

Worship Outline

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Meet Someone New
Confession and Forgiveness
Greeting
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Prayer of the Day

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Offering Song

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February 12, 2017

River of HOPE

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



*Jesus trusts you to tell others about your experience of Jesus.
"Go and tell what you have seen and heard!" Are you ready
to tell others about this subversive, all-inclusive love?*

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.

We Prepare For Worship

February River Guides:

Chris & Lisa Kraft

February 19th Scripture:

Luke 7:36-50

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

February 19th Singers: Abby Thomson, Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger, Ruth Hamlow

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "I Give You My Heart" & "Blessed Be Your Name"

Kyrie

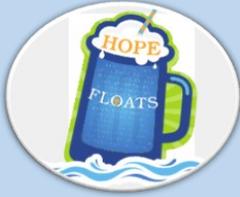
Gloria

Alleluia

Offering Song: "Oh, Sing to the Lord"

Communion: "Lamb of God" & "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

MILESTONES: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"
Sending Song: "Go, Make Disciples"



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River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,

I am always on the look out for God's presence in my life and in the world around me and I've had some clear encounters that have given me life. It's sort of my job as a pastor to have this view of the world, but sometimes I forget. I hope I am always vulnerable enough with you for you to see that I am a human being 100%, just as prone to screwing up as you are, I promise. But I digress...

Jean Gray said to me, "Why don't we pass the bucket at Beer and Hymns for Laundry Love?" Yes! Great idea! That ministry just got \$70 in addition to River of Hope's monthly \$200 contribution to this great ministry. Thanks for showing God to me, Jean.

The Financial Peace University class, initiated and facilitated by Kelly Johnson, is underway. Just a day or two before it started, I reminded folks that River of Hope has scholarships available to help people with the \$100 class fee (for materials). I thought, "Oh, River of Hope will just cover the cost." Suddenly there were 3 more families interested. And then there were 3 families that offered scholarships. Incredible! Just look at that. Thank you, scholarship-givers for your generous hearts. Thank you, Financial Peace University students for being willing to try a new thing. Thank you, Kelly, for sharing your enthusiasm for this program, for sharing your faith in stepping forward to lead. God is at work, folks!

Another opportunity will be arising during Lent to study the Muslim faith with me. I took a very general "World Religions" class in seminary and there are new resources for us to gather around together written by Lutheran theologians in conjunction with Muslim partners. God is at work in this knowing and continuing to love neighbors no matter their religion. It is what our country was founded on. See The Weekly for more information on this class.

I continue to pray for our nation, for President Trump and his administration as well as our local representatives. The executive order banning new refugees and cutting immigration in half has been condemned by our ELCA church body along with hundreds of others. I urge you to reach out to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services for information and to help in any way. The story of scripture that is our story begins with God's people (who we come from) wandering in exile. Over and over again, our story and God's story revolves around us trying to separate into groups with God always reaching for us, always breaking down walls, boundaries. God is always trying to close the distance between us and God and us and each other. It's the same thing, really. Thank God that God never gives up on us. Never.

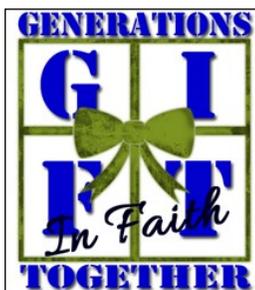
What Good News, huh?

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

Lenten Yoga - Sunday evenings 7:00 pm (March 5 - April 9) Historic Jorgensen Hotel Lobby. Lent is a time to refocus and practice being quiet. Practicing yoga is a way to slow down and pay attention to what is important in our lives. The heart of this practice will use gentle yoga poses to focus on breathing and relaxation. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel. No experience necessary. Contact Chanda Kropp if you have questions: chandakropp@hotmail.com

Lent & Easter planning meeting will be held tomorrow, Mon. Feb. 13 at 6 pm the RoH Office Lobby. All are welcome!

Seeking: Fun adventurous folks to accompany kids to Camp Amnicon (Aug. 6-11) or Urban Immersion (July 30-Aug. 5)! Two volunteers are needed for each camp. The cost of your trip will be paid by RoH. Contact Pam in the office for more info.

Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope: 2/5/2017

Worship attendance:	86
In-Worship Offering:	\$684.00
Children's Offering:	\$7.00
Auto Deposits:	\$1,740.00

Sue Benson, River of Hope Treasurer, contact info: sbenson@hutchtel.net or 320-587-2907.

Jan. 2017 average attendance* 77

Disciple

JRLC Day on the Hill is Thur. Feb. 23. Pastor Laura & Sandy Tracy are going. Want to join them? Pick up a brochure on the Connect Table or check it out in our Facebook group.

Community Good Friday Service will be Apr. 14, 7 pm at Bethlehem UMC. River of Hope is invited to participate in the musical worship. Practices will be on Wednesday at 7 pm, starting Feb. 22.

