

## Worship Outline

### GATHER

Music to Prepare Us for Worship  
Gathering Songs  
Call to Worship  
Welcome 101, Connection Card  
No Longer Strangers Prayer  
Meet Someone New  
Greetings  
Confession  
Kyrie & This is the Feast

### WORD

Scripture Reading  
*Acts 10:1-17, 34-35*  
Children's Time  
Sermon  
Song of the Day  
Prayers for All People  
Offering

### MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
Invitation to the Meal  
Communion

### SEND

Blessing after the Meal  
Prayer after the Meal  
Purpose  
Blessing to GO...  
Sending Song



*We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.*

April 19, 2015

Shake, Rattle and  
Roll...and Go

Go Teach

→ Go Eat

Go See

Go Boldly

Go God

Go Live



**We Go Out...**

Today, Peter has a vision that blurs the boundaries  
between "us" and "them."

**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? Nursery care is available just outside the worship area.

**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. 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.

## We Prepare For Worship

### April River Guides:

Russ & Jeannine Borgendale and Nancy Jorgenson  
(Team Tigris)

### April 26th Scripture:

Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18

### April 26th Singers:

Mara Pollmann, Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger & Ruth Hamlow

## Today's Music:

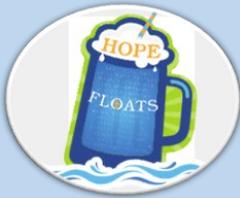
**Gathering Songs:** "I'm Forever Grateful" and "Forever"  
**Song of the Day:** "Be Unto Your Name"

**Offering Song:** "Lord, I Offer My Life To You"

### Communion Songs:

"Lamb of God," "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" and "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

**Sending Song:** "My Redeemer Lives"



### River Team Schedule

#### January - Amazon

River guide: Ruth Hamlow  
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#### February - Jordan

River guides:  
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#### March - Nile

River guide: Kris Dobratz  
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#### April - Tigris

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Nancy Jorgenson  
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#### May - Shenandoah

River guides:  
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#### June - Amazon & Jordan

#### July - Nile & Tigris

#### August - Shenandoah & All

#### September - Amazon

#### October - Jordan

#### November - Nile

#### December - Tigris

## River Conditions



Dear River of Hope,

Did you know Easter is more than one Sunday each year? It's a celebratory season of 7 weeks as we dive into scripture about what happened after Jesus rose from the dead. And wouldn't you know, it's about how lives are changed, how Jesus becomes part of their daily lives. And it's all about going, which is not news to us, is it.

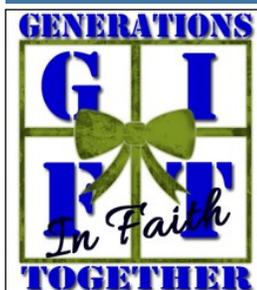
The journey with you through Holy Week was holy indeed. How incredible to break the fast from the communion table at a celebratory party on Maundy Thursday. To wash your feet. To have my feet washed by you. And Johnny Cash was even there. Then to huddle with you in an upper room on Good Friday and to hear accounts of what was seen and heard around the crucifixion of Jesus. The waiting of Holy Saturday is always difficult and long. And then, nearly 200 of us gathered to celebrate Christ's victory over death on Sunday morning, Resurrection Sunday, along with Taylor Swift, an earth quake, a disco ball, Great Balls of Fire along with the triumphant hymns of faith. The mural of the Last Supper, created by images of confession by you through ripped magazine pictures, fell into place that morning as we celebrated our new life in Christ.

It is so good to be in this life of faith with you. Thank you to Terry Kempfert & Tanya Shorter for piecing together the mural with breath-taking results. For trouble-shooting and dreaming and most of all for your faith in seeing how the Holy Spirit works through so many moving parts. Thanks also to Carol Krage & Tiffany Haag for visual art and delicious wine. Let us GO out, following Jesus.

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

### Worship Song/Hymn Requests?

Is there a favorite song or hymn that you'd like to sing during worship this summer? If so, ROH's Music Curator, Jim Nelson, would love to hear from you! Please email him with your requests at [music@riverofhopehutchinson.org](mailto:music@riverofhopehutchinson.org). There will also be a link to a request form in the River of Hope E-News.

### Crow River W/ELCA Spring Gathering

Join the Women of the ELCA for its spring gathering, featuring humorist Marge Lundeen, on Saturday, April 25 at Zion Lutheran Church, Litchfield, MN. Gather at 7:30am at the Event Center parking lot to carpool. Registration begins at 8:00am. Registration fee \$10. Call Betty Brandt (320)587-9655 or Nan Cray (320)234-6399 for information.

### Instant Choir!

We will meet at 9:45 on the dates below for ONE PRACTICE to learn the music that will be performed that day. Come when you can and be part of the choir!

April 26 - riverKIDS (gr 1 through 6)

May 17 - Voices of Hope

### Beer & Hymns

April 28, 2015, come to **Main Street Sports Bar** and experience community singing like you've never experienced it. Discover that we are called into all places, even bars, and we find God there, already at work. We start at 7pm.

