

Worship Outline

GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship
Gathering Songs
Welcome, 101, Connect Cards
No Longer Strangers Prayer
Meet Someone New
Confession
Silent Confession/Stumbling Blocks
Assurance of Forgiveness & Response
Greeting
Kyrie
Prayer of the Day

STORY

Luke 18:31-19:10
Sermon/Construction Time
Prayers of the People/Under
Construction Prayers
Offering
Offering Song

FEAST & SENDING

Setting the Table
Thanksgiving at the Table
The Lord's Prayer
Invitation to the Meal
Communion
Communion Songs
Prayer After Communion
Purpose
MILESTONES
Blessing
Sending Song
Music to Send You Out

April 2, 2017

River of HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.



Lent 2017

The disciples can't see it, yet the blind man does. So does the tax collector. Is it about who you are or who Jesus is?

Welcome. We are so glad you are in worship at River of Hope today.

Come as you are. Well, you're already here. We don't care what clothes you wear or what kind of shape your spiritual life is in. God meets you and loves you where you are.

Where everybody knows your name? We all wear name tags each week - not just the visitors. Even when we think we know everyone at River of Hope, it's simply not true. These name tags are our awkwardly friendly way to help us stick out our hand, say, "hello, you're new to me" and practice being the friendly church everyone swears we are. If we practice this awkward move here, we've got a shot at actually doing it in our everyday lives.

We like kids. No kidding. We think kids are leaders in worship and lives of faith. Just look around you.

Nursery care. Weeping and gnashing of teeth? There is a "cry room" available outside the worship area. The "Pray Ground," located in the worship space, is for those younger than kindergarten age.

Communion. You are welcome, without exception. If you are hungry and thirsty for unbounded grace, mercy, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Connection Cards. For visitors and regulars to communicate. We won't use your info to bother you. We promise.

Worship Style. We are an intentional intergenerational community. "Sunday School" happens within worship! We sing hymns, we sing songs. We pray ancient words and words that are new to us. We actively practice faith during worship. Sometimes it's beautiful. Sometimes it's awkward. Sometimes it's both. It always "counts" as worship. Then we try it again next week. We are a pro-participation, anti-excellence community.

April River Guide:

Ruth Hamlow

April 9th Scripture:

Luke 19:29-44

To find daily readings go to <http://clergystuff.com/category/daily-devotions/>

April 9th Singers: Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger, Rachel Stearns

Gathering Songs: "The Wonderful Cross" & "Let the River Flow"
"You Are Mine"

"All Are Welcome"

"Kyrie"

"Let the Walls Fall Down"

Offering Song: "Build Your Kingdom Here"

"The Great Thanksgiving"

Communion: "Lamb of God" & "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

MILESTONES: "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

Sending Song: "There Is Power In The Blood"



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River Conditions

Hello Hopefuls,

It's Lent! If you don't know what a Lent is, it's the season where we follow Jesus towards the cross where he shows ultimate love and power through betrayal, suffering, and death. Without this part of the story, there's no Christian story. It's hard to look at much less get into lock step and follow for (roughly) 40 days. But, by now, in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is headed toward Jerusalem and he knows it's gonna get ugly. He's begun to tell his disciples who don't understand and are too afraid to ask. On Ash Wednesday we looked that fear in the face and heard the words that we are mortal, that we will die. God breathed life into dust and created us and we will return to dust. As one of my friends put it, Ash Wednesday is the great leveler. It applies to all of us, no exceptions. Folks this is Good News. We don't need to worry about saving ourselves, making ourselves better or younger or whatever. It's the reality. But our reality is in Jesus as the beginning and the end.

I want to invite you into ways to walk with others during Lent this year.

+Chanda Kropp is leading yoga on Sunday nights, 7pm, at the Office location downtown (16 Washington Ave). All levels (beginners, too) invited for this time to slow down and breathe. You can contact Chanda: chandakropp@hotmail.com.

+Allen Gislason is leading a Bible study using the incredible book called Mana and Mercy that condenses the story of the Bible down into themes. You can contact Allen: 320-403-7004 or alleng747@hotmail.com.

+I am leading a study called My Neighbor is Muslim which takes a look at the Muslim faith. The study guide is free. Meeting 8:30-9:30 on Sunday mornings before worship. Contact me with questions: pastor@riverofhopehutchinson.org or 320-587-4414.

