

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 2:1-4, 1 Corinthians 12:1-13
Children's Sermon
Sermon
Apostle's Creed
Prayers of the People
Freedom to Give Invitation
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

May 15, 2016



LUTHERAN CHURCH
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.



PENTECOST SUNDAY!

“The One About Setting It All Free”

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

May River Guides:
Steve & Chanda Kropp & Nancy Jorgenson

May 22nd Scripture:
2 Corinthians 1:1-11
To find daily readings go to <http://clergystuff.com/category/daily-devotions/>

May 22nd Singers: Sara Pollmann, Sara Shorter, Eliza Johnson, Jill Renstrum

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Down By the Riverside", "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" & "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
Before & After Reading: "Arise Your Light Has Come" (v.1)

Offering: "I Saw the Light"

Communion Songs: "Great Is Their Faithfulness" & "Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

MILESTONES: "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" (refrain)
Sending Song: "Let The River Flow"



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September-Shenandoah
River guides:
Chris & Lisa Kraft

October - Amazon

November - Jordan

December - Nile

River Conditions

Dear Hopeful Ones,

Just look what the Holy Spirit does with us! Today is a day we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in stirring up our faith and forming this community called River of Hope. Just look around you, the river has gotten wider and deeper and weirder. Ain't it great? Isn't it good? Hasn't it also been hard? You see, that's the thing about the Holy Spirit - think of all that wind and fire can do. We often think of the Holy Spirit as bird-like or a gentle breeze. The Holy Spirit can work in gentle and beautiful ways. But in today's reading, it's all scary wind and terrifying fire. The Holy Spirit also works this way, too. And in those first days, I imagine it was scary and hard. Yet the Holy Spirit has not given up on us and never will.

The truly mystifying gift of the Holy Spirit is that it stirs up faith. One by one, the Holy Spirit stirs up faith in Jesus Christ. And then, we are called together to be in community with one another. One by one, River of Hope has grown in faith by going out to meet people where they are and to openly welcome them when they join us in worship. It's a humbling thing, to join together in worship. And it's necessary. These gatherings to praise and worship the living God prepare us to go out and then see that same God alive and well in the world and maybe even point it out to other people.

Who will God's Holy Spirit call us to be in the future? Who will the Holy Spirit stir up to be part of River of Hope? It's a mystery, the very one we depend on to work in our lives and in the lives of people we haven't even imagined yet. What a gift.

I am so honored to serve and love you.

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

TODAY! We celebrate our life as River of Hope becomes a freshly minted congregation by your vote. Stick around after worship for a brief (we promise) meeting to vote and to lift a Hope Float in the air in celebration of our life as a congregation of the ELCA.

Graduation celebration for Katelyn Huls Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate June 4, 2-4 pm at the McLeod County Fairgrounds 4H Café Building.

Beer & Hymns last time at MSSB until September! Come on Tues. May 31 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 .

Beer & Hymns Band Summer Schedule Mon. June 27, 6:30 pm in Library Square; Wed. July 20, 7-9 pm at Buffalo Lake Liquors; Sat. Aug. 20, 6:30 pm at Lake Minnie Belle in rural Litchfield.

Connect

Financial Giving: 5/8/2016

Worship attendance:	81
In-Worship Offering:	\$712.00
Children's Offering:	\$7.52
Auto Deposits 4/30- 5/6:	\$6,226.50

55+ Diners will gather Thur. May 19, 5:30 pm at Unhinged Pizza in Glencoe. Let Nan Cray know if you can make it at 320-234-6399 or on Facebook.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE DONE! Pick one up at the Connect Table. Contact the office if you have any changes. We'll print an updated version in the fall.

Funding Factory Don't forget to drop your used ink cartridges off at the office or in the box at worship. Funds benefit youth summer camps.

McLeod Emergency Food Shelf Annual Board of Directors meeting is Thur. May 19, 9:30 am at 498 Hwy 7 E in Hutchinson. All are welcome.

Today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. There will be a service at Masonic West/Riverside Park at 4 pm. Please come and support our local law enforcement!

Hutchinson Caregiver Support & Discussion Group, Tues. May 17, 10:30 am, Peace Lutheran. Topic is Reducing Anxiety with Music. Contact Sarah Doering at 320-894-0479 for more info.

Disciple

Pray for the River of Hope High School graduates and join us in celebrating them on Sun. May 22. This is a milestone (MILESTONE!) isn't it? Keep in your prayers: Kirsten Haugland, Katelyn Huls, Elizabeth Jaeger, Madison Junker and Samantha Tillmann.

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.**

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** will resume again in the fall.
- ♦ **Women of Hope** 1st Wednesday at 9:30 am at Andy Koenig's: 885 Otter St. SW.

We Go Out

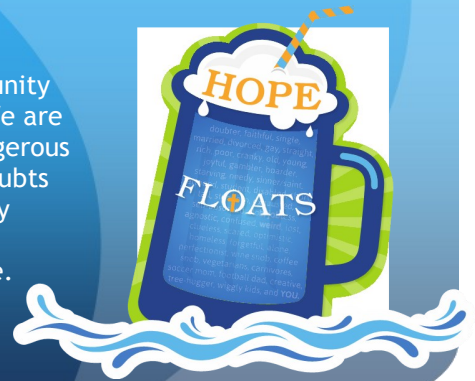
Root Beer & Hymns in the Park June 27 at 6:30 pm in Library Square. We'll be serving root beer floats while the Beer & Hymns band is playing. Stay turned for more info. **Will you help organize the root beer float fundraiser that night?**

River of Hope received an unexpected \$2000 at the end of 2015. The Financial Stewardship Table listened to suggestions and decided to give 40 \$50 CashWise gift cards to those in need with help identifying those families from the school and day care system. CashWise graciously added 4 more gift cards to the total, so we'll have 44 gift cards to deliver around town in the coming month. They'll be placed in cards that say "no strings attached from River of Hope." Keep your eyes peeled for an opportunity to help deliver these gifts around Hutchinson. Another's generosity inspires ours. Thank you, God for these gifts to share!



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.



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.



**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.**

~ May 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 Worship 10:30 RIVERPALOOZA!	16 Staff Meeting 12:00	17	18	19 55+ Diners 5:30 pm Unhinged Pizza	20 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	21
2 Worship 10:30 Voices of Hope Baptism of Delilah Morris	23 Staff Meeting 12:00 Financial Stewardship 6 pm BusinessWare	24	25	26	27 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	28

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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