

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
Hebrews 1:1-4
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

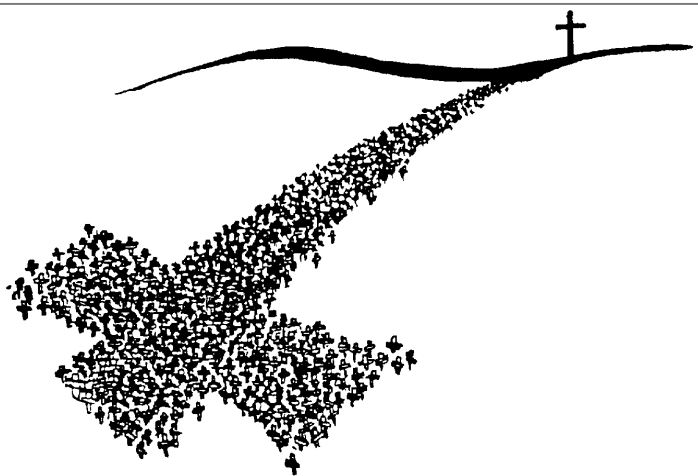
Blessing
Purpose
Sending Song



We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

August 30, 2015

He is the
reflection of
God's glory and
the exact imprint
of God's very
being, and he
sustains all things
by his powerful
word.
(Hebrews 1:3)



Discipleship Groups are forming!

Sign up on line or at the Connection Cart. Take the next step in your faith life. Bring your questions. No expertise required or expected.

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

September River Guide:
Ruth Hamlow (Team Amazon)

September 6th Scripture:
Proverbs 1:1-7, 3:1-8

September 6th Singers:
Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger,
Loraina Tillmann & Rachel Stearns

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Beautiful Saviour (All My Days)" and
"Ancient of Days"

Song of the Day: "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"

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

Communion Song: "Beautiful Savior" and "The Stand"

Sending Song: "Shine Jesus Shine"



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
njjorgenson@me.com

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,

The Vision Table (re: a group of leaders from this congregation who meet once a month to dream and pray and to talk about what God is doing with us) and I have been praying and talking about small groups and River of Hope for the last year and a half. It's one of those things we know will help us to grow in our lives of faith by connecting with each other. Last year, we jumped in and formed groups around a book called "We Make the Road by Walking." This year, we're trying something new.

Choose a small group to be part of for the Fall Discipleship Group meetings. It will be a 6-week blast of meeting around the scripture from the previous Sunday and, basically, talking about if it strikes a chord with you or not. It's one way to practice reading the Bible together, which can often be scary because there is this notion that you must have "answers" to all the things. These small groups are meant for you to get to know other people - highs and lows of their daily lives - and then get to know scripture, story by story. Bit by bit.

I know these things for sure:

1. Reading scripture is an essential part of the Christian faith. I can't "read it for you" and then, in turn, "believe for you" either. Read it for yourselves and then ask the hard and amazing questions about it, God, your life.
2. Reading scripture changes your life. There's just no other way to say it.
3. Small groups connect you with other people - and that's good.

There will be 3 seasons of Discipleship groups in the coming year: Fall, Lent, and Spring.

Sign up. Get to know other people you don't already know. See how God works out cool stuff in the midst of it all.

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. For more information, please contact Phyllis Lindstrand.

"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 23, 2015

Attendance: 96

Aug 16-22 Auto Deposits:
\$3,652.50

Regular Offering: \$594.20

Children's Offering: \$25.61

Disciple

Riverpalooza is September 27

You know what they say about rivers, don't you? You never stand in the same river twice. There is always movement and flow. So come and dip your toes in on this day of worship and celebration.

During worship we will bless lots of people and things:

+Bibles (and give them to kids and adults who need them)

+Confirmation kids (grades 7, 8, 9, and 10)

+Confirmation mentors

+Newcomers

+Discipleship Group Facilitators

Come and be part of how God is working in the lives of so many, including your own.

Also, our Financial Stewardship team will challenge you to "Strive for 5" so that we can Close. The Gap that persists in our giving. What if you gave \$5 a week to River of Hope's purpose to go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ. What if you increased your giving by \$5 a week?

What if? You'll hear stories of people who "what iff'ed" and then just did.

You are an essential part of River of Hope not just "making it" but thriving well into the future.

Then, stick around! POTLUCK & GAMES will follow. And luck really isn't a factor. Good food always shows up to be eaten by you. You'll have time to find out more about a discipleship group and join one if you haven't already.

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!

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.

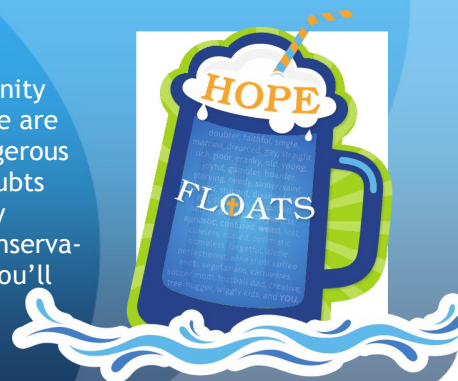
Discipleship Groups are being re-imagined this year!

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 up for after worship at the connection cart.
- 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.**

~ September 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10:30 Worship	31	1	2 12pm Staff Meeting 6pm Discipleship group facilitator meeting at ROH Office	3	4 Pastor Laura's Day Off	5
6 10:30 Worship	7 LABOR DAY Office Closed	8	9 12pm Staff Meeting	10	11 Pastor Laura's Day Off	12

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
Hutchinson Event Center
1005 Hwy 15 S. Plaza 15
Hutchinson, MN 55350

Office

Mon-Fri 10am-3pm
16 Washington Avenue W, Suite 100
Hutchinson, MN 55350
320.587.4414
RoH Cell 320.583.8005

Staff

Laura Aase, Pastor & Mission Developer
pastor@riverofhopehutchinson.org
Jim Nelson, Worship & Music Curator
music@riverofhopehutchinson.org
Sara Scott, Office Administrator
office@riverofhopehutchinson.org