

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

Mark 1:1-20

FEAST

Prayers for the World
Offering
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
Benediction
Sending Song
Music to Send You Out

December 27, 2015



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

As it is written in the prophet

Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my

messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in

the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight,’”

Mark 1:1-3



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ,
the Son 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

December River Guides:
Chris & Lisa Kraft

January 10th Scripture:
Mark 1:21-45

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

January 10th Singers: Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger, Rachel Stearns

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" & Jesus, What a Wonderful Child"

Communion Songs: "Holy Child within the Manger" & There's a Star in the East"

Sending Song: "Feliz Navidad"



River Team Schedule

January - Shenandoah

River guides:
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February - Amazon

River guide: Ruth Hamlow
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March- Jordan

River guides:
Jennifer & Brian Tillmann
320-587-1007
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April- Nile

River guide:
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May - Tigris

River guides:
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June-Shenandoah/Amazon

July-Jordan/Nile

August-Tigris

September-Shenandoah

October - Amazon

November - Jordan

December - Nile

River Conditions

Dear Hopeful Ones,

It has been a dark fall which has spilled into a dark winter. Lots of devastating news. It is enough to make you want to curl up and go back to bed.

But following the newborn king, believing in this Jesus? Well, it knocks you out of bed. That's how grace feels sometimes - it buckles your knees so great is its impact on your life. The Christmas season is the great celebration of God thinking enough of us to take refuge in human skin, in the hard realities of the world. Jesus lives with us - within in - not above and separated. Jesus is hope in the flesh. Jesus is here and now.

Jesus takes refuge in this world that he was sent to love. This love takes refuge in each of us. Love wins, after all.

Looking for a way to act on your faith?



Give to The Compassion Collective: <http://thecompassioncollective.org>.

100% of proceeds go to help actual people involved in the refugee crisis.



Or check out International Institute of Minnesota and their refugee resettlement program: <http://www.iimn.org/services/refugee-resettlement/>



Lutheran Social Service OR Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota: <http://www.lssmn.org>

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

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.

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
7:00-7:30	Meet at 10:10
Jan 6	Jan 10
Feb 3	Feb 7
March 2	March 6
April 6	April 10
May 4	May 8

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 in January.**

Disciple

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held Feb. 12-14 in Brooklyn Center. If you have questions, please call Dave & Linda Pederson at 320-328-9911. Register by calling Pete and Phyllis McMahon at 7 6 3 - 5 6 1 - 1 5 7 5 or mcmahonp@comcast.net. Details and online registration at www.GodLovesMarriage.org.

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, call, text, or email if ya wanna go.

Financial Giving: 12/24/15

Worship attendance: 297
 In-Worship Offering: \$939.01
 Children's Offering: \$122.30
 (of which \$25 designated specifically each for Common Cup, House of Grace & Bread for the World)

12/27/15

Worship attendance: 60
 In-Worship Offering: \$276.02
 Children's Offering: \$28.76
 Auto deposits: 12/19-12/25
 \$1,382.50

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

Women's Circle is a group of fellow church friends who meet once a month in homes and share a short bible study and great conversation over a cup of coffee or tea. We are looking at meeting the first Wed. of each month. The first time will be Jan. 6 at Andy Koenig's home: 885 Otter Street SW at 9:30 am. If you are interested, talk to Andy at church or message her on Facebook.

What's the Word? Bible Study with Pastor Laura Tuesdays 5-6pm. January 12, 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.

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 320-328-9911 or dlpeders@msn.com

Will you help in the office?

We need someone to sit in the office Mondays noon-2:00, Tuesdays 11:30 - 2:00 and Thursdays 9:00 - 11:30 and 11:30 - 2:00.

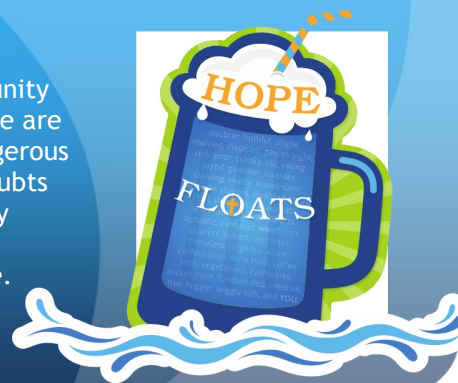
Send

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?



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.

~ January 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10:30 Worship	4 Staff Meeting 12:00	5	6 Men's Bible Study 9 am Women's Circle 9:30 am Confirmation 6 pm HEC RiverKIDS rehearse 7 pm HEC	7	8 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	9
10 10:30 Worship riverKIDS perform	11 Staff Meeting 12:00	12 Bible Study 5 pm RoH Office Vision Table 6 pm Jimmy's Pizza	13 Financial Stewardship 6 pm Businessware	14	15 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	16

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
Hutchinson Event Center
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