

Worship Outline

GATHER

Music to Prepare Us for Worship
Welcome 101, Connection Card
No Longer Strangers Prayer
Meet Someone New
Greeting
Confession
Imposition of Ashes

WORD

Psalm 32
Participation Parables -
Matthew 18:15-35
riverKIDS
Sermon
Preparation for Maundy Thursday
Apostles' Creed
Prayer for All People
The Lord's Prayer

SEND

Purpose
Blessing to Go
Sending Song



We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

February 22, 2015

Lent 2015

➡ **Forgiveness**

Laborers in the Vineyard

Wedding Banquet

Talents

Last Judgment

Triumphal Entry



Discipleship Training

Welcome 101

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? Nursery care is available just outside the worship area.

Communion. You are welcome, without exception. If you are hungry and thirsty for unbounded grace, mercy, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, you are welcome.

Connection Cards. One way of communicating with one another that we were in worship.

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

February River Guides:

Brian and Jenny Tillmann

March River Guide:

Sandy Tracy

March 1st Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

March 1st Singers: Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger, Loraina Tillmann and Rachel Stearns

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Come and Behold Him" and "The Wonderful Cross"

Song During the Ashes: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Song During the Mural: "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"

Sending Song: "Lift High the Cross"



River Team Schedule

January - Amazon

River guide: Ruth Hamlow
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River guides:
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March - Nile

River guide: Kris Dobratz
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April - Tigris

River guides:
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May - Shenandoah

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June - Amazon & Jordan

July - Nile & Tigris

August - Shenandoah & All

September - Amazon

October - Jordan

November - Nile

December - Tigris



River Conditions

Reflections and visions for our life together in this River of Hope, with love from pastor Laura.

Dear Hopeful People,

I want to again say thank you - for cards and phone calls, emails and gifts. My recovery from gallbladder surgery and my birthday colliding together has been a happy collision as I hope for continued good health. It's cliché but it's true that I don't appreciate my health until it's challenged. Not every pastor is in a situation where grace and love are extended to them as you have extended and practiced them for me during this time of being sick and recovering. I am so grateful to know you and love you and thank God for your love.

We are just around the corner from Lent - a season of preparation as we walk with Jesus in the shadow of the cross. It is a critical part of our life as Christians. I invite you to practice with me during these 40 days: prayer and almsgiving. (There is more information about this in the Weekly). It won't be easy - so when the going gets tough, know that that is part of the deal. It is part of a daily walk of faith. And to know we are not alone in it - well, it's part of being a community isn't it? It is. Thank you, God!

I love you.

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

Instant Choir!

We will meet at 9:45 on the dates below for ONE PRACTICE to learn the music that will be performed that day. Come when you can and be part of the choir!

March 29 - Voices of Hope (grade 7-adult)

April 26 - riverKIDS (grades 1 through 6)

May 17 - Voices of Hope

Beer & Hymns

February 24, 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 7pm.

Men's Bible Study

The River of Hope men's bible study meets from 9-10 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Hardee's meeting room in Hutchinson. Join us at any time and we will give you a Master Builders Bible for Men. Information: Dave Pedersen at 320-328-9911 or dlpeders@msn.com. We email regular reminders.

Connect

**** Stop by the Connect Cart in the Lobby for sign-ups and general information ****

Attendance and Offering

February 15, 2015

Attendance: 91

Feb 1-15 Automatic Deposits:

\$7,209.00

Regular Offering: \$331.00

Children's Offering: \$18.34

River of hope has seen its financial health strengthen and grow. How will you help it to continue to grow?

This is the time of year that members can designate ROH to receive Thrivent Choice dollars. People who invest with Thrivent are now receiving something in the mail that allows them to choose River of Hope to receive those funds!

Give to River of Hope:

Giving your financial resources consistently means quite a lot to the health and life of River of Hope. What can you give? Each family's faithful consideration of this question is important. Help us plan for the future God is calling us into. Automatic giving (*Simply Giving*) is a simple yet incredible way to support River of Hope when you're in worship or away for the weekend. Set it up through our website www.riverofhopehutchinson.org or email River of Hope's Treasurer, John Paulsen, at jpaulsen@hometownmn.com to get the ball rolling.

