

## Worship Outline

### GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship  
Gathering Songs  
Welcome, 101, Connection Cards  
No Longer Strangers Prayer  
Meet Someone New  
Confession and Forgiveness  
Greeting  
Kyrie  
Prayer of the Day

### STORY

Ephesians 6:10-20  
Sermon  
Song After Sermon  
Prayers of the People  
Children's Sermon  
Rite of Holy Baptism

### FEAST

Offering  
Offering Songs  
Prayer of Thanksgiving for Gifts  
Setting the Table  
The Lord's Prayer  
Invitation to the Meal  
Communion  
Communion Songs  
Blessing & Prayer after Communion

### SEND

Purpose  
MILESTONES  
Blessing  
Sending Song  
Music to Send You Out

August 6, 2017

River of HOPE

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



*Put down those crabby pants! God's got you covered in righteousness, outfitted in peace shoes. You are equipped!*

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. "Sunday School" happens within worship! 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.

**August River Guides:**

Mike & Katie Weisenberger

**August 13th Scripture: Psalm 46; Acts 2:37-42**

To find daily readings go to <http://clergystuff.com/category/daily-devotions/>

**August 13th Singers:** Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger, Ruth Hamlow, Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Terry Kempfert

**Gathering Songs:** Awesome God & Standing On The Promises

KYRIE

Alleluia

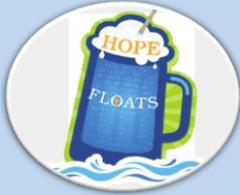
**Song After Sermon:** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**Offering Song:** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow  
Holy, Holy

**Communion Songs:** Lamb of God; Lead On, O King Eternal! & White As Snow

**MILESTONES:** They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

**Sending Song:** Psalm 25



**River Team Schedule**

**August - Nile/ALL**

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**October - Shenandoah**

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River Guide:

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**December - Jordan**

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**River Conditions**

Have you ever thought of the power of showing up? Showing up to a game, to a concert, to a bedside, to a table? Showing up matters. And it's what Cookies on the Corner is all about - showing up. The Vision Table has really been chewing on and praying about who our neighbors are in relationship to the Hutchinson Event Center, our place of worship. What if we were to show up, consistently, once a week for 6 weeks of the summer and just hang out? Hand out cookies, maybe a play a game. Talk to people. Tell them we're their neighborhood church. No strings attached.

It sounds kind of silly doesn't it? And yet, as I've practiced some habits of showing up in public places consistently, relationships have been formed. Friendships even. People have discovered community and the love of Jesus. For a year I was at Zella's nearly every Tuesday night. Now I've been experimenting with time at Caribou in Cash Wise, thinking Tuesday mornings will be my time. Showing up matters. You end up seeing regulars and talking to them. And then, you know, things happen. Stories get shared. My life is changed. Their life is changed. Our community is changed.

I've learned that it is long, slow work to build relationships. It is long, slow work to do great and hard things, especially to build a church and to be a presence in the Hutchinson community. To be a people who show up.

This summer, you'll have the opportunity to show up on the corner of Echo Circle and Echo Drive to see what happens. Maybe it'll be slow. Maybe it'll seem pointless. It still matters that we show up.

I'll see you there.

Love,  
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 Summer Schedule:

+Sat. Aug. 19, 6 pm, Lake Minnie Belle, Beckville Lutheran Church

**River of Hope** you are invited to Pastor Laura and John's wedding on October 6. Please RSVP by September 6 at [withjoy.com/HitchedInHutch](http://withjoy.com/HitchedInHutch) or call or text Pr. Laura's home phone: 651-788-0868.

## Connect

### Financial Giving to River of Hope: 7/30/2017

Worship attendance:	86
In-Worship Offering:	\$761.26
Laundry Love:	\$23.45
Auto Deposits:	\$655.00
July average attendance	76

**Check out** River of Hope's new 2nd Quarter Report, available to you at the Connect Table.

## Disciple

Join Pastor Laura for **YAWN (Y'all AWake Now?)**— Sunday morning Bible study **August 13, 20, 27 and Sept 3 at 8:45**. You say you want a revelation? Dig into this book of scripture that's got all kinds of baggage and let's hang the dirty laundry on the line. Our worship will be focusing on this book these 4 weeks. We'll use Craig Koester's book, "Revelation and the End of All Things" as a rich, readable resource to help us discover this awesomely weird book in the Bible. (There are plenty of used copies to be had on Amazon. Ask Pr. Laura for help if you need it.)

**Thank you!** We are overwhelmed with gratitude at the love & support of the community of River of Hope. Thanks to all who were able to attend our engagement party, for your generous gifts & most of all for your love. You are a light in our lives! Laura & John. P.S.: And thank you to the anonymous giver of a \$40 Super America gift card.

**The Shoe Bus is coming!** Shoe Away Hunger will be selling new & gently used shoes of all styles & sizes Aug. 23, 5-8 pm, CrossPoint Church in Hutchinson & Aug. 24, 9-11 am at Helen Baker School in Glencoe. Everyone is welcome & registration not required. Also taking donations of new & gently used shoes. 10% of sales go to McLeod Food Shelf. More info on Connect Table.

