

Worship Outline

GATHERING

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

WORD

Acts 17:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Children's Sermon
Sermon
Song After Sermon
Prayers of the People
Offering
Offering Music

FEAST

Setting the Table
Thanksgiving at the Table
The Lord's Prayer
Invitation to the Meal
Communion
Communion Songs
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Purpose
MILESTONES!
Blessing
Sending Song
Music to Send You Out

April 17, 2016

River of HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.



The One About Healing

It's the 4th Sunday in the Easter Season.

Welcome Pastor Tim Wheatley, an ELCA pastor in Cokato. Pastor Laura is preaching at Ostmark Lutheran and All Saints in Darwin in the Crow River Conference pulpit exchange.

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

April River Guides:
Mike & Katie Weisenberger

April 24th Scripture:
Acts 18:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
To find daily readings go to <http://clergystuff.com/category/daily-devotions/>

April 24th Singers: Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger, Rachel Stearns

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Come Now Is The Time To Worship" & "Blessed Be Your Name"

After Sermon: "Here I Am Lord"

Offering: "I Offer My Life"

Communion Songs: "Let Us Break Bread Together" & "Be Thou My Vision"

Sending Song: "Psalm 25"



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July-Jordan/Nile

August-Tigris

September-Shenandoah

October - Amazon

November - Jordan

December - Nile

River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,

Word is on the street - River of Hope is moving toward chartering. What does this mean? It means we'll officially be recognized as an congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Indeed, we are recognized and indeed are already a church. After all, we are people, following Jesus. It's simply another step in becoming who we are. There is a constitution table helping to put into words who we are, how we've been living. We're wrestling with important questions. Yet the foundation is always this: we are called to follow Jesus. Jesus didn't tell us to form churches but to become disciples and to tell others about his love. Jesus showed us how to love through bread and wine. Jesus showed us how to love through the cross. That's what it's about, folks. Loving God and loving people. And River of Hope is a body of people trying to do just that. What does God have in store for our future? I know we'll be called to try new things, to go new places, to get more uncomfortable. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is disruptive after all. It dares to call you and me into a life of loving and service. It calls us to go out — the transformed life just might be your own!

The season of Easter is the perfect time to ponder just how it is you will show love - what new way will you try to live out this calling? What new place, what new people will you dare to love?

I'll see you out there, always 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

Beer & Hymns Come to Main Street Sports Bar on Tues. Apr. 26 and experience community singing like you've never experienced it. Discover that we are called into all places, even bars, and we find God there, already at work. Come at 5:00 for dinner. We start singing at 6:00.

Crow River Conference W/ELCA Spring Gathering Sat. Apr. 23. "Lessons from Lefse". Registration at 8 am at Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cokato. Contact Betty Brandt at 320-587-9655 or cookingbetty@gmail.com for more info.

High Schoolers: learn about homelessness in Hutchinson & around the state. Wed. night, Apr. 20, come to Faith Lutheran at 6:30 pm for a Hutchinson-Wide event led by Bev Bonte from Common Cup & Dr. Leitch, a professor from Gustavus. Then you will sleep in Library Square Friday night, Apr. 22, & finish with a service project Saturday morning. Interested? Contact Ron Johnson at 320-296-6224 to get signed up! A \$5 donation to Common Cup is suggested.

"Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel"
If you are reading this with Pastor Laura, we will meet after worship Sundays May 1 (p. 1-8), May 8 (p. 9-15) & May. 15 (p. 16-23)

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 be singing for the last time this spring on Sunday May 8. Rehearsal will be Wed. May 4 from 7-7:30 pm at the HEC.

Connect

55+Diners will meet April 21, 5:30 pm at Bonfire Bar & Grill. It's always a good time, good fellowship & good food. Sign up at worship or contact Rachel Stearns at 320-583-3793 or rfstearns72@gmail.com. RSVP by April 19.

Financial Giving: 4/10/2016

Worship attendance: 106
In-Worship Offering: \$55.00
Children's Offering: \$19.94
Auto Deposits 4/3- 4/9: \$5,916.50
Bread Auction: \$795.26

Thank you to all who helped make our first Bread Auction a success! Over \$700 was raised for Hunger Free McLeod & RoH youth summer trips!

Hutchinson Caregiver Support &

Discussion Group meets Tues. Apr. 19, 10:30 am, at Peace Lutheran. Cindy Haugland from Tidy Tightwads will speak about cleaning clutter, organizing & downsizing.

TODAY Pancake Breakfast 9 am- 1 pm at the Hutchinson Elks Lodge. Sponsored by the Masonic Temple Lodge. All proceeds & matching funds from the Masons is going to the McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence.

Constitution Team has been formed to help River of Hope become a chartered congregation of the ELCA. The goal is to be accepted at the Synod Assembly, June 10, 2016. The team asks for your prayers as well as your input. In the mean time, put these dates on your calendar:

- **May 15** is Pentecost (it's the day we celebrate what the Holy Spirit does) and also **Riverpalooza** where you will have the opportunity to **see the River of Hope constitution and exercise your vote!**
- **June 10** Synod Assembly at Gustavus in St. Peter, MN. Come to represent River of Hope on this joyful day.
- **Summer Date TBD: Celebration worship** for River of Hope's continued life as a vibrant and growing church.

Team Members invite your comments & feedback:

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Funding Factory 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. For more info: www.fundingfactory.com/goal/riverofhope.

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, 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.
- ♦ **Women of Hope** 1st Wednesday at 9:30 am at Andy Koenig's: 885 Otter St. SW.

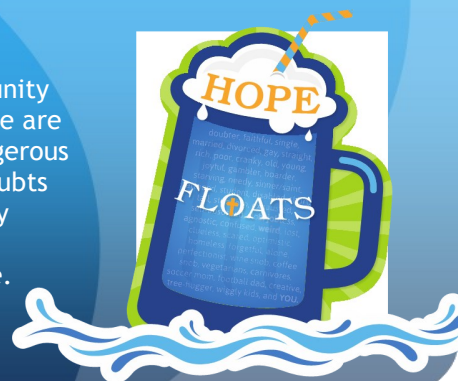
TODAY! 12-3 pm: Hutchinson is rallying around Carter Renner, a young boy who has cancer. River of Hope will be handing out Hope Floats. Join us for this great family event!

Trail Clean Up We will go out to clean up a section of the Luce Line Trail Sunday, Apr. 24, right after worship. Meet at the parking lot of the Sanctuary, at Montana Street, and we will pick up trash from Montana Street west to Super America. After we are done, those who would like to will gather for lunch at Squeaky's. If you have questions, contact Ron Johnson at 320-296-6224.



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.

~ April 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 Worship 10:30 Carter Renner Benefit 12-3	18 Staff Meeting 12:00	19	20 Men's Bible Study 9 am Dunn Bros.	21 55+ Diners 5:30 pm Bonfire	22 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	23 Crow River Conf. Spring Gathering
24 Worship 10:30 Trail Clean Up 12pm	25 Staff Meeting 12:00 Financial Stewardship 6 pm Businessware	26 Beer & Hymns 6 pm MSSB	27	28	29 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	30

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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