Disciple

Practice Discipleship:

Lent Practice

Lent is the 40 days (technically not counting Sundays) that lead to Jesus Christ's death on the cross. It's an important time for us as Christians to walk with Jesus.

I am inviting you to intentional practice this Lent. Practice doesn't make perfect. It gets you into new ways of living and asking God for help. These practices aren't going to be easy, so make a commitment now to stick with it, even when it gets tough. Especially then.

Stop by the Connect Cart to get your training schedule and practice tips.

Ash Wednesday Worship: 7pm February 18 at First Congregational United Church of Christ. *About as anti-culture as you can get: face your death in Christ.*

Daily and Weekly Practice

+Prayer: *pray through the book of Psalms throughout these 40 days.*

+Almsgiving: *Our community's goal is to make 100 "Personal Care Kits" to be assembled at Maundy-Thursday worship on Thursday, April 2.*

+Fasting: *Pick one day a week to limit or abstain from food, technology, buying anything.*

Thursdays (Feb 19, 26; Mar 5, 12, 19, 26): Meet at Dunn Bros. from 7-8pm. Come and talk about how practice is going - get support, learn from each other.

Maundy-Thursday: April 2nd 7pm in the lobby of the River of Hope office. *It's the night Jesus ate one last time with his closest friends. Over bread and wine, he commanded them to love God and love people. We'll feast together. We'll show love by assembling Personal Care Kits. We'll remember that this was the meal that happened right before Jesus was betrayed.*

Good Friday: April 3rd 7pm at Vineyard United Methodist Church
Discipleship Groups:

Disciple means learner. We are lifetime learners when it comes to living a life of faith. Be part of an intentional small group, a Discipleship Group, where you'll commit to monthly meetings, weekly readings, and to reflect on scripture as our story and God's story, intersecting.

All discipleship groups are full. Don't let this stop you! Email Pastor Laura your interest and we'll get another group going! Pastor Laura's email is: pastor@riverofhopehutchinson.org

Send

Common Cup - March Diaper Drive

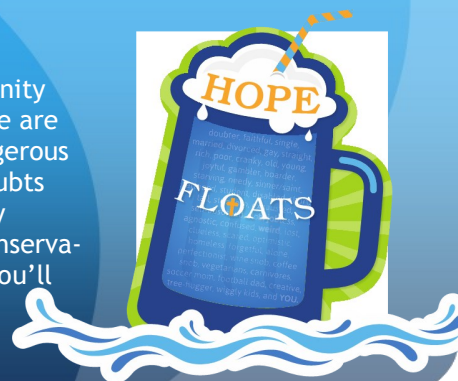
It is River of Hope's month in MARCH to donate diapers to Common Cup. They are in desperate need and the most wanted sizes are the larger ones and the pull-ups. They can be brought to the church office or dropped off directly at the Common Cup office @ 105 Second Ave. For any questions, contact Andy Koenig. Don't feel like shopping for them? A cash donation is most welcome also.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Would you like to become a volunteer with Allina Health Hospice? Perhaps you know of a family member, a friend or a neighbor that has benefited from hospice. Our current patients and families could use your support and companionship. All volunteers are provided with free training and a flexible schedule. The next training begins on Saturday, April 11. For information, call Pam Ainslie at **320-484-9211**.

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.

~ February 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 9am Discipleship Beth Gasser - Leader 10:30 Worship	16 Presidents' Day Office is Closed 9am-1pm Confirmation Mini-Retreat @ UCC	17	18 9am Men's Bible Study @ Hardees 7pm Ash Wednesday service @ UCC	19 7pm Psalms Study @ Dunn Bros.	20 Pastor Laura's Day Off	21
22 10:30 Worship	23 10am Staff Meeting	24 7pm Beer & Hymns @ MSSB	25	26 Finance Table Meeting 5:30pm @ BusinessWare 7pm Psalm Study @ Dunn Bros.	27 Pastor Laura's Day Off	28

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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