

## Worship Outline

### GATHERING

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

### STORY

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Sermon  
Apostles' Creed  
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 + Blessing of Backpacks  
Sending Song  
Music to Send You Out

September 10, 2017

# River of HOPE

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



*We were created to be active, co-creators with God. What new life will you help bring forth with the help of God?*

## 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 17th Scripture:** Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14

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

**September 17th Singers:** Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger, Rachel Stearns

**Gathering Songs:** Indescribable & God of Wonders

**Song After Sermon:** How Great Thou Art

**Offering Song:** We Are An Offering

**Communion Songs:** Lamb of God, Canticle of the Sun & When Long Before Time

**MILESTONES:** Borning Cry

**Sending Song:** Lord Reign In Me



### River Team Schedule

#### September - Tigris

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## River Conditions



Dear Hopeful Ones,

The River and Vision Tables (leaders of this congregation) have met a few times this summer to pray and dream about how to invite River of Hope into deeper and more meaningful life together. A few exciting things emerged!

First, a theme of **Reforming Still - Transforming Always** that gives a nod to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this fall. Martin Luther, our namesake, was a critical leader in trying to change the Catholic church. He didn't plan the Lutheran church, but the reformation led to a great change in the institution of church. That's the "reforming still" part of the theme. "Transforming always" is at the heart of our purpose as Christians. We even say it every week at the end of worship - *we go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ*. Not because we are powerful and transform our own lives, but because God, through Jesus, is always transforming our lives.

Second, an invitation emerged from our prayers and dreams. As part of this "Reforming Still - Transforming Always," you are invited to be part of a small group - called Discipleship Groups - this year through River of Hope! You'll get connected with other people and with the story found in scripture! Rob Bell's book "What is the Bible" is an incredible read and an invitation to just about anyone to find themselves in the story of the Bible. Even you!

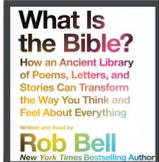
Groups will meet 7 times between October - May for about an hour. There are a whole bunch of choices, from Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Tuesday afternoons. Find the time that will work for you for the year and put it on your calendar. This would also be a great opportunity to invite someone along who might be church shy but curious about scripture or faith or just wants to be part of a small group to connect with other people.

You can sign up for a Discipleship Group at the Connect Table. Call or email Pam to get signed up too at 320-587-4414 or [office@riverofhopehutchinson.org](mailto:office@riverofhopehutchinson.org)

It's such a privilege to be in this life of faith with you - reforming still - transforming always!

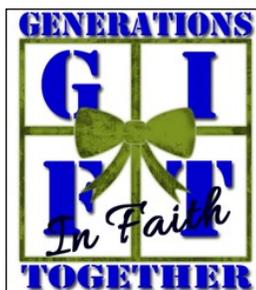
Love,

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

Blessing of the Bibles, Sun. Sept. 24 during worship.

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

## Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope: 9/3/2017

Worship attendance:	79
In-Worship Offering:	\$575.00
Laundry Love:	\$37.78
Auto Deposits:	\$1,255.00
August average attendance	106

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

## Disciple

55+ Diners will met Thursday Sept. 21, 5:30 pm at Pizza Ranch.

**Bridal Shower Open House for Pastor Laura!** All River of Hope women are invited. Sun. Sept. 17, 4-7 pm at Ane Fitzgerald's house. Bring a sweet or savory appetizer to share. Talk to Sara Shorter or Ane Fitzgerald if you have questions. RSVP helpful but not required.

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

**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.

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

## 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

7times 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 at Connect Table or let Pam in the office know at 320-587-4414 or [office@riverofhopehutchinson.org](mailto:office@riverofhopehutchinson.org). **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."

**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:** Oct 26, joint with River Table

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

You are invited to be part of a small group that will meet

**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



# 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 a sing-a-long** at Woodstone on Sept. 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!

Reforming Still  
River of HOPE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Transforming Always

# 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
10 Worship 10:30 am Blessing of the Backpacks	11 Staff Meeting noon Parish Personnel 3 pm, RoH Office	12	13 Confirmation Parent Meeting, 7 pm RoH Office Lobby	14	15	16
17 Worship 10:30 am Bridal Shower Open House for Pr. Laura 4-7 pm	18 Staff Meeting noon	19 Church Staff Retreat// Laundry Love// Financial Stewardship 7 pm	20 Living Creed Prep 7 pm, RoH Lobby	21 55+ Diners, 5:30 pm Pizza Ranch	22	23

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



### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
Hutchinson Event Center  
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