

## Worship Outline

### GATHER

Music to Prepare Us  
Gathering Songs  
Welcome 101, ConnectCard  
No Longer Strangers Prayer  
Canoe Trip Blessing  
Meet Someone New

SEE LITTLE LITURGY...

*"There are  
six days on which  
work ought to be done;  
come on those days  
and be cured, and not  
on the sabbath day."*

*Luke 13:14*



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

August 2, 2015



Jesus...

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

Today we celebrate the holy baptism of  
Jack Henry Knudtson.

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 9th Scripture:

Luke 15:11-32

### August 9th Singers:

Mara Pollmann, Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger and Ruth Hamlow

## Today's Music:

**Gathering Songs:** "Shout to the North" and "People Need the Lord"

**Offering Song:** "Rid Us of Our Wants"

**Song of the Day:** "The Work of God"

**Communion Song:** "Just As I Am"

**Sending Song:** "Your Everlasting Love"



### River Team Schedule

#### January - Amazon

River guide: Ruth Hamlow  
(320) 587-5045  
rhamlow@hutchtel.net

#### February - Jordan

River guides:  
Jennifer & Brian Tillmann  
(320) 587-1007  
tillmann@hutchtel.net

#### March - Nile

River guide: Kris Dobratz  
(320) 234-5985  
dobykro@hutchtel.net

#### April - Tigris

River guides:  
Russ & Jeannine Borgendale  
(320) 455-0052  
r\_j\_borgendale@hotmail.com  
Nancy Jorgenson  
(320) 587-7788  
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#### May - Shenandoah

River guides:  
Chris & Lisa Kraft (320) 234-7680  
Clkraft123@hotmail.com

#### June - Amazon & Jordan

#### July - Nile & Tigris

#### August - Shenandoah & All

#### September - Amazon

#### October - Jordan

#### November - Nile

#### December - Tigris



## River Conditions

Dear River of Hope,

One of our great challenges as a community has been to wonder and practice how we will take care of each other. As we continue to grow, we look around and not everyone is a familiar face. This, my friends, is Good News.

It's Good because we don't have news to hide. We have the best news to share of God's love for all people through Jesus Christ, no strings attached. No committee membership to prove it. So we're trying to get better at connecting with one another and deepening relationships. So keep your eyes peeled for new discipleship group opportunities that will begin this fall. Being part of a small group will help you dig into this life of faith, confident that you don't have all the answers and nobody else does either. The gift of faith is a mystery that way.

Our connection with Kristi Hoffman has not been severed but only deepens as she lives into this new part of eternal life. We will publicly mourn and celebrate Kristi's life together on Monday, August 3 at 11am. Remember, we will always and forever be united with Kristi at the communion table and at the baptismal font as these sacraments transcend logical and ordered time and space. Your care for Kristi's family and for me as I walk with them has been profound. I give thanks to God for you.

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

**You are Invited: Send Off Gathering for Nicole Frost**  
 Veggie Tale themed send off party for Nicole Frost, ROH friend, Wednesday August 12th, 7pm at the Nelson house (625 Park Island Dr. SW). Do you remember sing-alongs with Bob and Larry? 3-2-1 Penguins and Larryboy? Are you curious about Bible teaching and singing vegetables? Well, all ages are invited to share in some Veggie Tale fun and a back yard bonfire! Bring a snack to share and come relax and celebrate with Nicole.

### 55+ Diners Club

The August outing will be a potluck and more detailed information will be available soon!



### 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.

## Connect

### Attendance and Offering July 26, 2015

**Attendance:** 96  
**July 19-25 Auto Deposits:** \$1,237.50  
**Regular Offering:** \$869.00  
**Children's Offering:** \$10.90

### 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)

## Disciple

### Thank You

River of Hope Church,  
 Thank you so much for all the supplies and prayer shawl. I will definitely be bringing it all with me as I attend school at UW-Stout this fall!

- Gabbie Hoffman

### Discipleship Groups

Keep your eyes peeled for new discipleship group opportunities this fall! More details to come soon!

## Send

### Thursday, Aug 6 - National Root Beer Float Day

Stop by the outside of the ROH office (16 Washington Ave.) this Thursday to celebrate National Root Beer Float Day! We'll be handing out floats from 12-2pm.

### AUGUST:

### August 19-23 McLeod County Fair

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

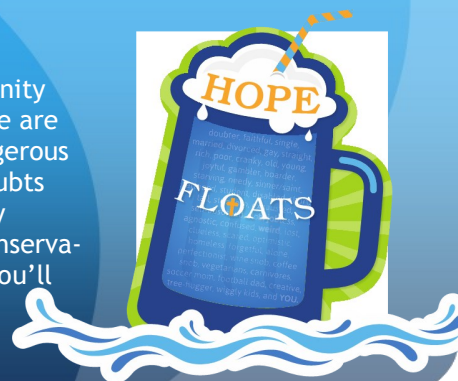
- Help pre-assemble spoon/straw/napkin & put stickers on cups TODAY after worship!
- Sign up for a 2-hour shift to be at the booth.
- Be a Daily Host for one day to transport pre-ordered ice cream to the booth.
- Set up Tuesday, Aug 18 at 4pm
- Take down Sunday, Aug 19 at 8pm

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
2 10:30 Worship 4-8pm Visitation for Kristi Hoffman at Dobratz-Hangte Funeral Home	3 11am Funeral for Kristi Hoffman at River of Hope (HEC)	4	5 5:30pm Financial Stewardship Mtg. at BusinessWare	6 12-2pm Floats outside ROH office - National Root Beer Float Day!	7 Pastor Laura's Day Off	8
9 10:30 Worship	10	11	12	13	14 Pastor Laura's Day Off	15

### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
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