

Worship Outline

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Meet Someone New
Intro to New River of Hope-ers
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Blessing
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Sending Song



We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.
Riverpalooza ~ May 31, 2015

➔ **Life**
Praise
Grief
Trust
Thanks
Praise

Psalms
Songs in the Key of Life



Songs in the Key of...

Today we welcome, officially, to the River of Hope family:
Elmer Vorlicek, introduced by Sara Shorter
Christina and Noah Ochs, introduced by DuWayne and Shirley Olson

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

June River Guides:

Ruth Hamlow (Amazon) and Tillmanns (Jordan)

June 7th Scripture:

Psalm 113

June 7th Singers:

Mara Pollmann, Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger and Ruth Hamlow

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

Offering Song: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Song of the Day: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

Communion Songs: "Beautiful Savior" and "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Sending Song: "Let the River Flow"



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
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April - Tigris

River guides:
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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,

It is the season of Pentecost - when the Holy Spirit starts to move and shake and breathe into us. This is the season that lasts until Advent - can you believe that? It is the season that helps to define who we are as people of God: we are Holy Spirit people. After all, how else does God get us to do weird things?

The Holy Spirit inspires and dares us to try new things, to be changed, to have our hearts broken for the sake of the world. Sometimes we can see very clearly how the Holy Spirit works. And sometimes we just cannot. Or in hindsight at best. But I am certain of this: it is the Spirit that enables and ennobles us to act, to speak, to love, to forgive, to listen, to reach out, to receive love, to give love. We cannot do it on our own. Thank you, God.

How will or is the Holy Spirit working in your life right now? How will the Holy Spirit inspire and challenge you tomorrow and the next day? It's the life of the Christian person. It's the life of River of Hope. It's your life as an individual that is never far removed from community. The Holy Spirit simply has that power to work in so many ways. Thanks be to God for this creative mover in our lives.

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

Graduation Celebrations!

- Join the Nelson family in celebrating the graduation of Shakira today, from 3-6pm at the Hutchinson Center for the Arts.
- Join the Kraft family in celebrating the graduation of Jacob on Saturday June 6th, from 3-7pm at 123 Elks Drive SE, Hutchinson.

SWMN Women of the ELCA Convention - June 19 & 20

Take some time for yourself and be inspired and refreshed at the Synodical Church Women's convention at the University of MN, Morris. Special presenters: Ron Fuglestad, potter, Dennis Herschbach on Human Trafficking, and three Campus Ministers at Closing Worship. Informational packets are located at the Connect Cart.

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

May 24th, 2015

Attendance: 91

May 17-23 Auto Deposits:

\$2,792.50

Regular Offering: \$456.00

Children's Offering: \$21.39

(Simply) Giving Challenge Update

Our monthly giving has increased by \$245/month including 6 new Simply Givers; 6 families increased their weekly giving. While our challenge (70 signed up for Simply Giving) was not met, our financial stewardship table folks continue to look out ahead at River of Hope's future and invite you into a life of generosity.

60 signed up for Simply Giving is an incredible thing - thank you!

Your participation in this part of the life of River of Hope is critical - thank you.

Our generous donors of the \$2000 gift remain generous and have still gifted this money to River of Hope.

Tailgate Worship - June 21

B.Y.O.C. (Bring your own chairs) on June 21, as we will be worshipping in the parking lot of the Event Center! More details to come.

Disciple

River of Hope Turns Five This Summer!

Mark July 26th down on your calendar. We will be celebrating that day during worship, followed by a potluck and anniversary stories at the river.

Ways to help the Hoffman family walk through cancer with Kristi

- Buy a "Team Kristi" necklace from Simply Metal, (Jamie Beffert and her mom Deb Calavera) 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

JUNE:

June 6 - House Painting Project

We have been given another opportunity to help out a very nice person here in Hutchinson! Please put Saturday June 6th on your calendars. Come paint for a couple of hours or all day - whatever you can manage. In case of bad weather we will move the date to June 13th. Sign up at the Connect Cart or look for a Sign Up Genius link in the E-News or on Facebook.

June 18 - Water Carnival Boat Parade

Help serve root beer floats on the shores of the boat parade. 7pm at Masonic/West River Park. Wear your River of Hope gear. Hand out floats to parade watchers. Contact Ruth Hamlow to help. (rhamlow@hutchtel.net)

JULY:

July 17-18 RiverSong Root Beer Float Stand

Enjoy the music and this great community. All proceeds go to a local organization of River of Hope's choosing. Contact Ron Johnson to help for a 2-hour shift. (ronjohn1950@gmail.com or 320-234-6308)

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:

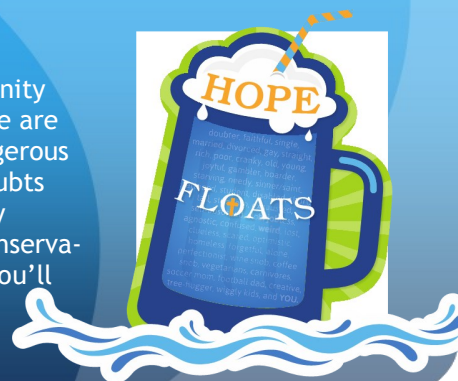
August 19-23 - McLeod County Fair

Our booth has become known at the county fair! Sign up with Sara Pollmann for a 2-hour shift. We're also looking for Daily Hosts who will be in charge of picking up pre-ordered supplies and getting them to the fairgrounds. (320-583-4281 or 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.**

~ May/June 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10:30 Worship - Riverpalooza	1	2 7pm Discipleship Ron Johnson - Leader	3 4:30pm Parish Personnel Meeting	4	5 Pastor Laura's Day Off	6
7 10:30 Worship	8 6pm Vision Table Meeting at McCormicks	9 7pm Discipleship Keri Thoreson - Leader	10 6pm Discipleship Jim Nelson - Leader	11	12 Synod Assembly at Gustavus Pastor Laura's Day Off	13 Synod Assembly at Gustavus

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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