

## Worship Outline

### GATHERING

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

### WORD

Alleluia  
Luke 7:36-50  
Children's Message  
Sermon  
Prayers of the People  
Offering  
Offering Song

### FEAST & SENDING

Setting the Table  
Thanksgiving at the Table  
The Lord's Prayer  
Invitation to the Meal  
Communion  
Communion Songs  
Prayer After Communion  
Purpose  
MILESTONES  
Blessing  
Sending Song

February 19, 2017

River of HOPE

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



*Jesus totally messes with our stereotypes of other people and challenges us to show love when it makes us unpopular.  
How will you show love this week?*

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 26th Scripture:

Luke 9:28-45

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

**February 26th Singers:** Brian Pollmann, Katie Weisenberger, Jennifer Hauser, Rachel Stearns

## Today's Music:

**Gathering Songs:** "Everlasting God" & "Love Come Down"

Kyrie

Gloria

Alleluia

**Offering Song:** "Oh, Sing to the Lord"

**Communion:** "Lamb of God" & "Love Lifted Me"

**MILESTONES:** "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

**Sending Song:** "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"



### River Team Schedule

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#### July - Jordan

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## River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,

I am excited to tell you that the River Table is off to a great start. We met at Landy Lodge and began to lay the foundation for what this group will do, who they will be. The River Table members, voted on by you, will work in concert with the Vision Table to help further River of Hope's purpose. They will grow into leadership and invite others into leading within our community. They will see how we will continue to grow into the hands and feet of Jesus in Hutchinson and beyond. It is exciting to gather this new group together. Mike Weisenberger is President; Jill Springer is Vice President; Rod Riewer is Secretary; Sue Benson is Treasurer. Please pray for the work of this new table, for the leaders and their faith and for God's wisdom to lead and guide us.

I want to invite you into thinking about and praying for a time of sabbatical for me. Mission developing and pastoring is relentless and challenging. It's been my greatest joy and my toughest challenge. This call I have to serve you and walk alongside you, River of Hope, is deep and lasting. Sabbatical invites a time of renewal and deep breaths so that my call to you is further invigorated and enlivened. I've been in conversation with the Parish Personnel table about setting a rhythm of sabbatical in the River of Hope waters every seven years. We're on the move now for an opportunity to lay out a plan and apply for grant money so River of Hope will have good pastoral care while I'm away. Would you like to be part of the Sabbatical group to help make the plan and see it through? I am looking for any and all input from the congregation. You are invited to work in conjunction with the Parish Personnel table to make this a reality for 3 months during the year of 2018. Please email me at [pastor@riverofhopehutchinson.org](mailto:pastor@riverofhopehutchinson.org) or call me at 320-587-4414 with any questions or to step forward to help with this process.

It continues to be my great joy to walk with you in discipleship. Always learning new ways to love and to live.

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

**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: 2/12/2017

Worship attendance:	74
In-Worship Offering:	\$771.00
Children's Offering:	\$6.73
Auto Deposits:	\$5,425.50

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.

**Lent is coming!** This year, instead of giving up something for Lent, may I suggest picking up something. Pick up your Bible and join Allen Gislason for a 6-week Bible study called *Manna and Mercy* by Daniel Erlander. It is a "brief history of God's unfolding promise to mend the entire universe". Sound bold to you? I hope you will consider joining on this journey from Genesis to Revelation. Sign up at church or contact me at 320-403-7004 or alleng747@hotmail.com.

**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?:** Tues. Mar. 14, 7 pm, Caribou

**55+ Diners:** Thur. Feb. 21, 5:30 pm, Landy Lodge. Contact Phyllis Lindstrand if you would like to go.

**Men's Bible Study:** Wed. Mar. 1, 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 Mar. 13.

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

**Vision Table:** Meets Thur. Mar. 9, 7:15 pm, El Loro.

**River Table:** Tues. Mar. 7, 7:15 pm, Squeaky's. President: Mike Weisenberger, Vice President: Jill Springer, Secretary: Rod Riewer

**The Financial Stewardship Table** has set a goal of one additional household signing up for Simply Giving each month. Will you be the One for March? You can find forms for signing up at the Connect Table. If you have questions, talk to Treasurer Sue Benson (sbenson@hutchtel.net or 320-587-2907) or a member of the Financial Stewardship Table: Ruth Hamlow, Rob Hauser, Brian Tillmann, or Sue Peters.

**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



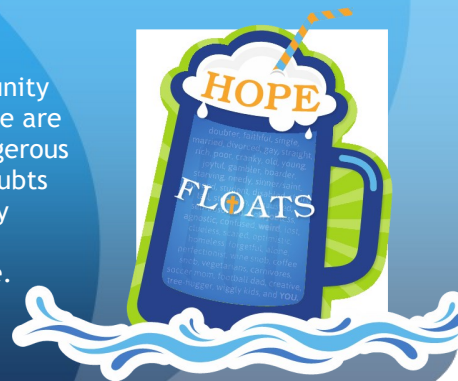
laundry love

**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. Introverts, extroverts & 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 info.

**Jim Nelson will be leading a sing-a-long** at Woodstone on 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 songbooks 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/March 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
26 Worship 10:30 am	27 Staff Meeting noon	28 Beer & Hymns 6 pm, MSSB	1 Men's Bible Study 9 am, Dunn Bros. / Women of Hope 9:30 am, Andy's Koenig's home/ Confirmation & Ash Wed. Worship 7 pm, New Journey UCC	2	3	4

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### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
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