

## Worship Outline

### GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship  
Gathering Songs  
Call to Worship  
Welcome 101, Connection Cards  
Alleluia Ribbons  
No Longer Strangers Prayer  
Meet Someone New  
Children's Time

### WORD

Mark 16: 1-8  
Sermon  
Prayers of the People

### FEAST

Offering  
Offering Music  
Setting the Table  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Thanksgiving at the Table  
Blessing the Feast  
The Lord's Prayer  
Invitation to the Meal  
Communion  
Communion Songs  
Blessing after Communion

### SENDING

Purpose  
MILESTONES!  
Benediction  
Sending Song  
Music to Send You Out

March 27, 2016 EASTER SUNDAY

River of HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Today is the day we are newly amazed and afraid at the reality of the love of Jesus Christ!

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

**March River Guide:**  
Jennifer & Brian Tillmann

### April 3rd Scripture:

Acts 1:1-14

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

**April 3rd Singers:** Abby Thomson, Sara Nelson,  
Mike Weisenberger, Ruth Hamlow

## Today's Music:

**Gathering Songs:** "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" & "My Redeemer Lives"

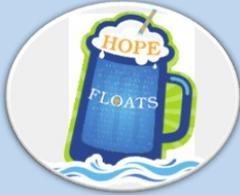
**Greetings Song:** "Thine Is the Glory"

**Song After Sermon:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**Offering Song:** "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

**Communion Songs:** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds", "Glorious Day" & "Christ Arose"

**Sending Song:** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"



### River Team Schedule

#### March- Jordan

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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 People,

Today is the day! It's the day we celebrate after a week of walking in the shadow of the cross. It's the day we scratch our heads and say "really?" or "what happened, exactly?" It's a day of amazement and fear, just as the women at the tomb experienced.

Here's the thing: I can't give you CSI-worthy details about who rolled the stone away and how it all happened. It's sort of beside the point. It kind of gets you to take your eye off the ball, even, if you get so distracted about details and the how of it all. They are worthy questions - don't get me wrong. Questions are an essential part of faith - my own faith would be dead without them. But there are times when the questions only distract you and give you a sense of false security, a sense of control, which is simply not part of the Christian story.

Nowhere in the Bible does it say, "Get ye a 5-year plan to grow your church."

Nowhere in the Bible does it say, "Faith is based on facts. Faith is certainty."

Nowhere in the Bible does it say, "You will have control, besides God doesn't give you more than you can handle."

Faith is risky. It's not about pie in the sky stuff. It's not about worrying about the after life and securing your place in heaven. Faith is about knowing you are loved beyond measure and then sharing that with the world while you've got life in your bones and breath in your lungs. It ain't about only doing things that have been tested in labs and proven to be true. We'd never do anything if that were the case, because this faith we have doesn't make a lot of logistical sense.

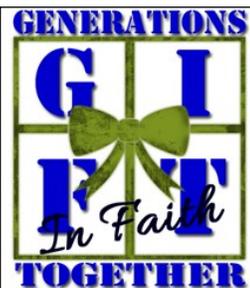
I am so glad to celebrate with you today and this Easter Season.

Christ is alive, of this I am certain. All the rest is up for grabs...now what shall we do?

In Hope,  
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

**Bread Auction** River of Hope will be holding a bread auction Sun. Apr. 10 from 12-2 pm. Bring a loaf to sample and one to auction. Home-made chili/soup will also be served. Funds benefit Hunger Free McLeod and RoH youth summer trips. Contact Sara Nelson or Melissa Schofield for more info.

**Crow River Conference W/ELCA Spring Gathering** Sat. Apr. 23. "Lessons from Lefse". Registration at 8 am at Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cokato. In-kind offering will be fleece blankets & LWR kits. Contact Betty Brandt at 320-587-9655 or [cookingbetty@gmail.com](mailto:cookingbetty@gmail.com) for more info.

**Voices of Hope** is the "instant" Adult Choir for people age 13 - 100. We rehearse before worship (at 9:45) and perform on the same Sunday! You are welcome! We will be singing again 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 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 7:00-7:30    | Meet at 10:10   |
| April 6      | April 10        |
| May 4        | May 8           |

## Connect

**Financial Giving: 3/20/2016**  
 Worship attendance: 101  
 In-Worship Offering: \$856.00  
 Children's Offering: \$14.46  
 Auto Deposits 3/13 - 3/19: \$3,460.00

**Tim Orth Memorial Foundation Basketball Jamboree** Sat. Apr. 2, 5:30 pm, GSL Gym. Doors open at 4 pm. Admission \$8 adults/\$6 students.

