

DROP AND SHOP CHILDCARE December Saturdays 9, 16, and 23

Need a safe space for your children while you take care of holiday errands? Hosanna Lutheran church is hosting "Drop and Shops" for 3 Saturdays in December. Drop your child off any time between 10am and 3 pm on the Saturdays of December 9, 16, and/or 23 and use that time for shopping or other errands. Lunch for your children is included! Space is limited to 30 students each Saturday.

To register: call 763-682-3478 and leave a message; email pastor@hosannalcms.org, or text 763.280.4904.

Hosanna wishes the Buffalo Community a Happy Holiday Season!

The term holiday actually is a contracted form of the words "Holy Day." We are definitely in the Holiday season. November 1 was All Saints Day. Today, this holiday is more popularly celebrated as Halloween, on October 31. There are a host of other holidays coming up through the beginning of 2018. A condensed list of these dates follow:



Thanksgiving is coming up. While Thanksgiving is actually a national holiday, many people celebrate by going to a church. Hosanna Lutheran Church has a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7pm. We take time to be thankful for the harvest, and everything that God, our Father in heaven, has given us.



The season of Advent follows Thanksgiving. The Advent season helps us prepare for Christmas. Many churches use the color blue and a wreath of 4 candles during this season. Hosanna has extra evening services on Wednesdays at 7pm with a soup and sandwich supper served shortly before. These evening services help us pause and reflect about the true meaning of the season.



The Christmas season technically begins December 24. We celebrate this with a service of Lessons and Carols at 5pm. Like to sing Christmas songs but never get the chance? Well, don't miss this opportunity. We celebrate again on Christmas Day at 9am with the Divine service.



Christmas Day begins the official **12 Days of Christmas**. Many people don't realize that these 12 days traditionally occur AFTER Christmas. The 12th Day of Christmas always falls on January 6. You will see many nativity sets commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World.



January 6 is the Christian holiday of Epiphany. The story of the wise men following the star is a part of this holiday. Many nativity sets include these wise men as figurines.



Epiphany is the celebration of the gift of Jesus being given not to just one certain group of people, but the entire WORLD-and that includes everyone here in Buffalo, Minnesota! Please let Hosanna help you prepare for this season by watching your children so you can get things done, but also help you by visiting some or all of the services we offer. Please check out our website for specific dates and times and more information.

Hosanna Lutheran Church is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and is located at 1705 North Highway 25 in Buffalo (just north of Walmart). For more information about us, visit our website: hosannalcms.org, check us out of facebook, or better yet, come visit us. Our worship services are on Sundays at 10am.

