

## Worship Outline

### GATHERING

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

### WORD

Mark 4:1-34  
Children's Sermon  
Sermon

### FEAST

Prayers for the World  
Offering  
Offering Music  
Setting the Table  
Thanksgiving at the Table  
Blessing the Feast  
The Lord's Prayer  
Invitation to the Meal  
Communion  
Communion Songs  
Prayer after Communion

### SENDING

Purpose  
MILESTONE  
Benediction  
Sending Song  
Music to Send You Out

January 17, 2016



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

Jan. 10:  
New Wine

The church season of **Epiphany** (think: "Oh, NOW I get it!") follows the birth of Jesus because once Jesus is around, nothing is the same. It's like a restart, a reboot.

**Jan. 17:**  
**New Growth**

Jan. 24:  
New Life

Jan. 31:  
New Context

Feb. 7:  
New Perspective



Today we welcome Pastor Tim Lindhorst to preach and lead worship while Pastor Laura is away.

## 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

**December River Guides:**  
Chris & Lisa Kraft

**January 24th Scripture:**

Mark 5:21-43

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

**January 24th Singers:** Mara Pollmann, Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger, Ruth Hamlow

## Today's Music:

**Gathering Songs:** "Lord I Lift Your Name On High" & "Blessed Be Your Name"

**Offering Song:** "We Are An Offering"

**Communion Songs:** "Good Soil" & "This is My Father's World"

**Sending Song:** "Lord Reign in Me"



### River Team Schedule

**January - Shenandoah**

River guides:  
Chris & Lisa Kraft  
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clkraft123@hotmail.com

**February - Amazon**

River guide: Ruth Hamlow  
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**March- Jordan**

River guides:  
Jennifer & Brian Tillmann  
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**April- Nile**

River guide:  
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**May - Tigris**

River guides:  
Russ & Jeannine Borgendale  
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**June-Shenandoah/Amazon**

**July-Jordan/Nile**

**August-Tigris**

**September-Shenandoah**

**October - Amazon**

**November - Jordan**

**December - Nile**



## River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,

Happy Epiphany! We are in the season of light, the season of revelation. For the next 5 weeks, we will contemplate how Jesus causes us to see things in a new light, from a new perspective, and even how you and I are made new each and every day. New does not always mean shiny and naive but often is born out of something tried and true, something that had to die. Stepping into new life can feel hard won, hard worn, and earned. Other times it can feel like a total gift.

One of the new ways we will live into this season of light and revelation is to begin the Milestone practice at the end of the worship service. It will be a time to share, in a sentence or two, a Milestone in your life. Good or hard. It is a way for us as a community to gather around the stories of our lives and to see God revealed through those every day life stories. The good stuff and the hard stuff. It is at the very conclusion of our worship, after the sharing of the Milestones, that we hear God's blessing upon all of it: the good, the hard, the bad, the beautiful. We are not alone.

Hear this Good News: New life is always a gift from a faithful God, pouring out love through Jesus Christ. This gift is total and complete and for you.

Thanks be to God!

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

**Snow Tubing** HEY Youth Ministers are sponsoring snow tubing nights for middle and high school students at Powder Ridge. High school is Jan. 20 & middle school is Jan. 27 from 6-9 pm. Cost is \$15. Forms were sent home from Confirmation, but pick one up after worship if you need one.

**River Life: You Are Invited!** Sunday, January 31 at Noon at Tillmann's house: 406 Alan St. SW.

New to River of Hope? Been around for a while? Somewhere in between? We're trying to be more intentional at connecting people and equipping you in this thing called faith. Come and be part of a new thing at River of Hope!

**Laundry Love** We've been invited to partner with Vineyard UMC in this great ministry in outreach. Put Feb. 16 on your calendar. 9 am and/or 4:30 pm. Go with Pastor Laura to experience this ministry in action.

**Bible Project 4th Sunday Lunch** January 24: Are you reading the Bible this year? Have lunch with Pastor Laura to talk about how it's going, what you're discovering, how hard/easy it is. We'll go to King's Wok this time.

## Connect

**riverKIDS is a choir 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	Sun Performance
<b>7:00-7:30</b>	<b>Meet at 10:10</b>
Feb 3	Feb 7
March 2	March 6
April 6	April 10
May 4	May 8

**Hutchinson Caregiver Support & Discussion Group** You don't have to do it alone. Join the conversation. Tues. Jan. 19, 10:30 am at Peace Lutheran Church. Call Sarah Doering, 320-894-0479 for more info.