**THANK YOU!** To everyone who came to MSSB for the last Beer & Hymns & to the Elks Pancake Breakfast! We raised \$500 at Beer & Hymns & just over \$1000 at the pancake breakfast to help send our kids to summer camp! The Elks have never seen anything like it before!

**NEW! FundingFactory!** We are recycling toner & ink jet cartridges to raise money for youth summer camps. Drop off your cartridges at the office or in the box at worship. Check out the website for qualifying cartridges and more info: [www.fundingfactory.com/goal/riverofhope](http://www.fundingfactory.com/goal/riverofhope).

**Foster Parent Orientation** Learn about becoming a foster parent Sat. Apr. 2, 9 am - 3 pm at McLeod Cty HHW/Solid Waste Mgmt. Bldg., 1065 5th Ave. SE in Hutchinson. Call Brenda Sandquist at 320-864-3144 for more info & to register.

**"Uplifting Celebration"** St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Gaylord is featuring vocalist Rachel Kurtz on Sun. Apr. 3 with worship at 9 am, dinner from 10 am-1pm and concert at 1 pm. For tickets call 507-237-5148 or [stpaulsandtrinitylutheran.org](http://stpaulsandtrinitylutheran.org).

**Pancake Breakfast** Sun. Apr. 17, 9 am-1 pm at the Hutchinson Elks Lodge. Sponsored by the Masonic Temple Lodge. All proceeds & matching funds going to the McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence.

**Marriage Encounter** Give your marriage a spring tune-up at the next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend, April 29-May 1 at Chase on the Lake Resort in Walker. Learn communication skills & keep your marriage a priority. Cost is \$100 plus free-will offering. Sign up at [godlovesmarriage.org](http://godlovesmarriage.org). Contact Dave or Linda Pedersen at 320-328-9911 for more info.

## Disciple

**Diaper Drive** March is River of Hope's month to donate diapers. Larger sizes are most needed. 60 packages are needed and cash donations are welcome to purchase what is not donated. Deadline is Sun. Mar. 27. Drop off at worship or at Common Cup.

**Food & 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: **Offering can** - \$ for House of Grace **Picnic Basket** - HHS Reach Program, breakfast foods

### GET INTO THE BIBLE! (No experience necessary)

- ◆ **What's the Word?** w/ Pastor Laura. 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-8 pm at the office.
- ◆ **Men's Bible Study** 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am at Dunn Bros. Get a free Bible if you don't have one. Call or email Dave Pedersen at 302-328-9911 [dlpeders@msn.com](mailto:dlpeders@msn.com).
- ◆ **Women of Hope** 1st Wednesday at 9:30 am at Andy Koenig's: 885 Otter St. SW.

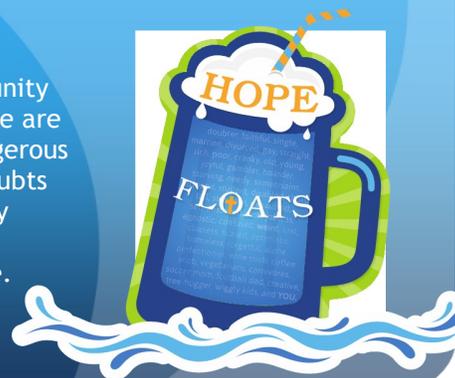
## Send

**Common Cup Open House** Thur. Mar. 31 from 4-6 pm. Have treats & cider while visiting their expanded facility to understand how they accomplish their mission.



# 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.*

| ~ March 2016 ~                                  |   |                                 |   |     |                                |     |
|---|---|---------------------------------|---|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| Sun   | Mon   | Tue                             | Wed   | Thu | Fri                            | Sat |
| 27<br>Easter<br>Worship 10:30<br>Voices of Hope | 28  | 29<br>Beer & Hymns<br>6 pm MSSB | 30<br>Staff Meeting 10 am   | 31  | 1<br>Pastor Laura's<br>Sabbath | 2   |
| 3<br>Worship 10:30                              | 4<br>Staff Meeting 12:00<br>Vision Table 6 pm<br>Sonora's | 5                               | 6<br>Men's Bible Study<br>9 am<br>Women of Hope<br>9:30 am<br>Confirmation 6 pm<br>riverKIDS rehearse<br>7 pm | 7   | 8<br>Pastor Laura's<br>Sabbath | 9   |

### **Worship**

Sundays at 10:30am  
Hutchinson Event Center  
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### **Office Hours**

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