

Worship Outline

GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship
Gathering Songs
Welcome 101, Connection Card
No Longer Strangers Prayer
Meet Someone New
Greeting
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Scripture Reading
Hosea 11:1-9
Sermon
Confession and Forgiveness

FEAST

Offering
Setting the Table
Thanksgiving at the Table
Blessing the Feast
The Lord's Prayer
Invitation to the Meal
Communion Songs
Communion
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Purpose
Benediction
Sending Song

November 8, 2015

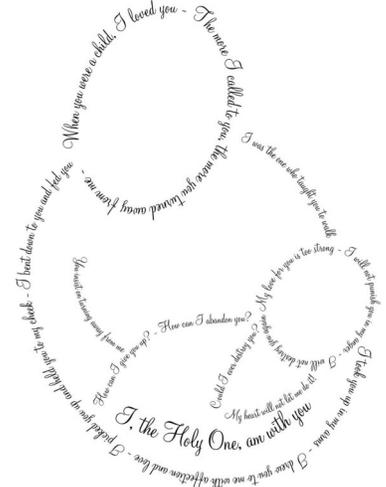
River of HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

*How can I give you up,
Ephraim? How can I hand
you over, O Israel? How can
I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like
Zeboiim? My heart recoils
within me; my compassion
grows warm and tender.*

Hosea 11:8



**Either write or text your prayers to be prayed
out loud today in worship. 320-583-8005**

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

November River Guide:
Kris Dobratz (Team Nile)

November 22nd Scripture:

Isaiah 5:1-7, 11:1-5

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

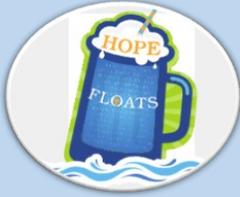
November 22nd Singers: Mara Pollmann, Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger, Ruth Hamlow

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Who Am I", "Ancient of Days"

Communion Songs: "Holy Holy Holy", "Lord Be Glorified"

Sending Song: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"



River Team Schedule

November- Nile

River guide: Kris Dobratz
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dobykro@hutchtel.net

December - Tigris

River guides:
Russ & Jeannine Borgendale
(320) 455-0052
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Nancy Jorgenson
(320) 587-7788
njjorgenson@me.com

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January - Shenandoah

River guides:
Chris & Lisa Kraft
(320) 234-7680
Clkraft123@hotmail.com

February - Amazon

River guide: Ruth Hamlow
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March- Jordan

April- Nile

May - Tigris

June-Shenandoah/Amazon

July-Jordan/Nile

August-Tigris

September-Shenandoah

River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,

Just in case you missed it, last Sunday 8 people confirmed their baptisms at a celebratory worship service, surrounded by their families and mentors. It was a raucous worship, celebrating the power of the Holy Spirit.

THANK YOU

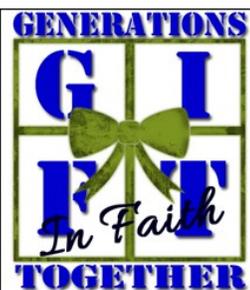
- to **families** that practice faith at home and in their daily lives and not just at worship once a week. Your faith habits and practices matter so much.
- to **mentors** (**Michelle Jeske, Terry Kempfert, Jami Beffert, Diane Lietzau, Jill Springer, Stacy Vilt, Katie Weisenberger, Sara Shorter**) who walked with these young adults for the past 3 years. In their "Living Creed" statements they made on Saturday, all of the mentors led with "who me? a mentor?" and then proceeded to talk about their faith and the work of God in their lives that had us all saying, "well, of course you." The Holy Spirit is powerful in how it uses our ordinary daily lives to bring the promises of God to life!
- to the young adults: **Anna Houseman, Emma Kraft, Olivia Kropp, Maddie Mora, Mara Pollmann, Abby Riewer, Cameron Schofield, and Hanna Seifert**. Your Living Creed statements on Saturday were faithful and true. Thank you for taking the risk of saying yes to a life of faith. You are not alone!
- to **Kristine Dobratz** and **Jami Beffert** and **Brenda Sandquist** and all the other parents of 8th graders (and 8th graders themselves) for helping to host the Confirmation After-Party!
- to **Warren and Terry Kempfert**. Warren crafted the beautiful glass cross windows and Terry engraved them with each youth's name and their confirmation verse. What meaningful gifts to give in the name of River of Hope. Your generosity and creativity are gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- to **Carol Krage and Sandy Tracy** and the beautiful blue stoles each of the youth decorated and wore. It's like water dripping over their shoulders, a beautiful reminder of the "yes" to their baptism.

What a gift to be in this life of faith with you. Thank you.

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

DATE CHANGE! Christmas Eve Planning Tuesday, November 17 @6pm.

