

## Worship Outline

### GATHERING

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

### STORY

Revelation 21:1-6, 22:1-5  
Children's Sermon  
Sermon  
Song After Sermon  
Prayers of the People

### FEAST

Offering  
Offering Song  
Thanksgiving for Gifts  
Setting the Table  
The Lord's Prayer  
Invitation to the Meal  
Communion  
Communion Songs  
Blessing & Prayer after Communion

### SEND

Purpose  
MILESTONES  
Blessing  
Sending Song  
Music to Send You Out

September 3, 2017

River of HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.*



*God's promise is that you will be made new.  
What needs to be made new in your life?*

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

## Today's Music:

### September River Guides:

Steve & Chanda Kropp, Nancy Jorgenson

**September 10th Scripture:** Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

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

**September 10th Singers:** Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger, Ruth Hamlow, Thayne Johnson

**Gathering Songs:** Down by the Riverside & Let the River Flow

**Song After Sermon:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**Offering Song:** Ancient Of Days

**Communion Songs:** Precious Lord, Take My Hand & Soon and Very Soon

**MILESTONES:** Shall We Gather At The River

**Sending Song:** I'm A Believer



### River Team Schedule

#### September - Tigris

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#### October - Shenandoah

River Guides:

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#### November - Amazon

River Guide:

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#### December - Jordan

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## River Conditions

Dear Hopeful Ones,

Many of us showed up in our neighborhood this summer. Just behind the event center. We stood on the corner and waved at people and had awkward conversations and threw a ball around and blew bubbles. We made connections. Sometimes it felt a little lonely. But we showed up because it's why we exist: to turn toward the neighbor.

Do you believe this? Do you believe this is at the heart of the Christian faith? Because it is. This faith isn't all about you - it's always about others. God is continually showing us that, through people we meet in the grocery store, laundry love, at work. And our focus must always be outside any doors we claim to belong behind. It's powerful and hard. It's hard because God is constantly calling us out of ourselves, leading us out of our comfort zones to do hard things, to show up in new places. Church is not about an hour on Sunday. It's a way of life. It's discipleship.

Will you show up for someone, a stranger, an enemy? Will you be the hands and feet of Christ to them? Or, more subversively, will you receive the love of Jesus through a stranger? Will you be able to see that you are not always the God-bringer, but that God is already there? On the corner, at the fair, in our worship, in our lives.

It's all because the greatest gift we know comes through the mercy and grace and peace of Jesus Christ. And we live our lives trying to show that. How will you help River of Hope show that this summer? How will you help River of Hope show up in our community? It's a holy ordinary calling. What a gift it is!

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



**Blessing of the Backpacks,** Sun. Sept. 10 during worship. Students & teachers & school staff, please bring your backpacks or school supplies to be blessed.

**Beer & Hymns** will return to Main Street Sports Bar on Tuesday September 26.

## Connect

**Financial Giving to River of Hope: 8/27/2017**

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Worship attendance:       | 96         |
| In-Worship Offering:      | \$911.00   |
| Laundry Love:             | \$40.03    |
| Auto Deposits:            | \$1,242.50 |
| August average attendance | 106        |

**Check out** River of Hope's new 2nd Quarter Report, available to you at the Connect Table.

## Disciple

**Confirmation** starts soon! Here are some dates to put on your calendar:

**Confirmation Kick-Off:** Wed. Sept. 6, HEC 6 pm - Youth + Mentor meeting  
7 pm - Youth, parents, 10th graders & their mentors brief worship  
7 pm - 10th graders & mentors Living Creed prep

**Parent Meeting:** Wed. Sept. 13, 7 pm, RoH Office. *Come to this one if you missed the Aug. 27 meeting.*

**Living Creed prep:** Wed. Sept. 20 & Wed. Oct. 25, 7 pm, RoH Office, 10th graders & mentors

**Camp Meeting:** Wed. Oct. 4, 7:30 pm

**Living Creed Statements:** Wed. Nov. 1, 6 pm, HEC

**Affirmation of Baptism:** Sun. Nov. 5, 10:30 am

**Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend,** Oct. 13-15, St. Cloud Holiday Inn. Register at [godlovesmarriage.org](http://godlovesmarriage.org). There is a \$100 registration fee & a free will offering. Dave & Linda Pedersen will be a presenting couple. Call them at 320-328-9911 with questions. More info on Connect Table.

**Women of Hope** will have their first meeting of the fall on Wed. Sept. 6, 9:30 am, at Andy Koenig's home.

## What Is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything

Written and Read by  
**Rob Bell**  
New York Times Bestselling Author

You are invited to be part of a small group that will meet 7 times throughout the 2017-2018 school year. Small groups will read Rob Bell's "What is the Bible?" which ultimately get you reading the Bible and asking questions. No experience or expertise necessary. Sign up will start next week. **River of Hope will purchase 70 books!** Contribute to off-set the cost by dropping money in an envelope and marked with "What is the Bible" or "Discipleship Group."

