

Worship Outline

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Meet Someone New
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Greetings

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Communion

SEND

Blessing after Communion
Blessing
Purpose
Sending Song



We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

April 5, 2015 - Easter Sunday

**Shake, Rattle and
Roll...and Go**

Go Teach
Go Eat
Go See
Go Boldly
Go God
Go Live



We Go Out...

Welcome 101

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 12th Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

April 12th Singers: Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser,
Katie Weisenberger, Loraina Tillmann & Rachel Stearns

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" and "My Redeemer Lives"

Song after the Greeting: "Thine is the Glory"

Song of the Day: "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

Offering Song: "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

Communion Songs: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound," "Glorious Day" and "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen"

Sending Song: "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"



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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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

Today is the day! It's the day we celebrate the impossible, the unlikely, the improbable, the ridiculous and illogical - death being defeated. Jesus was crucified, he cried out to God, and this morning, in the gospel of Matthew's account of the resurrection, there is an earthquake and a flash of light and an angel that sort of goes on and on. But the angel has a lot of explaining to do since the dead body they assumed would be there is no longer there.

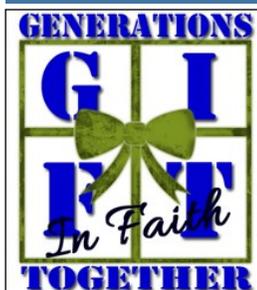
Every day we are told that we are short on time and money and happiness. So we eat fast food, we accumulate debt, and we say that everything is fine. An essential part of my job is to not vilify the world. After all, it's the world God loves. It's the world we are part of. So instead of my usual hellfire and brimstone message (are you paying attention? just checking), let me tell you this: You are known completely by the God who made you. All the nooks and crannies. All the stuff. And then, God loves you enough to send Jesus in the flesh to make it crystal clear. There is new life to be had each and every day. Whatever you're in the middle of, or the end of, there is new life to come. It's a promise. It is our good news. It is the best news.

I love you.

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

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 Crary (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

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 - male, female, singles, couples, ROH member, non-member - **ALL are welcome.** Come when you can.

When & Where: Our next outing will take place on April 23, at 5:30 at The Lamplighter.

Connect

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. We email regular reminders.

Attendance and Offering

March 29, 2015

Attendance: 119

Mar 22-28 Automatic Deposits:

\$1,000.00

Regular Offering: \$910.00

Children's Offering: \$26.15

(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.

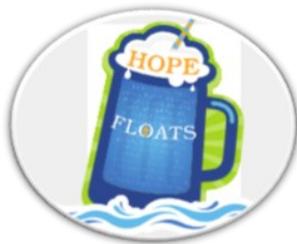
SO. By June 2, 2015, this sweet gift is ours if...

- 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.

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.
- Donate through YouCaring.com
- Eat Out! April 18th. Have breakfast or lunch at McCormick's between 9am-1pm and dinner at Main Street Sports Bar between 5-8pm. 20% from the sales in those hours will go to Team Hoffman.
- 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 for more details.

Bring it Home Expo!

River of Hope is "going out" to the Family Fun & Business Expo on Saturday, April 11 at the McLeod County Fairgrounds from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and we need your help. If you are interested in helping, please sign up for a shift at the Connect Cart, call the office at 320.587.4414, or send an email to Sara at office@riverofhopehutchinson.org.

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. Next Sunday, April 12, they will be distributing piggy banks during the Children's Sermon in order to collect money that will eventually purchase farm animals for families in need.

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

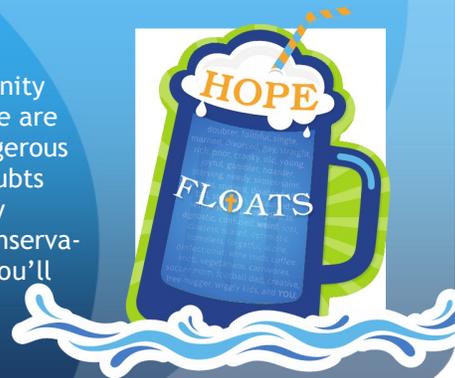
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Senior Recognition

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.

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 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 10:30 Easter Sunday Worship	6 Pastor Laura's Day Off	7 7pm Discipleship Ron Johnson - Leader	8 6pm Discipleship Sara Pollmann - Leader Jim Nelson - Leader Ruth Hamlow - Leader Jenny Tillmann - Leader	9	10 Pastor Laura's Day Off	11
12 9am Discipleship Chanda Kropp - Leader	13	14 7pm Discipleship Keri Thoreson- Leader	15 9am Men's Bible Study @Hardees	16	17 Pastor Laura's Day Off	18

***Pastor Laura will be available by appointment during the week of 4/5-4/11 and, as always, in case of emergency.

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Sundays at 10:30am
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