

Worship Outline

GATHER

Music to Prepare Us for Worship
Gathering Songs
Welcome 101, Connection Card
No Longer Strangers Prayer
Meet Someone New
Greetings
Confession and Forgiveness

WORD

Scripture Reading
Matthew 13:24-35
Sermon
Song of the Day
Apostles' Creed
Prayers for All People
Offering

MEAL

Setting the Table
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Invitation to the Meal
Communion
Blessing after the Meal

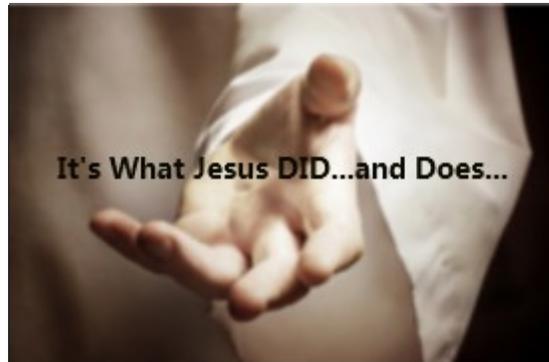
SEND

Blessing
Purpose
Sending Song



We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

August 16, 2015



It's What Jesus DID...and Does...

Jesus...

Calls
Teaches
Sends
Heals
Makes You Mad
Points Out the Obvious
Talks to the Wrong
People...Again

Today we begin a new 4-week format for worship that continues to acknowledge the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition of worship. What a gift to worship together!

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. 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

August River Guides:

Chris & Lisa Kraft (Shenandoah) and all other teams when needed

August 23rd Scripture:

John 4:4-42

August 23rd Singers:

Sara Pollmann, Sara Shorter, Eliza Mayhew, Jill Renstrum & Erika Tillmann

Today's Music:

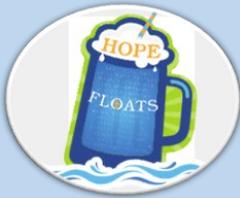
Gathering Songs: "Come Now Is The Time To Worship" and Forever"

Song of the Day: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Offering Song: "Take My Life, That I May Be"

Communion Song: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" and "Here Is Bread Here Is Wine"

Sending Song: "Lord Reign In Me"



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

River guides:
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r_j_borgendale@hotmail.com
Nancy Jorgenson
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May - Shenandoah

River guides:
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Clkraft123@hotmail.com

June - Amazon & Jordan

July - Nile & Tigris

August - Shenandoah & All

September - Amazon

October - Jordan

November - Nile

December - Tigris



River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,

What a gift it was to see the river come to life in a new way this past week. To walk with Kristi Hoffman the last bit of her baptismal walk on earth was a true honor and it takes a whole community to accomplish this great and terrible part of the journey. Your prayers for me to lead and proclaim Good News were significant and I felt their impact. It brings me to my knees to receive your prayers.

Thank you to **Terry Kempfert** for joyfully rallying everyone to bring and do be and make and serve and clean up. Thank you to **Carol Krage** for her artful eye to make the event center eye-poppingly beautiful and classy, just like Kristi. Did you see those candles on the altar? To **Tiffany and Blake** and **Zella's** for the delicious salad and the use of serving dishes.

Thank you to **Jim Nelson** for leading the music during the service and, as always, for setting up and being the sound guy and for building the power point and for taking stuff down. Your combination of musical talent and persistence is a true gift.

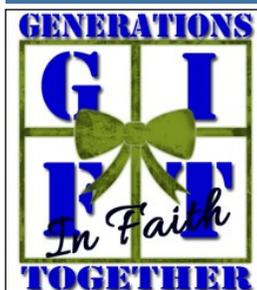
Thank you to **Arnie Koenig** for retrieving and hauling and setting up and taking down and returning 100 chairs to and from the Hutchinson School District. I am also especially grateful to **September Jacobsen** who is the Event Center coordinator. Her flexibility and willingness to help us make the facility work that day is immeasurable.

