

## Worship Outline

### GATHERING

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

### STORY

Jeremiah 29:1,4-14  
Sermon  
Song After Sermon  
Prayers of the People

### MEAL

Offering  
Offering Song  
Setting the Table  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Thanksgiving for Gifts  
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

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



November 26, 2017



*Go Settle! Settle Down! Get Comfortable!*

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:

Ruth Hamlow

**December 3rd Scripture:** Daniel 3:1, 8-30

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

**December 3rd Singers:** Sara Nelson, Ruth Hamlow, Mike Weisenberger, Thayne Johnson

## Today's Music:

**Gathering Songs:** Build Your Kingdom Here & All The People Said Amen

**Song After Sermon:** My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

**Offering Song:** Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

**Communion Songs:** Sing to the Lord of Harvest & For the Fruit of All Creation

**MILESTONES:** Precious Lord, Take My Hand

**Sending Song:** Every Move I Make

## River Conditions

Dear Hopefuls,

Last Sunday we celebrated the work God has been doing through us this past year at our annual Riverpalooza. It was a great Sunday of worship and hearing just how God has been working through our community. Our community is growing, our giving is growing, our "going out" is growing, our discipleship groups are growing.

What IS God up to? A lot.

The bells continue to toll that the church is dying. And just in case you missed it, at the heart of our faith is death and resurrection. Our identity as Christians is dependent upon the fact that Jesus Christ died and rose again, promising to us that we too die and are raised to new life. Again and again. So while many are lamenting the "death of the church" I think there is good news in this tolling bell. There is new life.

New life! Will you **show up** at Laundry Love for a few hours once a month and risk meeting strangers and just, you know, being there?

New life! Will you **learn** about the new HOMES (Housing Options in McLeod for Emergency Shelter) and support it?

New life! Will you **participate** in the life of River of Hope in a discipleship group or a Bible study?

New life! Will you **engage** in daily scripture reading and prayer to stay connected with the story of God's love for you and the world?

New life! Will you **dare** to find God up to all kinds of stuff in your daily life and in the community of Hutchinson?

This is being Church. Showing up to give and receive love. Sure, maybe the church is dying, but the new life that is emerging is a whole different thing. It's not resuscitation, it's resurrection!

### River Team Schedule

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## 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:** Tues. Nov. 28, 6-8 pm,  
Main Street Sports Bar.

### Christmas Eve is on a Sunday!

10:30 am: regular worship

3:00 pm: crafts, caroling & snacks

4:00 pm: worship with "instant"

Christmas program, concluding with  
candelight

## Connect

**Financial Giving to River of Hope:**  
11/19/2017

<b>Worship attendance:</b>	92
<b>In-Worship Offering:</b>	\$2,570.00
<b>Laundry Love:</b>	\$65.60
<b>Auto Deposits:</b>	\$3,600.00
<b>October average attendance</b>	84

Check out River of Hope's 3rd Quarter  
Report, available at the Connect Table.

## Disciple

Pick one up on the Connect Table: **A Daily Advent Calendar**, to remind you to stop, watch & listen.

**Discipleship Group date change:** The 9 am Sunday discipleship group led by Ron Johnson will meet on December 10 instead of January 7. Please mark this on your calendar!

**Women of Hope:** Wed. Dec. 6, 9:30 am, Andy Koenig's home, 885 Otter St. SW, Hutchinson, 320-587-9052, andreakoenig46@gmail.com

**Men's Bible Study:** Wed. Dec. 6, 9 am, Dunn Bros. Contact Dave Pedersen, 320-328-9911, dlpeders@msn.com

**Confirmation Camp Meeting:** Wed. Dec. 6, 7:30 pm, Event Center, for all Confirmation kids & parents.

**Voices of Hope Choir** will be singing in worship on Dec. 17.

**Homelessness Task Force** A task force to address homelessness in McLeod County has been hard at work. How can River of Hope participate in this critical issue of housing in our community & country? Check out the new HOMES website: <https://www.homesmcleod.org>.

**Paying for Healthcare** Join a conversation on fixing our healthcare crisis. Sun. Dec. 3, 4 pm, Hutchinson Event Center. More info on Connect Table.

**2018 Equipping Congregations Day**, Feb. 10, 2018, Vinje & Bethel Lutheran Churches, Willmar. Speaker: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

**From Seeds of Hope:** Thank you for your warm welcome. River of Hope members now sponsor 8 students in El Salvador thanks to 2 new sponsors. Support is still needed for 2 students. Visit [familyofchristonline.com](http://familyofchristonline.com) or call Mark & Janice Laven at 952-451-4561.

Please consider joining us on the Mission Trip to El Salvador July 12-21, 2018. See Chanda Kropp for more info. Check out <https://seedsofhopeschools.wixsite.com/foc2017>

**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. Dec. 11, 3 pm, RoH Office

**Financial Stewardship:** Wed. Dec. 13, 6 pm, Sue Benson's home, [sbenson@hutchtel.net](mailto:sbenson@hutchtel.net)

**Vision Table:** Mon. Nov. 27, 7 pm, Allen Gislason's home, 320-403-7004, [alleng747@hotmail.com](mailto:alleng747@hotmail.com)

**River Table:** Date TBA

**Vision Table & River Table:** Tues. Jan. 23, 6 pm, Main Street Sports Bar.

**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** - Chef Boyardee cups for Common Cup Backpack Program

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

**Please** consider using your bank account rather than a credit card when signing up. It saves us from having to pay monthly fees to use the credit card.

## 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 December 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).

**Jim Nelson will be leading sing-a-longs** at Woodstone on December 7 & 21 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!

It's COME ing...

# 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/December 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Worship 10:30 am	27 Staff Meeting noon Vision Table 7 pm	28 Beer & Hymns 6 pm MSSB	29	30	1	2
3 Worship 10:30 am 1st Sunday of Advent	4 Staff Meeting noon	5	6 Women of Hope 9 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Confirmation 6 pm Camp Meeting 7:30 pm	7	8	9

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### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
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