

Worship Outline

GATHER

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

WORD

Psalm 16
Participation Parables -
Matthew 20:1-19
Sermon
Preparation for Maundy Thursday
Apostles' Creed
Prayer for All People
The Lord's Prayer
Offering

SEND

Purpose
Blessing to Go
Sending Song



We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

March 1, 2015

Lent 2015

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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 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

March River Guide:
Sandy Tracy

March 8th Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

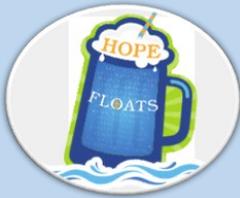
March 8th Singers: Sara Pollmann, Sara Shorter, Eliza Johnson, Jill Rensom and Erika Tillmann

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Above All" and "Once Again"

Song During the Mural: "Lead Me To The Cross" and "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

Sending Song: "Nothing But The Blood"



River Team Schedule

January - Amazon
River guide: Ruth Hamlow
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February - Jordan
River guides:
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March - Nile
River guide: Kris Dobratz
(320) 234-5985
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April - Tigris
River guides:
Russ & Jeannine Borgendale
(320) 455-0052
r_j_borgendale@hotmail.com
Nancy Jorgenson
(320) 587-7788
njjorgenson@me.com

May - Shenandoah
River guides:
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Clkraft123@hotmail.com

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,

This Lent, we're diving into what it means to practice being a Christian. What does it mean to follow Jesus? That's the question, isn't it? One of the things you'll find in the Weekly during Lent is the Hopeful People Promises document. What is it? It's a way we promise to live and love each other, knowing that we are flawed human beings. It assumes God's love for us and our ability to act like we don't believe it. It's a document that puts our best foot forward so that when we stumble, we practice how to forgive.

I know this much: none of it is easy. It's just not. Which is why we depend on God to help us. We look to Jesus to lead us and, ultimately, save us from ourselves.

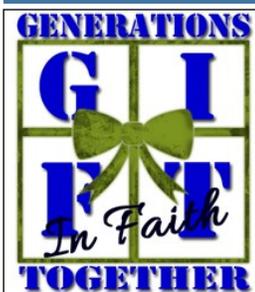
Practice doesn't make perfect. But practice is essential to learning anything in this life. I am so glad to be with you in it.

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 (gr 7-adult)

April 26 - riverKIDS (gr 1 through 6)

May 17 - Voices of Hope

Beer & Hymns

March 31, 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.

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

Connect

Attendance and Offering

February 22, 2015

Attendance: 112

Feb 1-22 Automatic Deposits:

\$9,791.00

Regular Offering: \$630.00

Children's Offering: \$11.31

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

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, Bev Mueller, at BevM@businesswaresolutions.com to get the ball rolling.

Be a Hospitality Host at ROH Office!

Greet people, maybe even make 'em a cup of coffee. Answer the phone, read a good book. Come for an hour or the whole time. Sign up for your shift at the Connect Cart.

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.

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 (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 inten-

tional 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

JRLC Day on the Hill

Join this interfaith coalition for social justice in St. Paul on March 10. The day will include general sessions, time for planning with Senate District 18 attendees, lunch and small group appointments at the capitol with Sen, Newman, Rep. Gruenhagen and Rep. Urdahl. For info and registration, visit www.jrlc.org. Contact Sandy Tracy with questions (320.492.6279). Transportation car pools will be arranged.

55+ Dining Club

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 19. More details to come. Contact Rachel Stearns (320.583.3793) with general questions, or to sign up as a host!

Common Cup - March Diaper Drive

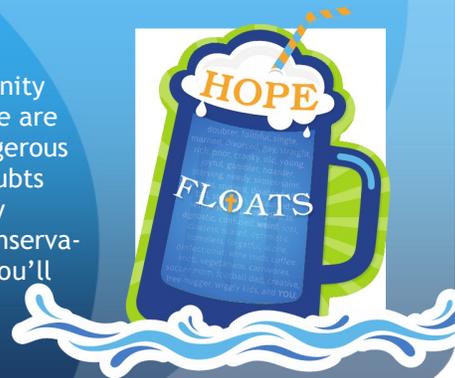
It is River of Hope's month in MARCH to donate diapers to Common Cup. They are in desperate need and the most wanted sizes are the larger ones and the pull-ups. They can be brought to the church office or dropped off directly at the Common Cup office @ 105 Second Ave. For any questions, contact Andy 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.**

~ March 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 Worship	2 Pastor Laura - Continuing Ed	3 Pastor Laura - Continuing Ed 7pm Discipleship Ron Johnson - Leader	4 9am Men's Bible Study @ Hardees 6pm Confirmation with Mentors	5 7pm Psalms Study @ Dunn Bros.	6 Pastor Laura's Day Off	7
8 9am Discipleship Chanda Kropp - Leader 10:30 Worship	9	10 7pm Discipleship Keri Thoreson - Leader	11 6pm Discipleship Sara Pollmann - Leader Jim Nelson - Leader Ruth Hamlow - Leader Jenny Tillmann - Leader	12 7pm Psalm Study @ Dunn Bros.	13 Pastor Laura's Day Off	14

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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