

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
John 4:4-42
Children's Sermon
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 23, 2015



Jesus...

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

Today we continue 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 30th Scripture:

Creeds

August 30th Singers:

Mara Pollmann, Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger and Ruth Hamlow

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Come and Fill Me Up" and "The Name of the Lord"

Song of the Day: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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

Communion Song: "I Am the Bread of Life" and "Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup"

Sending Song: "Days of Elijah"



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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May - Shenandoah

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June - Amazon & Jordan

July - Nile & Tigris

August - Shenandoah & All

September - Amazon

October - Jordan

November - Nile

December - Tigris



River Conditions

Dear Hopeful Ones,

What a week at the fair it has been. I am astounded, once again, by the crew that helps to organize our efforts to bring Hope Floats to the fair. Lots of behind the scenes stuff happens to do this weird thing like give away root beer floats. Thank you to everyone who represented River of Hope at the fair this year - be it for 2 hours or a bunch. It matters so much.

Do you know what happens when you stop and ask people a meaningful question? They answer it. Meaningfully. The game we run begins with this question: "What gives you hope?" I have a few variations on this question: "What gets you out of bed in the morning?" "What gets you excited for you the day ahead?" "What makes you joyful?" You hear things like, "shopping" or "the fair." But then, with your own ears, you hear, "I hope my friends will be nice to me." Or you hear, "What gives me hope is that I finished my last round with cancer today."

Gulp.

More than once I contemplated hiding behind our booth to have a good cry but decided the curtain wasn't thick enough.

What does it mean to meet people where they are? It means you ask a question that matters and then you close your mouth.

God is alive and well at the McLeod County Fair. I saw it with my own eyes.

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

The Beer & Hymns Band is back at MSSB!

September 29, 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 7 pm.

Save the Date for the Crow River Conference W/ELCA Fall Gathering!

Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Stockholm Lutheran Church, Cokato, MN. Marge Lundeen will be returning as guest speaker.

"Finding Kind" Event

Area churches and Thrivent Action funds are sponsoring the "Finding Kind" program for the community. The program is targeted for ladies 11 years of age and older, their parents, grandparents, and siblings. Please come Sept 20 at 2pm or Sept 21 at 6pm to the Christ the King sanctuary to view the film "Finding Kind" and then have an opportunity to participate in discussion sessions by age. Additional information is located at

<https://findingkind.indieflix.com/home>

Connect

Attendance and Offering August 16, 2015

Attendance: 108

Aug 9-15 Auto Deposits: \$940.00

Regular Offering: \$634.00

Children's Offering: \$21.35

Riverpalooza - Sept 27

Please be on the lookout for more information!

Disciple

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

Confirmation Save the Date

There will be an informational meeting for those involved in confirmation (students, parents & mentors) at 6pm on Wed, Sept 23 at the Event Center. Schedules will be shared, small groups unveiled, and mentors introduced. Come see how you are an important part of how God loves!

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!

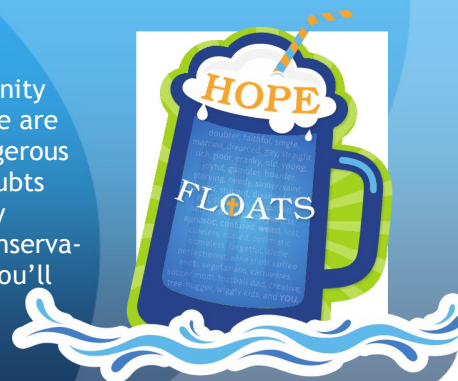
There will be 4 seasons of 4-6 week bursts of small groups that you can sign up to join before each new season. You are asked to commit to the full 6 weeks each time. The first on deck is the Fall Discipleship Groups running for 6 weeks, starting the week of September 27 and ending the week of November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

- Online sign up available now! See the ROH E-News for link to get you there.
- 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.



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/September 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 10:30 Worship ROH at the McLeod County Fair	24	25	26	27	28 Pastor Laura's Day Off	29
30 10:30 Worship	31	1	2 6pm Discipleship group facilitator meeting at ROH Office	3	4 Pastor Laura's Day Off	5

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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