gifts that we receive from our members. Feel free to contact me at anytime at [we five kings@msn.com](mailto:we_five_kings@msn.com), or by phone at (614) 271-1177. The more people we can have engaged in the process, the greater the chance that we can make our goals become a reality.

In His Service,

Rich King
Stewardship Chair

**HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON
(2007-2010)**

Description	2007	2008	(current)	(proposed)	
			2009	2010	
Total Admin. Expenses	\$ 218,501.00	215,487.00	\$ 227,093.49	240,719.09	6% (+)
Total Benevolence	\$ 18,555.00	13,151.00	\$ 13,151.00	13,282.51	1% (+)
Total Utilities	\$ 22,180.00	23,020.00	\$ 24,216.00	24,216.00	
Total Mortgage	\$ 52,716.00	56,916.00	\$ 52,716.00	52,716.00	
Total Insurance	\$ 5,700.00	7,300.00	\$ 6,618.00	6,750.36	2% (+)
Total Office Expenses	\$ 15,810.00	14,010.00	\$ 14,950.00	15,697.50	5% (+)
Total Care	\$ 4,275.00	4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	2,800.00	
Total Adult Ministries	\$ 1,100.00	400.00	\$ 400.00	400.00	
Total Fellowship	\$ 2,100.00	1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	2,600.00	
Total Future Planning	\$ 500.00	500.00	\$ 200.00	100.00	
Total Financial Management	\$ 800.00	800.00	\$ 800.00	800.00	
Total Worship	\$ 5,029.00	5,000.00	\$ 5,225.00	8,025.00	
Total Youth	\$ 12,410.00	11,910.00	\$ 12,410.00	11,460.00	
Total Evangelism	\$ 1,300.00	2,660.00	\$ 2,660.00	2,660.00	
Total Building and Grounds	\$ 28,600.00	14,000.00	\$ 22,650.00	28,000.00	23%(+)
Total Capital Imprvmt Fund	\$ 3,000.00	0.00	\$ -	0.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 392,576.00	370,754.00	\$ 388,689.49	410,226.46	5% (+)
Total for Admin and Building	\$ 333,462.00	\$ 329,884.00	\$ 338,744.49	\$ 353,381.46	4.5% (+)
Total for Programs and Ministries	\$ 59,114.00	\$ 40,870.00	\$ 49,945.00	56,845.00	13% (+)

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