

## 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 8:27-9:8  
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

February 7, 2016



LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Jan. 10:  
New Wine

Jan. 17:  
New Growth

Jan. 24:  
New Life

Jan. 31:  
New Context

**Feb. 7:**  
***New Perspective***

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.



River of Hope's financial goal for 2016 is to be financially independent by Independence Day! How will you help us achieve this goal?

## 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

**February River Guide:**  
Ruth Hamlow

**February 14th Scripture:**  
Mark 10:17-31

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

**February 14th Singers:** Abby Thompson, Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger, Ruth Hamlow

## Today's Music:

**Gathering Songs:** "Come Now is the Time to Worship" & "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

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

**Communion Songs:** "Lamb of God", "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!" & "Be Thou My Vision"

**Sending Song:** "Shine Jesus Shine"



### River Team Schedule

**February - Amazon**

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**April- Nile**

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**July-Jordan/Nile**

**August-Tigris**

**September-Shenandoah**

**October - Amazon**

**November - Jordan**

**December - Nile**



## River Conditions

Dear Hopeful Ones,

Last Sunday, a group of 25 met after worship to gather in small groups and talk about their experiences of belonging (or not) to faith communities and what matters to them (or not). We are trying to get better at involving people in one another's actual lives in this community of faith. We do well in our welcome of people to worship - but how do we

do at actually intentionally engaging in relationships together? How are we connected? Will you risk a new friendship or just stick with your tried and true friends?

Here is what emerged from those conversations: people want to be known and loved and cared for.

Not exactly rocket science, right? But it seems just as difficult if you believe it is another person's responsibility to reach out or take a risk on a new friendship and not yours. We are actually called into relationship with one another. We are not to be an insider's club but, instead, we go out because we are sent out.

So keep your eyes peeled to be part of something called River Life - an opportunity for "Newcomers" and "Oldcomers" (please, someone, make up a new term for this!) to intentionally walk together into life as part of River of Hope. Allen Gislason will lead the River Life group 6 weeks during Lent. You'll be asked to eat together and what you think about (not what you know) the scripture you will read together. Take a chance. Take a risk. Participate in this life of faith through friendship with one another.

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

**Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Worship**, Feb. 10, 7 pm at New Journey UCC.

**Voices of Hope** will be singing with the Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Choir at New Journey UCC. Meet at 6:15 for rehearsal.

**Senior High Youth Gathering** March 4 & 5 in Mankato. Cost is \$105 for hotel and registration. If interested, contact Ron Johnson at 320-296-6224. Registration deadline is Feb. 14.

**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.

**Savvy Social Security Planning** Join local Thrivent representatives for a free session on Social Security options and strategies for maximizing your benefits. Mon. Feb. 22, 2 pm or 6 pm, Hutchinson Event Center.

## Connect

**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.**

**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>
March 2	March 6
April 6	April 10
May 4	May 8

## Disciple

### Financial Giving: 1/31/2016

Worship attendance:	95
In-Worship Offering:	\$581.00
Children's Offering:	\$13.70
AutoDeposits 1/23-1/29:	\$790.00

**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 Mar. 2 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.

**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** **NOTE! This is a change!** We'll meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-8 pm 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. Next time is Feb. 9.

**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

## Send

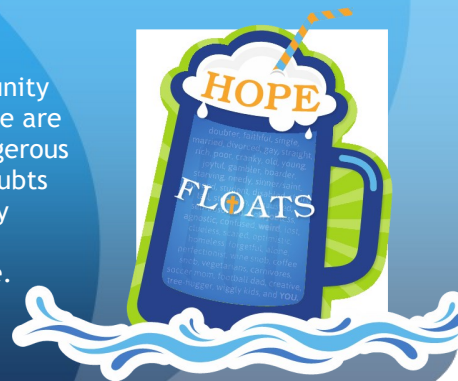
**Meals on Wheels** This is a simple way to go out into the community to transform lives through Jesus. Contact Sandy Tracy at 320-492-6279 or sandytracy1947@gmail.com to sign up. Upcoming dates are Feb. 25 & 26, Mar. 24 & 25, Apr. 22 & 28.

**2016 Equipping Congregations Day** "Spirit-led Innovation in an Uncertain Age" Saturday Feb. 20, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Willmar. Pastor Laura and Jim Nelson are leading workshops. Registration closes Feb. 15 or sooner if full. Email or call the office to sign up. See the poster after worship for more information.



# 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.*

## ~ February 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 10:30 Worship riverKIDS sing	8 Staff Meeting 12:00 Parish Personnel 3 pm, RoH Office	9 What's the Word? 7 pm, RoH Office	10 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm New Journey UCC	11	12 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	13
14 10:30 Worship Camdyn Thode Baptism	15 Staff Meeting 12:00	16 Laundry Love 9 am/4:30 pm	17 Men's Bible Study 9 am Dunn Bros.	18	19 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	20 Equipping Congregations Day 8:30-3:30 Willmar

### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
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