

Worship Outline

GATHER

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

SEE LITTLE LITURGY...

“Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!”
Luke 15:29-30



We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

August 9, 2015



Jesus...

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

Week 2 of the Pray Ground Experiment continues today.

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 16th Scripture:

Matthew 13:24-32

August 16th Singers:

Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger, Loraina Tillmann & Rachel Stearns

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Prodigal" and "Mighty to Save"

Offering Song: "Rid Us of Our Wants"

Song of the Day: "The Work of God"

Communion Song: "Softly and Tenderly"

Sending Song: "Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus"



River Team Schedule

January - Amazon

River guide: Ruth Hamlow
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February - Jordan

River guides:
Jennifer & Brian Tillmann
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March - Nile

River guide: Kris Dobratz
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April - Tigris

River guides:
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Nancy Jorgenson
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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

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



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.



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

August 2, 2015

Attendance: 126

Jul 26-Aug 1 Auto Deposits: \$780.00

Regular Offering: \$485.00

Children's Offering: \$1.42

Thank You

Thank you to Renee Kotlarz for the beautiful chalice given to River of Hope in celebration of its 5th anniversary.

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)

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

Disciple

Discipleship Groups

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

Send



August 19-23 McLeod County Fair

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

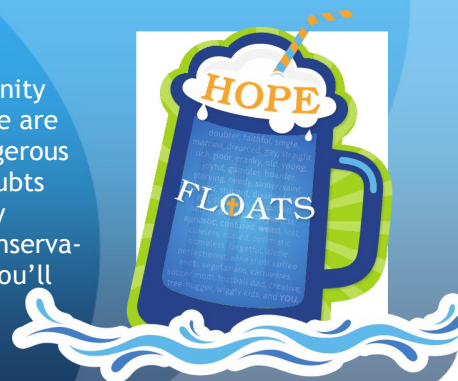
- Sign up for a 2-hour shift to be at the booth.
- Take down Sunday, Aug 23 at 8pm

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

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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
9 10:30 Worship	10	11	12	13	14 Pastor Laura's Day Off	15
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

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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