**Food for Kidz** packaging event, Wed. Sept. 13, 4:30-7:30 pm, Bethlehem UMC. See flier on Connect Table for more info.

**Tai Chi** 8 am every Wed., West River Park, 45 minutes of gentle movement & a great view of the river!

**Will you be the one for September?** As of the end of June, there have been 2 new Simply Givers (thank you!) and 6 have increased their giving to River of Hope (thank you!) Just one person at a time is what it takes to help us stand even more firmly on solid financial ground.

**Will you be the one to help River of Hope thrive?** The Financial Stewardship Table has set a goal of one additional household signing up for Simply Giving each month. You can find forms for signing up at the Connect Table. If you have questions, talk to Treasurer Sue Benson ([sbenon@hutchtel.net](mailto:sbenon@hutchtel.net) or 320-587-2907) or a member of the Financial Stewardship Table: Ruth Hamlow, Rob Hauser, Brian Tillmann, or Sue Peters.

**Table Updates** [Tables are groups of people meeting around things they have passion to do for the purpose of River of Hope's going out to transform lives through Jesus Christ. *Would you like to be part of one? You are invited. We need you.*]

**Parish Personnel:** Mon. Sept. 11, 3 pm, RoH Office

**Financial Stewardship:** Tues. Sept. 19, 7 pm, Sue Benson's home

**Vision Table:** Next date TBA

**River Table:** Next date TBA

**DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS:**  
**Beginning the 2nd week of October!**

**Financial Offering** In addition to your Simply Giving or putting money in the plate (thank you!) consider these other ways to give back during worship:

**Watering can** - collects quarters (or any other kind of money) for Laundry Love

**Backpack** - pudding cups for Common Cup Backpack Program

**Simply Giving** To sign up or update your info, call Sue Benson at 320-587-2907, or go online to [riverofhopehutchinson.org](http://riverofhopehutchinson.org) & click "give". New paper forms are on the Connect Table.

**Did you know \$70 a month** is paid for credit card fees through Simply Giving? Consider switching to your bank account so that \$70 can go to support Laundry Love and other "we go out" opportunities.

## We Go Out

**A huge shout out to Kelly Johnson & Kathy Bergs** for coordinating the fair booth volunteers! We appreciate their hard work. Thank you to all who spent time in the River of Hope booth & gave away root beer floats. It wouldn't happen without you!



**laundry love**

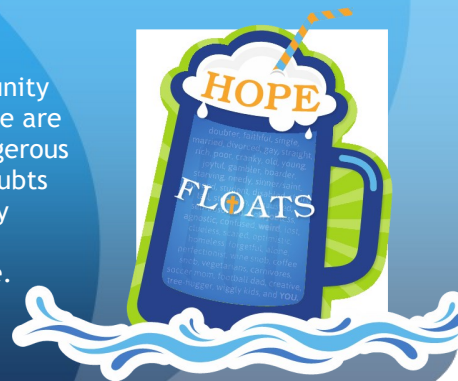
**Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!"** opportunity to put on your calendar the **3rd Tues. of every month**. The next time is September 19. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introverts, extroverts & quarters needed. Two people per shift, 9:00-noon; noon-3:30; 3:30-6:30. Find the SignUp Genius link in our Facebook group or contact Allen Gislason at 320-403-7004 or [alleng747@hotmail.com](mailto:alleng747@hotmail.com).

**Did you know?** In August, 45 families were served & \$679.00 was spent. We had 7 new families. The numbers are increasing each month!

**Jim Nelson will be a leading sing-a-longs** at Woodstone on Sept. 7 & 28 at 10 am. Please stay tuned for dates. Might you be able to assist the residents in getting to the place where we are singing, help them find the music in the songbooks or pass out rhythm instruments? Please call Jim at 320-552-9734 with any questions or just show up & help!

# 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.



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.

## 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.*

| September 2017   |   |     |   |                                     |     |     |
|--|---|-----|---|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Sun  | Mon   | Tue | Wed   | Thu                                 | Fri | Sat |
| 3<br>YAWN 8:45 am<br>Worship 10:30 am                  | 4<br><br>Office Closed | 5   | 6<br>Staff Meeting 9 am<br>Women of Hope<br>9:30 am, Andy<br>Koenig's home/<br>Confirmation Kick-<br>Off 6 pm, HEC/<br>Living Creed Prep<br>7 pm, HEC | 7<br>Sing-a-long 10 am<br>Woodstone | 8   | 9   |
| 10<br>Worship 10:30 am<br>Blessing of the<br>Backpacks | 11<br>Staff Meeting noon<br><br>Parish Personnel<br>3 pm, RoH Office                                      | 12  | 13<br>Confirmation Parent<br>Meeting, 7 pm<br>RoH Office Lobby  | 14                                  | 15  | 16  |

Scan this code to make your financial gift to River of Hope.



### Worship

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

### Office Hours

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