**Tai Chi** 8 am every Wed., West River Park, 45 minutes of gentle movement & a great view of the river!

**Confirmation** Living Creed statements will be Wed. Nov. 1, 6 pm, at the HEC. Affirmation of Baptism is Sun. Nov. 5, 10:30 am.



**Will you be the one for August?** As of the end of June, there have been 2 new Simply Givers (thank you!) and 6 have increased their giving to River of Hope (thank you!) Just one person at a time is what it takes to help us stand even more firmly on solid financial ground. Will you be the one to help River of Hope thrive? The Financial Stewardship Table has set a goal of one additional household signing up for Simply Giving each month. You can find forms for signing up at the Connect Table. If you have questions, talk to Treasurer Sue Benson ([sbenenson@hutchtel.net](mailto:sbenenson@hutchtel.net) or 320-587-2907) or a member of the Financial Stewardship Table: Ruth Hamlow, Rob Hauser, Brian Tillmann, or Sue Peters.

**Table Updates** [Tables are groups of people meeting around things they have passion to do for the purpose of River of Hope's going out to transform lives through Jesus Christ. Would you like to be part of one? You are invited. We need you.]

**Parish Personnel:** Tentative Mon. Aug. 21, 3 pm, RoH Office

**Financial Stewardship:** Tues. Sept. 19, 7 pm, Sue Benson's home

**Vision Table:** Next date TBA

**River Table:** Next date TBA. Email President Mike Weisenberger with questions at [weisenberger@mchsi.com](mailto:weisenberger@mchsi.com).

**Financial Offering** In addition to your Simply Giving or putting money in the plate (thank you!) consider these other ways to give back during worship:

**Watering can** - collects quarters (or any other kind of money) for Laundry Love

**Backpack** - pudding cups for Common Cup Backpack Program

**Simply Giving** To sign up or update your info, call Sue Benson at 320-587-2907, or go online to [riverofhopehutchinson.org](http://riverofhopehutchinson.org) & click "give". New paper forms are on the Connect Table.

**Did you know** \$70 a month is paid for credit card fees through Simply Giving? Consider switching to your bank account so that \$70 can go to support Laundry Love and other "we go out" opportunities.

## We Go Out

**Hope Floats at McLeod County Fair** Hang out at River of Hope's booth! Look for the link to SignUp Genius in your inbox, in our Facebook group or on the Connect Table.



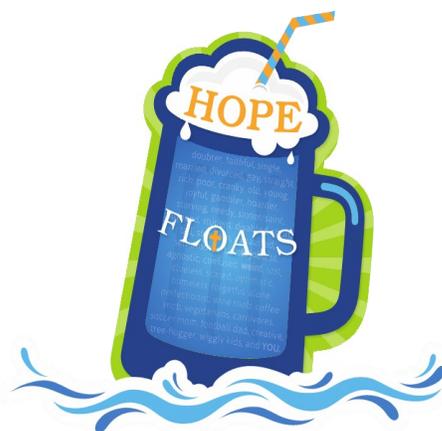
## laundry love

**Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!"** opportunity to put on your calendar the **3rd Tues. of every month**. The next time is August 15. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introverts, extroverts & quarters needed. Two people per shift, 9:00-noon; noon-3:30; 3:30-6:30. Find the SignUp Genius link in our Facebook group or contact Allen Gislason at 320-403-7004 or [alleng747@hotmail.com](mailto:alleng747@hotmail.com).

**Did you know?** In July, 61 families (170 individuals) were served & \$855.00 was spent. The numbers are increasing each month!

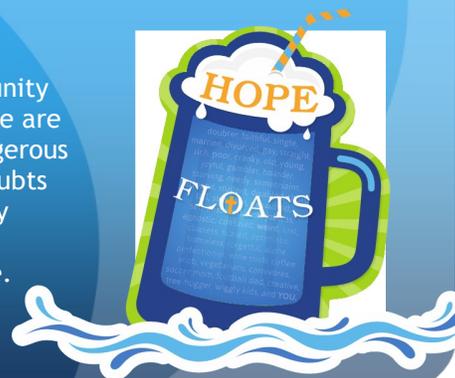
**Jim Nelson will be a leading sing-a-long** sat Woodstone on Aug. 24 at 10 am. Might you be able to assist the residents in getting to the place where we are singing, help them find the music in the songbooks or pass out rhythm instruments? Please call Jim at 320-552-9734 with any questions or just show up & help!

**Pastor Laura** will be leading the worship service at Harmony River at 10 am on August 24. You are invited to worship with the Harmony River community!



# 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.



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.

## 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.*

August 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Worship 10:30 am Baptism	7 Staff Meeting 9 am	8	9 Pam gone-----	10 -----	11 ----->	12
13 YAWN 8:45 am Worship 10:30 am Baptism	14 Parish Personnel 3 pm, RoH Office	15 Laundry Love Fair Set Up 4 pm	16 Staff Meeting 9 am Fair-----	17 Fair-----	18 Fair-----	19 Fair-----

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### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
Hutchinson Event Center  
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