

## 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  
riverKIDS

### WORD

Mark 12:28-44  
riverKIDS  
Children's Message  
Message

### FEAST

Question Mark Prayers  
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

March 6, 2016



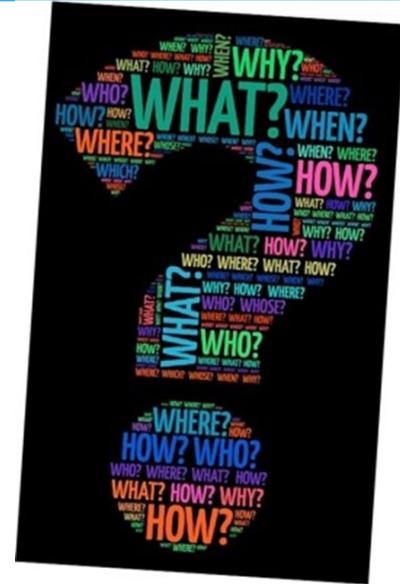
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

*4th Sunday in the  
Season of Lent*

*"What is it  
worth?"*

*#40questionprayers*



*Is This the Feast of Victory?*

We welcome Pastor Carolyn Pflibsen from Gethsemane in Dassel who will preach and help to lead worship while Pastor Laura enjoys some continuing education.

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

**March 13th Scripture:**  
Mark 13:1-8, 24-37  
To find daily readings go to <http://clergystuff.com/category/daily-devotions/>

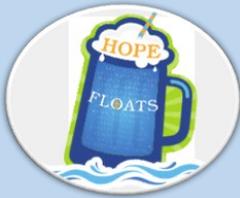
**March 13th Singers:** Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger, Rachel Stearns

## Today's Music:

**Gathering Songs:** "Love the Lord" & "The Wonderful Cross"

**Communion Songs:** "Lamb of God", "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" & "Take My Life, That I May Be"

**Sending Song:** "Your Everlasting Love"



### River Team Schedule

**March- Jordan**  
River guides:  
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**May - Tigris**  
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**July-Jordan/Nile**

**August-Tigris**

**September-Shenandoah**

**October - Amazon**

**November - Jordan**

**December - Nile**

## River Conditions

Dear Hopeful Ones,

I don't know what Lent feels like for you. It's the season of the church year that I love the most. I love the 40 days of preparation. I love the 40 days of deep contemplation. I love the 40 days of darkness. I really do.

But, also, I hate it. It's hard. When you plumb the depths, things get moved around. Things get discovered that you didn't know were there. Prayer and scripture reading seem like a chore to me some days. Some days I put it off because I don't want to take the chance at going another new place. But let me tell you about a few things that are giving me hope during these 40 days.

**Laundry.** It's true. The Methodists have started Laundry Love right here in Hutchinson. Allen Gislason and I went and hung out with them for part of a morning last week. It was awesome. Relationships formed with complete strangers. Laundry paid for, no strings attached. We're being invited into partnership with them as a way to go out. I wonder what we'll do? I can hardly wait to see.

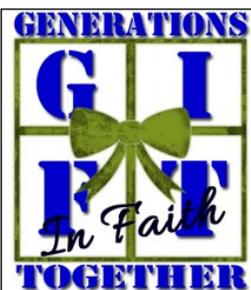
**Financial Independence.** We have been working at becoming financially independent (from grant dependence) for the past 2 years. It's been incredible to see people give out of their abundance and also make sacrifices to give. It is an act of faith to include money in your spiritual practices. **July 4, 2016 is our independence day. Will you help us get there? (See more details at Connect Table)**

**Food.** Giving to Common Cup's Backpack Program is an important way that "we go out..." We will gather together on Maundy-Thursday to assemble all this food and ready it to bring to Common Cup.

We are together in the promise of these 40 days. 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

**Lent Evening Prayer** Sundays Mar. 6, 13 & 20 at 7 pm in the office lobby. Time for slow and deep silent prayer using the labyrinth if you choose. A service of healing & anointing with oil. The evening concludes with the celebration of communion.

**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. Homemade chili/soup will also be served. Funds benefit Hunger Free McLeod and RoH youth summer trips.

**Elks Breakfast Fundraiser for RoH Youth Sun. Mar. 13, 8 am - 1 pm.** Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, ham, muffins, juice & coffee. Tickets are \$7 and available from any Confirmation youth or by emailing Beth Gasser at beth@vimm.com.



