

Worship Outline

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Music to Send You Out

August 20, 2017

River of HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.



*Do what you see and what you hear to
be true about God match up?*

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.

August River Guides:

Mike & Katie Weisenberger

August 27th Scripture: Revelation 6:1-8; 7:9-17

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

August 27th Singers: Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger, Ruth Hamlow, Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Terry Kempfert

Gathering Songs: Worthy Is The Lamb & All The People Said "Amen"

Song After Sermon: Crown Him With Many Crowns

Offering Song: Ancient Of Days

Communion Songs: Just As I Am & You Are My All in All

MILESTONES: Shall We Gather At The River

Sending Song: Victory Chant



River Team Schedule

August - Nile/ALL

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River Guides:

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River Guide:

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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

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

River of Hope you are invited to Pastor Laura and John's wedding on October 6. Please RSVP by September 6 at withjoy.com/HitchedInHutch or call or text Pr. Laura's home phone: 651-788-0868.

Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope: 8/13/2017

Worship attendance:	134
In-Worship Offering:	\$1,079.00
Laundry Love:	\$70.57
Auto Deposits:	\$4,182.50
July average attendance	76

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:

Parent Meeting: Sun. Aug. 27 after worship OR Wed. Sept. 13, 7 pm, RoH Office. *Please RSVP to one or the other.*

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

Living Creed prep: Wed. Sept. 20 & Wed. Oct. 25, 7 pm, RoH Office, 10th graders & mentors
Living Creed Statements: Wed. Nov. 1, 6 pm, HEC

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

Pastor Laura & River of Hope,

It means so much to us to have Sadie baptized. Thank you for welcoming her with open arms into this faith community. We feel blessed to be a part of it. Many sincere thanks! The Knudtson Family

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

Join Pastor Laura for **YAWN (Y'all AWake Now?)**— Sunday morning Bible study **August 13, 20, 27 and Sept 3 at 8:45**. You say you want a revelation? Dig into this book of scripture that's got all kinds of baggage and let's hang the dirty laundry on the line. Our workshops will be focusing on this book these 4 weeks. We'll use Craig Koester's book, "Revelation and the End of All Things" as a rich, readable resource to help us discover this awesomely weird book in the Bible. (There are plenty of used copies to be had on Amazon. Ask Pr. Laura for help if you need it.)

The Shoe Bus is coming! Shoe Away Hunger will be selling new & gently used shoes of all styles & sizes Aug. 23, 5-8 pm, CrossPoint Church in Hutchinson & Aug. 24, 9-11 am at Helen Baker School in Glencoe. Everyone is welcome & registration not required. Also taking donations of new & gently used shoes. 10% of sales go to McLeod Food Shelf. More info on Connect Table.

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 August?

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 (sbenson@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: Tentative Mon. Aug. 21, 3 pm, RoH Office

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

Vision Table: Wed. Aug. 23, 5 pm, Harmony River lower level. Joint with River Table

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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 & 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



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.

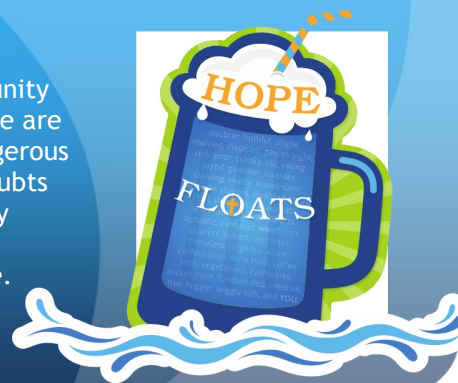
Did you know? In July, 61 families (170 individuals) were served & \$855.00 was spent. The numbers are increasing each month!

Jim Nelson will be a leading sing-a-long at Woodstone on Aug. 24 at 10 am. 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!

Pastor Laura will be leading the worship service at Harmony River at 10 am on August 24. You are invited to worship with the Harmony River community!

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.

August/September 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20 YAWN 8:45 am Worship 10:30 am	21 Parish Personnel 3 pm, RoH Office	22	23 Staff Meeting 9 am Vision/River Table Joint Meeting 5 pm Harmony River	24 Sing-a-long 10 am Woodstone Worship 10 am Harmony River	25	26
27 YAWN 8:45 am Worship 10:30 am Confirmation Parent Meeting 11:30 am	28	29	30 Staff Meeting 9 am	31	1	2

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



Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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