2017 Equipping Congregations Day "Everyday Reformers" is Sat. Feb. 25, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm at Vinje Lutheran & Bethel Lutheran in Willmar. See the poster on the Connect Table for more info & registration.

Crow River Conf. Assembly Sun. Mar. 5, 2pm, Peace Lutheran, Cosmos.

Voices of Hope Come and sing in our "instant choir!" Practice at 9:45 that morning to get ready to sing for worship! All vocal styles welcome. Future dates are Mar. 26 & May 7.

Ash Wednesday is March 1 & marks the beginning of the season of Lent. **Worship at 7pm at New Journey UCC** (31 4th Ave SW - Hutch) Confirmation youth + mentors (other family members too) will meet here for worship instead of at the Event Center. It's the only day of the year we get to say *Get your ash in church!*

Small Groups

What's the Word?: is February 14 & is a Bible study led by Pr. Laura. **February edition will find us at Jenny & Brian Tillmann's home (406 Alan St.) 6:30-8:00PM** to write valentines to law makers to show love to those they represent. The word love shows up in the Bible well over 800 times. Let's demonstrate love by gathering together. If you are crafty and want to bring along materials, please do so. Names & addresses will be provided, along with chocolate. Happy Valentines Day!

55+ Diners: Next date TBA.

Men's Bible Study: Wed. Feb. 15, 9 am, Dunn Bros. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month.

Women of Hope: Wed. Mar. 1, 9:30 am, Andy Koenig's home. Meets 1st Wed. of the month.

Be part of a 6-week study with Pastor Laura entitled "My Neighbor is Muslim." Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9. 8:30am-9:30am at the Event Center. This resource will open doors, minds, and hearts & dispel stereotypes & myths about Muslim neighbors just enough to start more conversations. Have the free resource emailed to you or pick it up on Sunday at worship or stop by the office. **To sign up for the study:** email or call Pam at the River of Hope office 587-4414 or office@riverofhopehutchinson.org.

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: Meets 2nd Mon. of the month at 3 pm at Flagship. Next meeting is Feb. 13.

Financial Stewardship: Meets Mar. 23, 6 pm, Sue Benson's home.

Vision Table: Meets Thur. Mar. 16, 7:15 pm, El Loro.

River Table: Tues. Mar. 7, 7:15 pm, Squeaky's.

Layette supplies needed Do you have old t-shirts, sheets (flannel or regular), towels, washcloths or yarn? Drop them off in the totes at Christ the King. They will be made into layettes for missions.

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:

Simply Giving To sign up or update your info, call Sue Benson at 320-587-2907, or go online to 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. **Offering can** - \$ for House of Grace **Laundry Basket** - collects quarters (or any other kind of money) for Laundry Love **Backpack** - pudding cups for Backpack Program

We Go Out



laundry love

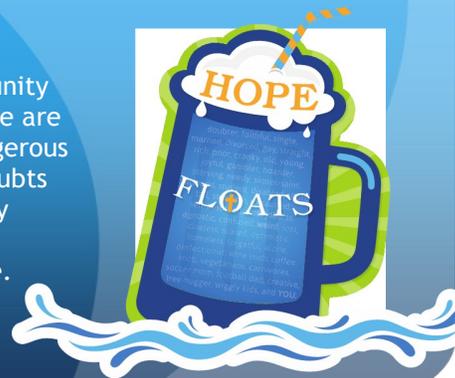
Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!" opportunity to put on your calendar the **3rd Tues. of every month.** The next time is Feb. 21. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introvers, extrovers & quarters needed. 3 people per shift, 9:00-noon; noon-3:30; 3:30-6:30. Contact Allen Gislason at 320-403-7004 or alleng747@hotmail.com for more information.

Did you know? In January, Laundry Love served 34 families and spent a total of \$503.00.

Jim Nelson will be leading sing-a-longs at Woodstone on Feb. 15 at 10:30 am & Feb. 23 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 song-books or pass out rhythm instruments? Please call Jim at 320-552-9734 with any questions or just show up & help!

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.

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 Worship 10:30 am Voices of Hope	13 Staff Meeting noon/ Parish Personnel 3 pm, Flagship/ Lent & Easter Planning 6 pm RoH Office	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> What's the Word? 6:30 pm, Tillmanns	15 Men's Bible Study 9 am, Dunn Bros./ Sing-a-long 10:30 Woodstone/ Financial Peace University 6-7:30 pm, UCC	16	17	18
19 Worship 10:30 am	20 Staff Meeting noon	21 Laundry Love	22 Financial Peace University 6-7:30 pm, UCC	23 Day on the Hill Sing-a-long 10 am Woodstone	24	25 Equipping Congregations Day, 8:30 am, Willmar

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Sundays at 10:30am
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