## Disciple

**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! **We will be singing again Feb. 21, Mar. 27 (Easter) & May 22.**

**STAY TUNED: Feb. Date TBA Come Spy With Me: Storytelling Field Trip to Shamrock's Pub.** Pastor Laura is wondering what storytelling could look like for River of Hope out in the community of Hutchinson. Join her in spying on Humble Walk (an ELCA church in St. Paul) as they do their storytelling thing at Shamrock's Pub in St. Paul. We'll leave at 5pm. Talk to her if ya wanna go.

### Financial Giving: 1/10/2016

Worship attendance: 73  
In-Worship Offering: \$381.00  
Children's Offering: \$14.28  
Auto Deposits 1/2-1/8: \$6,581.50

### YTD Budget Summary:

Jan.-Oct. Income: \$170,346.80  
Jan.-Oct. Expense: \$167,308.73  
Net Income: \$3,038.07  
Less 2015 ELCA Grant to date: (\$11,250.00)  
Deficit: (8,211.93)  
**approx. \$821.19 per month**

**Men's Bible Study** meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 9 am at Dunn Bros. You are welcome and newcomers will get a free Master's Builders Bible for Men. Call or email Dave Pedersen at 302-328-9911 or dlpeders@msn.com.

**What's the Word? Bible Study with Pastor Laura** Tuesdays 5-6 pm. January 19 and 26. Meet at the office. No experience necessary. Come and read the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. Help Pastor Laura connect it with your actual lives. RSVP on Facebook or email.

**Women of Hope** is a group of fellow church friends who meet once a month and share a short bible study and great conversation over a cup of coffee or tea. We are meeting the first Wed. of each month. The next time will be Feb. 10 at Andy Koenig's home, 885 Otter St. SW at 9:30 am. If you are interested, talk to Andy at church or message her on Facebook.

## Send

**WANTED: Healthy snacks for hungry kids.** The Hutchinson High School REACH program (The REACH Program is a voluntary, in school program designed to assist students who may need support academically, socially, and /or emotionally) has identified a need for healthy, quick breakfast/snack items for their students. Items needed: granola bars, dried fruit/nut snack mixes, juice boxes or any other healthy options that do not need refrigeration. If you would like to make a donation, bring the items up during offering and put them in the picnic basket. If you have any questions, contact Chanda Kropp at chandakropp@hotmail.com.

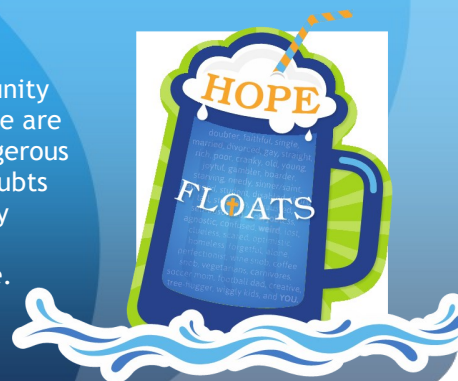
**We GO Out!** Our purpose is not to stay insular but to reach out into the community of Hutchinson and beyond. **We just received \$2000.00 from the South Western Minnesota Synod of the ELCA.** How can we use this money to go out? Write down your ideas on the Connection Card and put it in the offering plate. Dream big! Who can we reach out to in love? Where will God lead us next?

**Meals on Wheels** This is a simple way to go out into the community to transform lives through Jesus. Contact Sandy Tracy at 320-492-6279 or sandytracy1947@gmail.com to sign up. Upcoming dates are Jan. 22, & 28, Feb. 25 & 26, Mar. 24 & 25, Apr. 22 & 28.

**55+Diners Club** Jan. 21, 5:30 pm at Kings Wok. Sign up at Connect Table or let Sandy Tracy or Tanya Shorter know. This is a great time to meet someone new or catch up with others!

# 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).

## 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.*

~ January 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 10:30 Worship  Pastor Laura Vacation	18 Pastor Laura Vacation	19 What's the Word 5 pm RoH Office	20 Men's Bible Study 9 am  Staff Meeting 10 am  HS Snow Tubing 6-9 pm	21 55+ Diners Club 5:30 pm King's Wok	22 Pastor Laura's Sabbath  Meals on Wheels	23
24 10:30 Worship Bible Project Lunch after worship	25 Staff Meeting 12:00	26 What's the Word 5 pm RoH Office	27 MS Snow Tubing 6-9 pm	28 Meals on Wheels	29 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	30

### Worship

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

### Office - NEW HOURS

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