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**Pastor Laura** will be completing an online leadership assessment instrument specifically designed for clergy. The assessment helps pastoral leaders identify individual strengths and weaknesses to improve their ministry effectiveness. This assessment uses a three-fold understanding of fruitful leadership encompassing Character, Competence, and Contribution. We will use this tool as a baseline for ongoing performance feedback for Pastor Laura, as well as, setting goals for improvement, identifying continuing education needs, and tracking progress over time. The Parish Personnel Table has identified several individuals that represent a diverse sample of our congregation to provide feedback in support of this effort. Those individuals will receive an email inviting their participation. Additionally, if you were not selected and have any feedback you would like to have included, we invite you to speak with Pastor Laura directly or with any Parish Personnel Table member.

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Nan Crary, nan.crary@gmail.com

Brian Pollman, brianpollman@gmail.com

**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 **Mar. 27 (Easter) & May 22.**

## Connect

**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. It's a chance to learn communication skills & keep your marriage a priority. Cost is \$100 plus free-will offering. Sign up at godlovesmarriage.org. Contact Dave or Linda Pedersen at 320-328-9911 for more info.

**Veterans Memorial** Christ the King is making a veterans memorial wall that will be dedicated on Memorial Day. If you or anyone in your family is a veteran, in the reserves or active duty, please send a picture to the RoH office or drop off at the CTK office. Questions? Call Roger Olson at 320-587-5856.

**Financial Giving: 2/28/2016**  
**Worship attendance:** 118  
**In-Worship Offering:** \$670.30  
**Children's Offering:** \$26.10  
**AutoDeposits 2/20-27:** \$1,542.50

**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>
April 6	April 10
May 4	May 8

## Disciple

**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, break-fast foods  
**Paper Bags** - Backpack Program (Common Cup)

**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.



## BACK PACK PROGRAM

**Our Lenten challenge: Can River of Hope feed 300 students?** Take a bag & a list of foods, fill it and drop off at worship or the RoH office. Food will be assembled at the Maundy-Thursday worship and delivered to Common Cup after Easter.

### 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
- ◆ **Women of Hope** 1st Wednesday at 9:30 am at Andy Koenig's: 885 Otter St. SW.
- ◆ **Discipleship Groups** have begun. Contact the office if you want to be part.

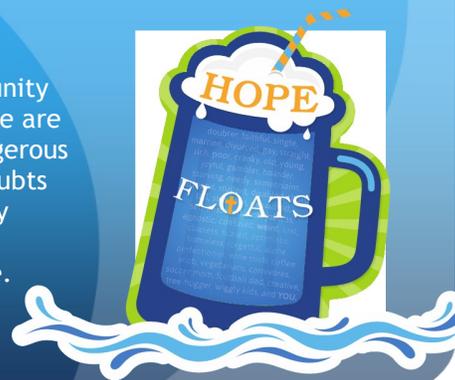
## Send

**El Salvador Trip** Seeds of Hope Ministry (Family of Christ in Chanhassen) invites current high school juniors, college students and adults to join them this summer on a life-changing experience as they travel to El Salvador July 7<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>. This would be an amazing trip for a church youth leader and people who have thought about stepping out of their comfort zone and journeying to a third world country for the adventure of a lifetime. Contact trip leaders: Pastor Kristie (952) 934-5659, Mark Laven (952) 937-0479 or Chanda Kropp chandakropp@hotmail.com.

**Laundry Love** If you know someone who is having a rough time, encourage them to drop by Maytag Laundry for some Laundry Love on Wed. Mar. 16 from 9 - noon or 4:30 - 6:00 pm

# 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/March 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Discipleship Groups 10:30 Worship riverKIDS Lent Evening Prayer	7 Staff Meeting 12:00 Vision Table 6 pm Country Kitchen	8 What's the Word? 7 pm RoH Office	9 Discipleship Groups	10	11 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	12
13 Discipleship Groups Elks Breakfast Fundraiser 10:30 Worship Lent Evening Prayer	14 Staff Meeting 12:00 Parish Personnel 3 pm RoH Office	15	16 Men's Bible Study 9 am Dunn Bros. Laundry Love Discipleship Groups	17 Financial Stewardship 6 pm BusinessWare	18 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	19

### Worship

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

### Office Hours

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