### 55+ DINERS CLUB - April 23

**What:** A monthly or bimonthly opportunity for those 55 and over to get to know one another while exploring area dining.

**Who:** Anyone 55 and over - **ALL are welcome.** Come when you can.

**When & Where:** Our next outing will take place on Thursday, April 23, at 5:30 at The Lamplighter. Please RSVP on the sign up sheet at the Connect Table. Ron and Susan Johnson are this month's hosts.

### Men's Bible Study

The River of Hope men's bible study meets from 9-10 a.m. the first and

third Wednesday of each month at the Hardee's meeting room in Hutchinson. Join us at any time and we will give you a Master Builders Bible for Men. Information: Dave Pedersen at 320-328-9911 or [dlpeders@msn.com](mailto:dlpeders@msn.com). We email regular reminders.

## Connect

### Attendance and Offering

April 12, 2015

Attendance: 122

Apr 5-Apr 11 Automatic Deposits:

\$5,047.50

Regular Offering: \$779.00

Children's Offering: \$7.10

### (Simply) Giving Challenge

*So what's this challenge?*

A gift of \$2000.00 has been put on the table along with a challenge for the River of Hope community to increase our giving and start giving consistently.

**SO. By June 2, 2015**, this sweet gift is ours if...

- people signed up for Simply Giving grows from 56 to 70
- we close the remaining \$2000/ month gap

*How will you help River of Hope live into its purpose? No gift is too small.*

Questions? Contact Treasurer Bev Mueller at [bevm@businesswaresolutions.com](mailto:bevm@businesswaresolutions.com) or 320-420-2494.

### Be a Hospitality Host at ROH Office!

Greet people, maybe even make 'em a cup of coffee. Answer the phone, read a good book. Come for an hour or the whole time. Sign up for your shift at the Connect Cart.

## Disciple

### Ways to help the Hoffman family walk through cancer with Kristi

- Buy a "Team Kristi" necklace from Simply Metal, (Jamie Beffert and her mom Deb Calavera)320-587-0968 or [simplymetalmnnesota.com](http://simplymetalmnnesota.com).
- Donate through [YouCaring.com](http://YouCaring.com)
- Continue to pray, send cards (864 Church St. Hutchinson), and hold hope for Kristi, Josh, and their incredible kids.

### Bishop Nominee Forum

April 26 2-4pm at Zion Lutheran Church, Litchfield

Synod bishop nominees will be introduced, give a prepared opening statement, and answer questions submitted by audience members.

Visit [www.swmnelca.org](http://www.swmnelca.org) for more details.

### ELCA Good Gifts Piggy Banks



Join Ellie Hauser and Emma Kraft in celebrating their birthdays by taking part in an ELCA Good Gifts service project. They have challenged River of Hope to help feed hungry people. Donations will be collected April 26.

### Discipleship Groups:

*Disciple means learner. We are lifetime learners when it comes to living a life of faith. Be part of an intentional small group, a Discipleship Group, where you'll commit to monthly meetings, weekly readings, and to reflect on scripture as our story and God's story, intersecting.* Email Pastor Laura your interest and we'll get another group going! Pastor Laura's email is: [pastor@riverofhopehutchinson.org](mailto:pastor@riverofhopehutchinson.org)

## Send

### Senior Recognition

Will you help celebrate the graduating seniors from River of Hope? We need a team of people to plan how we will recognize and support Shakira Nelson and Jacob Kraft. Contact Pastor Laura.

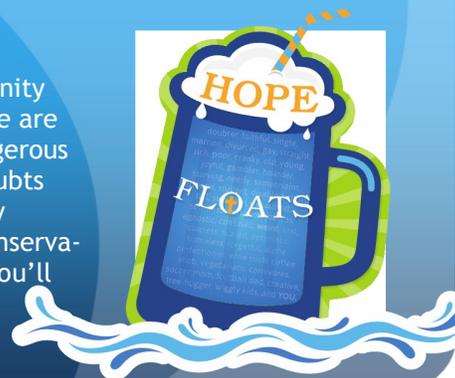
### COMMON CUP MINISTRY 5K WALK/RUN

Saturday, May 9 at Masonic West River Park in Hutchinson. All ages are welcome to participate! Walk begins at 10am and run begins at 10:30am.

Registration forms available online ([www.common-cup.org](http://www.common-cup.org)) or at CCM Office 105 2<sup>ND</sup> Ave SW Hutchinson.

# 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.



## 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.*



**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.**

~ April/May 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>19</b> 9am Discipleship Beth Gasser - Leader 10:30 Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm 55+ Diners Club @Lamplighter	<b>24</b> Pastor Laura's Day Off	<b>25</b> 8am W/ELCA Spring Gathering @Zion Lutheran Litchfield
<b>26</b> 9:45am riverKIDS instant choir 10:30 Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7pm Beer & Hymns @MSSB	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Pastor Laura's Day Off	<b>2</b>

### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
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