

Worship Outline

GATHER

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

SEE LITTLE LITURGY...

*"No slave can serve
two masters; for a slave
will either hate the one
and love the other, or be
devoted to the one
and despise the other.
You cannot serve
God and wealth."
Luke 16:13*



We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.
July 19, 2015



Jesus...

Calls
→ Teaches
Sends
Points Out the
Obvious
Talks to the Wrong
People...Again

River of Hope welcomes Pastor Susan Engholm to preach and lead worship while Pastor Laura enjoys some vacation time (July 6-20). If you need a pastor while she's away, please contact Pastor Joe Midthun at 320-699-1045.

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 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

July River Guides:

Kris Dobratz (Nile) and Borgendales and Nancy Jorgenson (Tigris)

July 26th Scripture:

Matthew 28

July 26th Singers:

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

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Be Unto Your Name" and "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Offering Song: "Rid Us of Our Wants"

Song of the Day: "The Work of God"

Communion Song: "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Sending Song: "Your Everlasting Love"



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
(320) 234-5985
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April - Tigris

River guides:
Russ & Jeannine Borgendale
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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,

Can you believe River of Hope will be 5 this summer? July 26 is the date we'll celebrate with worship beginning at the Event Center and ending at the river with communion and a potluck. Bishop Jon Anderson will be with us and will preach that day. 5 people from River of Hope will offer prayers, giving thanks to God for the past 5 years and praying for God's guidance in the years to come.

So I've been contemplating the number 5. What are 5 things you are thankful for that God has done through this community called River of Hope? I want to share the 5 things I give thanks to God for about the life the Holy Spirit has drawn out of this community:

1. Faithful beginners. For all of you who were here when there was painful leave-taking from other beloved church homes to begin this new thing. Without the Holy Spirit working through you, through the Synod Ministers, and through all the other whiley ways the Holy Spirit works.
2. Risk takers. River of Hope isn't a community of passive believers. This start-up needs people who are engaged, have their feet on the ground with their hearts in their mouths. For some, that's been a whole new way of being. I know I've learned a whole lot from watching you move out of your comfort zones to follow Jesus.
3. Visitors, strangers. If we don't interact with new people who come to the Event Center, to Main Street Sports Bar, or to wherever we are handing out root beer floats, well then, how can people know the hope we know through Christ Jesus? And so often, they share hope and faith in ways that would never have crossed my mind. We meet Jesus each and every time we open ourselves up to the possibility of someone unknown to us.
4. Leaders. So many of you over these past 5 years have stepped up and led. You led when you swore you weren't leadership material. You led when you weren't quite sure where you were going. You dared to read scripture and ask questions of it and learn how to pray. You picked things up and let things go. You stepped away from leadership when you were tired. New people have stepped forward. New leaders are always being shaped and growing right in our own midst.
5. 3-in-1. Ok, I know it's not 5. But we confess our faith in God, the Creator; Jesus, the Savior; and the Holy Spirit that calls out new life from within our community. Without this belief, well, we could be any other charitable organization in Hutchinson. But because we confess this belief, we have the best news to share with everyone we meet whether we name it that way specifically or through our actions or through our very lives.

I wonder what the next 5 years will bring? The next 10 or 15? I can hardly wait to see what the Holy Spirit will do with us next.

In faith, hope, and 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

55+ Diners Club

The August outing will be a potluck and more detailed information will be available soon!



Beer & Hymns: Summer Gigs

The summer schedule is a July gig at Library Square (Monday, July 27th 6:30pm) and an evening in August at the McLeod County Fair (Thursday, August 20th 6pm). We'll be back at MSSB in September.

Connect

Attendance and Offering July 12, 2015

Attendance: 92

July 5-22 Auto Deposits:
\$4,492.50

Regular Offering: \$428.00

Children's Offering: \$12.25

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)

Disciple



River of Hope Turns Five This Summer!

Sunday, July 26 is our celebratory worship, beginning at the Event Center. Bishop Jon Anderson will preach. Our worship will then move to Masonic/West River Park, followed by a potluck lunch. (So keep your beans in the car :)

* Last Names A-M: Side Dish, Salad or Dessert

* Last Names N-Z: Main Dish

Ways to help the Hoffman family walk through cancer with Kristi

- Buy a "Team Kristi" necklace from Simply Metal, 320-587-0968 or at simplymetalmnnesota.com.
- Donate through YouCaring.com
- Continue to pray, send cards (864 Church St. Hutchinson), and hold hope for Kristi, Josh, and their incredible kids.

Send

JULY:

July 27 - Music in the Park with the Beer & Hymns Band

6:30pm Wear your River of Hope t-shirt and simply show up to help hand out song books and sing from your toes. Hang out by the fountain and just see what the power of singing together can do

AUGUST:

August 19-23 McLeod County Fair

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

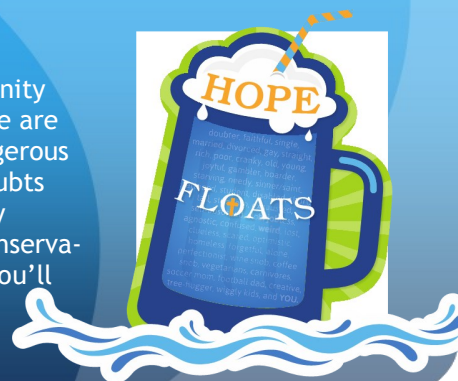
- Help pre-assemble spoon/straw/napkin & put stickers on cups Sunday, Aug 2 after worship!
- Sign up for a 2-hour shift to be at the booth.
- Be a Daily Host for one day to transport pre-ordered ice cream to the booth.
- Set up Tuesday, Aug 18 at 4pm
- Take down Sunday, Aug 19 at 8pm

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



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.**

~ July/August 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 10:30 Worship Pastor Laura on Vacation	20 Pastor Laura on Vacation	21	22 6pm Vision Table at MSSB	23	24 Pastor Laura's Day Off	25
26 10:30 Worship ROH Turns 5! A-M: Side, Salad or Dessert N-Z: Main Dish	27 6:30pm Beer & Hymns Band Music in the Park @Library Square	28	29	30	31 Pastor Laura's Day Off	1

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