Love,

Pastor Laura



G.I.F.T. Worship

GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER.



River of Hope practices worship together with all generations, believing that faith and life are connected in a meaningful way when we worship together.

G.I.F.T. Worship is River of Hope's version of Sunday School for all ages. And it prepares us to go out into our lives, knowing Jesus Christ is transforming us and the world.

Invite

Beer & Hymns is at Main Street Sports Bar, on Tuesday April 25 from 6-8 pm.

Lenten Yoga Sunday evenings 7:00 pm, through April 9, Historic Jorgensen Hotel Lobby. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel. No experience necessary. Contact Chanda Kropp if you have questions: chandakropp@hotmail.com.

Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday: Apr. 13, 7 pm, Jorgenson Hotel Lobby, 16 Washington Ave. W

Good Friday: Apr. 14, 7 pm, Bethlehem UMC, 665 Miller Ave. SW

Easter Sunday - Hope Rebuilt: 8:30 & 10:30 am, Hutchinson Event Center

Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope: 3/26/2017

Worship attendance:	86
In-Worship Offering:	\$753.00
Children's Offering:	\$4.30
Auto Deposits:	\$1,242.50
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services total to date	\$1,455.00
March average attendance	79

Disciple

Saturday April 8 Hope Floats at the Bring it Home Expo! 8:30-3:00. Hang out at the River of Hope booth for an hour or two. Scoop ice cream or pour root beer starting at 10:30. Sign up at the Connect Table.

Enrich Your Marriage Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend, Apr. 28-30, Double Tree Hotel, Brooklyn Center. Pastor Linda & Dave Pedersen are a presenting couple. Call them at 320-328-9911 with questions. Apply at godlovesmarriage.org or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahon, mcmahonp@comcast.net or 763-561-1575.

Spring Gathering Crow River Conf. Women of the ELCA, Sat. Apr. 29, Gethsemane Lutheran, Dassel. More info on Connect Table. Questions? Talk to Betty Brandt, 320-587-9655.

"My Neighbor is Muslim", a 6-week study with Pastor Laura, Sundays through April 9, 8:30am-9:30am at the Event Center.

Lenten Bible Study Join Allen Gislason for Manna and Mercy. Sign up at church or contact him at 320-403-7004 or alleng747@hotmail.com.

Voices of Hope Come and sing in our "instant choir!" Practice at 9:45 that morning to get ready to sing for worship! All vocal styles welcome. Next date is May 7.

Pancake Breakfast Sun. Apr. 23, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Elks Lodge. Sponsored by Masons of Hutchinson. All proceeds plus matching funds benefit McLeod Alliance.

Small Groups

Men's Bible Study: Wed. Apr. 5, 9 am, Dunn Bros. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month.

Women of Hope: Wed. Apr. 5, 9:30 am, Portia Brandsoy's home, 1235 7th Ave. NW, Hutchinson. Meets 1st Wed. of the month.

55+ Diners: Next date TBA

What's the Word?: Next date TBA

Table Updates [Tables are groups of people meeting around things they have passion to do for the purpose of River of Hope's going out to transform lives through Jesus Christ. Would you like to be part of one? You are invited. We need you.]

Worship & Music Table: Mon. Apr. 10, 7 pm, RoH Lobby.

Parish Personnel: Meets 2nd Mon. of the month at 3 pm at Flagship. Next meeting is Apr. 10.

Financial Stewardship: Wed. Apr. 19, 6 pm, Sue Benson's home. sbenson@hutchtel.net.

Vision Table: Mon. Apr. 24, 6:30 pm, Tokyo Grill.

River Table: Thur. Apr. 6, 6 pm, Kempfert's home. Email President Mike Weisenberger with questions at weisenberger@mchsi.com.

The Financial Stewardship Table has set a goal of one additional household signing up for Simply Giving each month. **Will you be the One for March?** You can find forms for signing up at the Connect Table. If you have questions, talk to Treasurer Sue Benson (sbenson@hutchtel.net or 320-587-2907) or a member of the Financial Stewardship Table: Ruth Hamlow, Rob Hauser, Brian Tillmann, or Sue Peters.

Destination Reformation Sat. Apr. 29, St. John's Lutheran, Howard Lake. Register with brochure on Connect Table.

