

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 1:1-14
Children's Sermon
Sermon

FEAST

Prayers of the People
Offering
Offering Music
Setting the Table
Thanksgiving at the Table
Blessing the Feast
The Lord's Prayer
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Communion
Communion Songs
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Purpose
MILESTONES!
Blessing
Sending Song
Music to Send You Out

April 3, 2016

River of HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.



The One About the Promise

It's the 2nd Sunday in the Easter Season.

All throughout the season of Easter we will wonder and pray together about how we go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Or, another way to put it: what do you do?

This isn't about bragging. It's about your life being shaped by Jesus. We are free to love and serve in our lives. What an incredible gift.

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 10th Scripture:

Acts 3:1-10

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

April 10th Singers: Sara Pollmann, Sara Shorter, Eliza Johnson, Jill Rensom

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "How Great Is Our God" & "Everlasting God"

Communion Songs: "Vagabonds" & "Spirit of the Living God"

Sending Song: "Shine Jesus Shine"



River Team Schedule

April- Nile

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July-Jordan/Nile

August-Tigris

September-Shenandoah

October - Amazon

November - Jordan

December - Nile

River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,

It's Easter! It's the season we celebrate after walking in the shadow of the cross. It's when we scratch our heads and say "really?" or "what happened, exactly?" It's a time 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 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

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: 3/27/2016
 Worship attendance: 188
 In-Worship Offering: \$997.30
 Children's Offering: \$17.00
 Auto Deposits 3/201 - 3/26: \$1,557.50

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

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.

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: Pastor Linda Pedersen, Pastor Laura Aase, Beth Gasser, Ruth Hamlow, Jim Schaefer, Jill Springer, Rachel Stearns.

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.

We Go Out

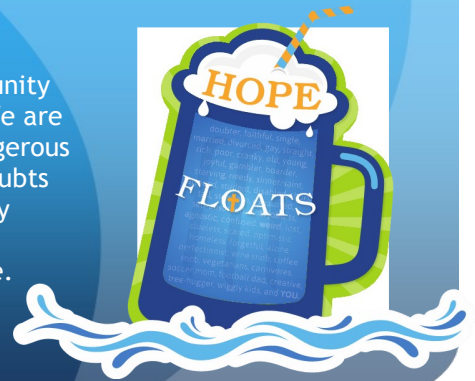
Sunday April 17, 12-3 pm:

Hutchinson is rallying around Carter Renner, a young boy who has cancer. River of Hope was asked to hand out Hope Floats. Will you be the communicator with the benefit folks? Will you come for 1, 2 or 3 hours to scoop ice cream or pour root beer? Let's go out into the community to show love in this simple yet powerful way.

Seeds of Hope Ministry (Family of Christ in Chanhassen) is inviting current juniors in high school, college students and adults to join them this summer on a life-changing experience as they travel to El Salvador July 7th - 18th. 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. If you know of anyone interested in this unique adventure of faith, service and self-discovery, please have them contact our trip leaders: Pastor Kristie [\(952\) 934-5659](tel:952-934-5659), Mark Laven [\(952\) 937-0479](tel:952-937-0479) or Chanda Kropp chandakropp@hotmail.com.

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
3 Worship 10:30	4 Staff Meeting 12:00 Vision Table 6 pm Sonora's	5	6 Men's Bible Study 9 am Women of Hope 9:30 am Confirmation 6 pm riverKIDS rehearse 7 pm	7 Constitution Task Force Meeting 6 pm RoH Office	8 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	9
10 Worship 10:30 riverKIDS sing Bread Auction 12-2	11 Staff Meeting 12:00	12 What's the Word? w/ Pastor Laura 7 pm RoH Office	13	14	15 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	16

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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