Help River of Hope welcome the stranger and celebrate the birth of Jesus. We need all kinds of in-put to create a welcoming, festive and worshipful night. Short term commitment! Meet in the Lobby of the RoH office.

Advent Evening Prayer The 4 weeks of the Advent season River of Hope will offer a time and place for candle-lit prayer, centered around walking the labyrinth as a way to pray. Scripture will be read, music played, a very few words preached, prayers prayed and communion shared. Led by Pastor Laura and Jim Nelson. (No river team needed.) **7pm at the downtown lobby of the River of Hope offices. November 29, December 6, 13, and 20.**

River of Hope is in need of a new vacuum cleaner for the office. Does anyone have an extra one they can donate? Call the office at 587-4414 or office@riverofhopehutchinson.org.

Connect

Voices of Hope is River of Hope's Adult Choir for people age 13 - 100. We are an "Instant" choir, in that we rehearse and perform on the same Sunday! We will meet at 9:45 AM on the following Sundays and participate in Worship during the service. All are welcome! We will be singing Nov. 22 and Dec. 13.

riverKIDS is for kids grades 1-6.

They will rehearse the first Wednesday of the month from 7-7:30pm. at the Hutchinson Event Center. Singing in worship will occur the following Sunday. Please see the schedule below:

Wed Practice Sun Performance

7:00-7:30 Meet at 10:10

Dec 2	Dec 6
Jan 6	Jan 10
Feb 3	Feb 7
March 2	March 6
April 6	April 10
May 4	May 8

Disciple

River of Hope OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9am-2pm

Office Administrator
Pam Johnson's hours are:

Mon-Wed-Fri 9am-2pm

We are looking for people to sit in the office on Tuesdays from 11:30 - 2:00, Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:30 and 11:30 - 2:00, and Mondays from noon - 2:00.

Pam's office hours the week of Nov. 16 will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9 -2.

The office will be closed on Thursday Nov. 26 and Friday Nov. 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Send

Men's Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 9 am at Dunn Bros. You are welcome and newcomers will get a free Master's Builders Bible for Men. Call or email Dave Pedersen at 320-328-9911 or dlpeders@msn.com

Women's Circle Keep your eyes peeled for a gathering of women beginning in January.

Discipleship Groups have wound up their first 6-week meetings. Stay tuned for the next installment coming this winter.

Common Cup is having their major fundraiser "Coming Together in Song", Sunday Nov. 22 at 4:00 pm at Christ the King. Enjoy an afternoon of great music and support your community! For more information, call Common Cup at 587-2213. **Attention singers!** Rehearsals are November 15 and 21. If we have enough interest, we are hoping to be a solo choir! Please see Jim Nelson, or contact him at 3 2 0 - 5 5 2 - 9 7 3 4 or music@riverofhopehutchinson.org

55+ Dining in November

Calling all members 55 years or older! Our 55 Plus Dining Group will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19 at Country Kitchen in Hutchinson. Join us for food and fellowship! We surprise unsuspecting diner(s) by paying for their meal and also bring a treat for our server. Please RSVP no later than Nov. 16 to Nan Crary at 320-234-6399 or at nan.crary@gmail.com or on Facebook. We go out!

Savvy Social Security Planning

is being offered by Thrivent Financial on Mon. Dec. 7. Times are 2 pm at the Thrivent Financial office, 116 Main St., or 6 pm in the Hutchinson Middle School Library.

Financial Giving: 11/8/15

In-Worship Offering: \$1473.00

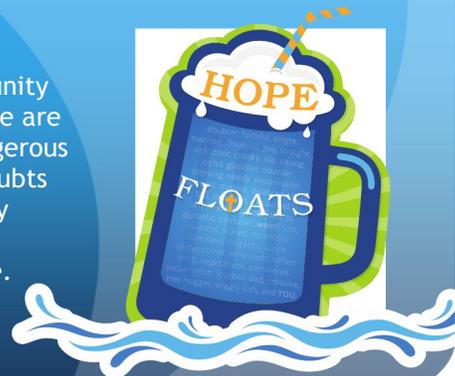
Children's Offering: \$18.62

Auto deposits Nov. 1 - 7
\$6362.50

Worship attendance: 208

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.**

~ November 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 10:30 Worship	16 Staff Meeting 12:00	17 Christmas Planning Mtg., 6 pm, RoH office lobby	18 Vision Table 6 pm, Sonora's Men's Bible Study	19 55+ Dining 5:30 pm Country Kitchen	20 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	21
22 10:30 Worship Coming Together In Song 4 pm Christ the King	23 Staff Meeting 12:00	24 Beer & Hymns 7-9 pm Main Street Sports Bar	25	26 Thanksgiving RoH Office Closed	27 Pastor Laura's Sabbath RoH Office Closed	28

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
Hutchinson Event Center
1005 Hwy 15 S. Plaza 15
Hutchinson, MN 55350

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