

## 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

Confirmation Scripture Sharing  
Scripture Reading  
1 Kings 18:20-39  
Sermon  
Invitation to and Thanksgiving for  
Baptism  
Confession and Forgiveness  
Affirmation of Baptism

### 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



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

**Today we celebrate with 8 young adults affirming their faith.**

**ANNA MICHELLE HOUSEMAN** Psalm 56:3

Parents: Deb Houseman and Jim Houseman; Mentor: Michelle Jeske

**EMMA MARIE KRAFT** 1 Timothy 6:12

Parents: Chris and Lisa Kraft; Mentor: Terry Kempfert

**OLIVIA ELIZABETH KROPP** Proverbs 31:25

Parents: Steve and Chanda Kropp; Mentor: Jami Beffert

**MADDIEE ROSE MORA** Jeremiah 29:11

Parent: Dee Mora; Mentor: Diane Lietzau

**MARA JADE POLLMANN** Romans 12:9-10

Parents: Sara and Brian Pollmann; Mentor: Jill Springer

**ABIGAIL MARIE RIEWER** Proverbs 3:6

Parents: Ann Riewer and Rod Riewer; Mentor: Stacy Vilt

**CAMERON CHRISTOPHER SCHOFIELD** Proverbs 3:6

Parents: Melissa and Robert Schofield; Mentor: Katie Weisenberger

**HANNA QUINN SEIFERT** 1 Corinthians 13:13

Parents: Leah and Kyle Seifert; Mentor: Sara Shorter

**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 15th Scripture:

Hosea 11:1-9

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

**November 15th Singers:** Sara Pollmann, Sara Shorter, Eliza Johnson, Jill Rensom

## Today's Music:

**Gathering Songs:** "Cry of My Heart" and "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

**After Confirmation:** "Let The River Flow"

**After Sermon:** "You Are Mine"

**Offering Song:** "I Offer My Life"

**Communion Songs:** "We Are Called", "On Eagles Wings", "Be Unto Your Name"

**Sending Song:** "Days of Elijah"



### River Team Schedule

#### November- Nile

River guide: Kris Dobratz  
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dobykro@hutchtel.net

#### December - Tigris

River guides:  
Russ & Jeannine Borgendale  
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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  
(320) 587-5045  
rhamlow@hutchtel.net

#### March- Jordan

#### April- Nile

#### May - Tigris

#### June-Shenandoah/Amazon

#### July-Jordan/Nile

#### August-Tigris

#### September-Shenandoah



## River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,

This column has been reserved for the past few weeks to invite you into financially supporting River of Hope or to increase your giving if you already support this ministry. I hope to bring you a report in a few weeks in this column and one we'll also give verbally in worship for a few weeks.

I am encouraged by the response but also mindful of continuing to keep this before you in meaningful ways. The truth is, we can't plan for a future if you don't give. Perhaps you've belonged to a large congregation in the past where your giving was occasional. Our community simply can't function that way and, quite frankly, isn't functioning that way well. While we aren't in a dangerous spot financially speaking, if we stay in this spot, it will become a problem.

If you think a church asking for money is for other people, I implore you to think again: We're asking you.

To commit to giving your church home a portion of your earnings takes discipline and perhaps even sacrifice. We simply can't function without you considering what it is you can faithfully and consistently contribute to River of Hope. I hope that you challenge yourself in giving to people and organizations that you love and support. I pray that River of Hope is simply one of many places you support.

Please continue to pray about how you can support River of Hope, be it \$1 a week more or \$20. Each and every bit matters. Just think of the ways that we go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ. And just think of the ways our lives are transformed by this crucified and living Christ within this community.

I am grateful for how you give and how you love and how you live, River of Hope. Let's keep making this community grow so we can go, shall we?

I love you.

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

### Confirmation After Party!

Stick around for the party today and help the kids celebrate!

### Christmas Eve Planning Monday, November 16

**@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.

## Connect

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 email [office@riverofhopehutchinson.org](mailto:office@riverofhopehutchinson.org)

**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! November 22, December 13

### Financial Giving: 11/1/15

In-Worship Offering: \$444.00

Children's Offering: \$26.15

Auto deposits Oct 25-31 \$650.00

Worship attendance: 93

## 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 7:00-7:30	Sun Performance 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 and 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. A volunteer is needed to sit in the office on Friday Nov. 20 from 9-2, or the shift can be split.

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 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](mailto: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 November 22 at 2:00 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**

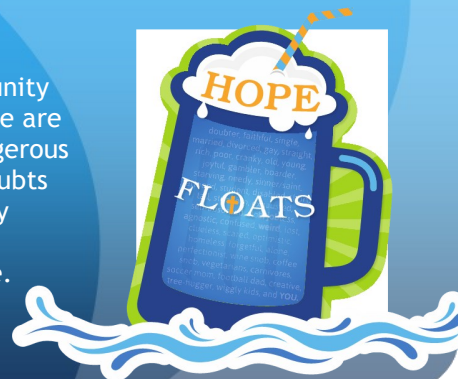
**singers!** Rehearsals are November 15 and 21. If we have enough interest, we are hoping to be a solo choir! Please see Jim Nelson, or contact him at 320-552-9734 or [music@riverofhopehutchinson.org](mailto:music@riverofhopehutchinson.org)

### 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](mailto:nan.crary@gmail.com) or on Facebook. We go out!

# 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
8 10:30 Worship Confirmation	9 Staff Meeting 12:00	10	11	12	13 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	14
15 10:30 Worship	16 Staff Meeting 12:00 Christmas Planning Mtg, 6 pm, RoH office lobby	17	18 Vision Table 6 pm, Sonora's	19	20 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	21

### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
Hutchinson Event Center  
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Hutchinson, MN 55350

### Office - NEW HOURS!

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