However it is you helped that day, for an hour or all ding dang day, it mattered so much. What it is we can do when we get together is staggering. Thank you for your part in being the River of Hope. We wouldn't be us without you.

Thank you for your witness to the Hutchinson community and beyond of your love of God through Jesus Christ.
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 Band: At the McLeod County Fair

Come sing along with us on Thursday, August 20th 6pm at the McLeod County Fairgrounds. We'll be back at MSSB the last Tuesday in September.

Hutchinson Caregiver Support and Discussion Group: Aug 18 at 10:30 am

This group is for anyone caring for a loved one who still lives at home, caring from long-distance or has transitioned to a nursing home or assisted living. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 18 at 10:30am at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. This group is sponsored by Lutheran Social Service. Contact Sarah Doering (320.894.0479) for more information.

Connect

Attendance and Offering August 9, 2015

Attendance: 105

Aug 2-8 Auto Deposits: \$5,747.50

Regular Offering: \$508.00

Children's Offering: \$12.86

River of Hope,

Thank you for all of the prayers and support and contributions to Kristi's beautiful memorial service.

My deepest gratitude,
Josh Hoffman

Thank You

Thank you to Renee Kotlarz for the beautiful chalice given to

River of Hope in celebration of its 5th anniversary.

Disciple

Confirmation Planning Has Begun

If you have a child going into 7th grade, please contact the River of Hope office so we can begin to get organized for this fall. (320-587-4414 or office@riverofhopehutchinson.org)

Mentors Wanted

If you would like more information about, or are interested in mentoring a confirmation student this fall, please contact the ROH office (320-587-4414 or office@riverofhopehutchinson.org)

Discipleship Groups need facilitators! Will you be one?

We will gather around scripture together this year with a facilitator leading the group through a non-threatening way to encounter scripture. There will be a training Wednesday, September 2 at 6pm. Meet at the River of Hope office. We'll be done by 7. No experience necessary.

Discipleship Groups are being re-imagined this year!

There will be 4 seasons of 4-6 week bursts of small groups that you can sign up to join before each new season. You are asked to commit to the full 6 weeks each time. The first on deck is the Fall Discipleship Groups running for 6 weeks, starting the week of September 27 and ending the week of November 1.

- Sign ups coming soon! Choose the day and time that work best for you.
- There will be an "Newcomers Edition" an "Adult Edition" (including teenagers who have confirmed their baptism) a "Couples Edition" and a "Family Edition" to choose from.
- What's the content? You'll eat for 1/2 hour, sharing highs and lows. Then a facilitator will lead your group through the scripture reading from Sunday. It's a non-threatening, "non-answer" way to read scripture and invite your life experience. No tests! Just "What do you think?" Your questions are not only welcomed, they are necessary. Your group will end with prayer.

Send

August 19-23 McLeod County Fair

There are many ways for you to "go out" during this event at the fair!

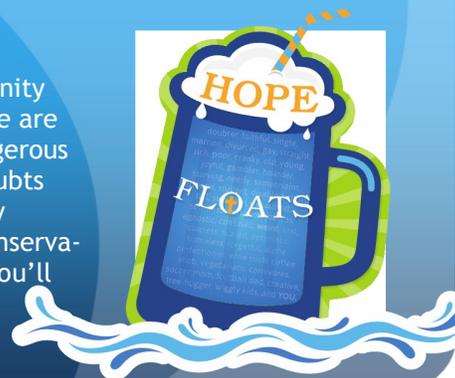
- Sign up for a 2-hour shift to be at the booth.
- Take down Sunday, Aug 23 at 8pm

Contact Sara Pollmann to help! (sarapollmann@gmail.com)



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.**

~ August 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16 10:30 Worship	17	18	19 ROH at the McLeod County Fair	20 ROH at the McLeod County Fair 6pm Beer & Hymns Band at the Fair	21 ROH at the McLeod County Fair Pastor Laura's Day Off	22 ROH at the McLeod County Fair
23 10:30 Worship ROH at the McLeod County Fair	24	25	26	27	28 Pastor Laura's Day Off	29

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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