Common Cup Thrift Shop is now open in Glencoe at 712 11th St. E, 320-864-1177. Donations welcome. Call Andy at 320-587-9052 with questions.

Financial Offering In addition to your Simply Giving or putting money in the plate (thank you!) consider these other ways to give back during worship:

Simply Giving To sign up or update your info, call Sue Benson at 320-587-2907, or go online to riverofhopehutchinson.org & click "give". New paper forms are on the Connect Table.

Did you know \$70 a month is paid for credit card fees through Simply Giving? Consider switching to your bank account so that \$70 can go to support Laundry Love and other "we go out" opportunities.

Watering can & laundry basket - collects quarters (or any other kind of money) for Laundry Love
Backpack - pudding cups for Backpack Program

We Go Out



laundry love

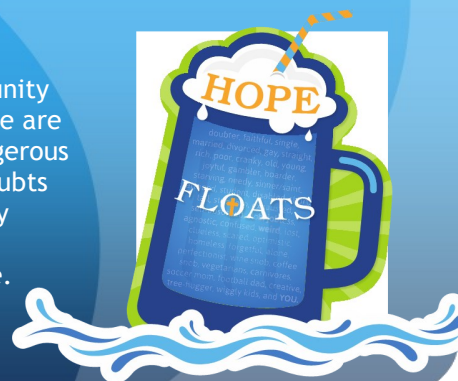
March 21 was a record day at Laundry Love! 47 family units were served, which resulted in clean clothes for 140 people. There were 14 new people present. God is Good!

Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!" opportunity to put on your calendar the **3rd Tues. of every month.** The next time is Apr. 18. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introverts, extroverts & quarters needed. 3 people per shift, 9:00-noon; noon-3:30; 3:30-6:30. Contact Allen Gislason at 320-403-7004 or alleng747@hotmail.com for more info.

Jim Nelson will be leading a sing-along at Woodstone on Apr. 6 & 20 at 10 am. Might you be able to assist the residents in getting to the place where we are singing, help them find the music in the songbooks or pass out rhythm instruments? Please call Jim at 320-552-9734 with any questions or just show up & help!

River of Hope Lutheran Church

We are the ELCA church in town. We are a purposely intergenerational community who is following Jesus out of the building and into the world where we live. We are learners (disciples) and practice-ers. Worship is a safe place to practice a dangerous gospel. And, believe us, it takes practice. Your questions, critical thinking, doubts and imperfect lives are welcome here. In fact, no matter your status in society (divorced, never-been-to-church, gay, straight, old, young, cranky, liberal, conservative, questioning, allergic-to-church, snarky) you'll be welcomed here. Then you'll be sent out, to live your life, transformed by Jesus Christ. And we believe, through the love of Jesus, you'll help to transform other lives.



IF YOU KEEP UP WITH BRANDS,
THEN YOU SHOULD KNOW WE
ARE PART OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA).
WE'RE PRETTY PLEASED
ABOUT THIS.

Our purpose as a church:

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Our Guiding Principles:

(Disciple = learner)

God is God and we are not.

We are called to grow together as disciples: to forgive, to teach, to love.

Disciples are inspired by the Holy Spirit to take risks.

Disciples seek God's justice.

Disciples serve with no strings attached.

Disciples invite and welcome through loving acceptance.

We meet you where you are.

April 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 My Neighbor is Muslim 8:30 am/ Worship 10:30 am/ Sr. High Youth Group/ Lenten Yoga 7 pm	3 Staff Meeting noon	4	5 Men's Bible Study 9 am Dunn Bros. / Women of Hope 9:30 am Brandsoy's/ Financial Peace University 6 pm/ Confirmation 6 pm HEC	6 Sing-a-long 10 am Woodstone River Table 6 pm Kempfert's	7	8 Bring it Home Expo 8:30 am-3 pm
9 Palm Sunday My Neighbor is Muslim 8:30 am/ Worship 10:30 am/ Lenten Yoga 7 pm	10 Staff Meeting noon/ Parish Personnel 3 pm Flagship/ WAM, 7 pm RoH Lobby	11	12	13 Maundy Thursday Worship Jorgenson Hotel Lobby	14 Good Friday Worship 7 pm Bethlehem UMC	15

Scan this code to make your financial gift to River of Hope.



Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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