

## Worship Outline

### GATHERING

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

### WORD

2 Corinthians 1:1-11  
Voices of Hope  
Sermon  
Children's Sermon  
Baptism of Delilah Troy Morris  
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!  
Brandi Johnson-Farewell & Godspeed  
Blessing  
Sending Song  
Music to Send You Out

May 22, 2016

River of HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Today we welcome Delilah Troy Morris to the body of Christ through the waters of baptism.

Parents: Troy Morris and Kristi Fenske    Sponsor: Brad Dunn

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 29th Scripture:**  
2 Corinthians 2:1-10  
To find daily readings go to <http://clergystuff.com/category/daily-devotions/>

**May 29th Singers:** Abby Thomson, Sara Nelson,  
Mike Weisenberger, Ruth Hamlow

## Today's Music:

**Gathering Songs: Before & After Reading: Offering: "I Saw the Light"**

**Communion Songs:**

**MILESTONES: "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" (refrain)**

**Sending Song:**



### River Team Schedule

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**September-Shenandoah**  
River guides:  
Chris & Lisa Kraft

**October - Amazon**

**November - Jordan**

**December - Nile**

## River Conditions

Dear Hopeful Ones,

What a grand celebration River of Hope we had on May 15! To vote YES on making our relationship official with the ELCA is something really special. What an incredible day to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit among our growing and changing community. We would not be River of Hope without you, so thanks for listening to the Holy Spirit and jumping into the river! Just think what God has in store for us in the future!

Speaking of the future, in the near future, June 11, the Southwestern Minnesota Synod will vote to receive us as a congregation of the ELCA. There are a bunch of folks jumping in cars to come to the Lund Arena on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN to hoot and holler on that day. The vote is scheduled to be around 10:25 that morning, so plan accordingly to be there and to celebrate!

If you are still unsure of how to transfer your membership to River of Hope, please call Pam Johnson, the River of Hope Office Administrator and she can send a letter on your behalf, requesting the transfer of your membership. You can also simply make a phone call to your former church office and request the records sent as well.

What a time to be together in this life of River of Hope. Only the Holy Spirit could be this creative.

Thanks be to God!

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

**Represent River of Hope at the Synod Assembly on Saturday, June 11 at 10am** (the vote will take place at 10:25) when the assembly votes on receiving River of Hope as a congregation of the ELCA. Meet at the front doors of the Lund Arena on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College. Pastor Laura will have vuvuzelas and the Holy Spirit tubes to pass along so we can make some noise!

**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.

**June 19th** is our Fathers Day outdoor worship. We'll be in the shaded, back parking lot of the Event Center. Bring a lawn chair.

**Memorial Day Service** at McLeod County Memorial Park, Mon. May 30 at 10 am. The parade to the park leaves the parking lot of Landy Lodge & Mid-Country Bank at 9:30. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held at Christ the King.

**Food for Kids packaging event** Wed. May 25, 4:30-7:30 pm at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. All are welcome.

**STS Foundation** is looking for host families for the 2016-2017 school year. Contact Kari Becker at 320-234-3475 or karibeckersts@gmail.com for more info.

## Connect

**Financial Giving: 5/15/2016**  
Worship attendance: 131  
In-Worship Offering: \$1,365.09  
Children's Offering: \$10.09  
Auto Deposits 5/7- 13: \$835.00

**Attention** Simply Giving members who are using credit/debit cards for your contribution. Vanco, our processing company, experienced an issue on Sun. May 15, 2016, and some of the credit card transactions were duplicated during their daily processing. Because of this, you may have seen a duplicate authorization request against your credit/debit card accounts when you viewed your online credit/debit card statements. Vanco proceeded to issue a credit back to anyone who was affected by this transaction and your account should be balanced. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

**TODAY we bless & continue to pray for the River of Hope High School graduates** This is a milestone (MILESTONE!) isn't it? Keep in your prayers:

**Katelyn Huls**, daughter of Ryan & Lynn Huls, plans to attend Ridgewater this fall to finish her generals.

**Elizabeth Jaeger**, daughter of Brian & Renee Jaeger, plans to attend MN State University in Moorhead to study Graphic Communications.

**Kirsten Haugland**, daughter of John & Cindy Haugland, will attend the 4 year RN program at Ridgewater and pursue her passion of working those with Alzheimer's and memory issues.

**Madison Junker**, daughter of Laura Junker, will attend the RN program at Ridgewater.

**Samantha Tillmann**, daughter of Brian & Jenny Tillmann, will study Multimedia Design at Ridgewater.

**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.

**Voices of Hope is taking the summer off!** It's 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! Look for dates starting again in the fall.

## 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 is on summer break.
- ♦ **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.

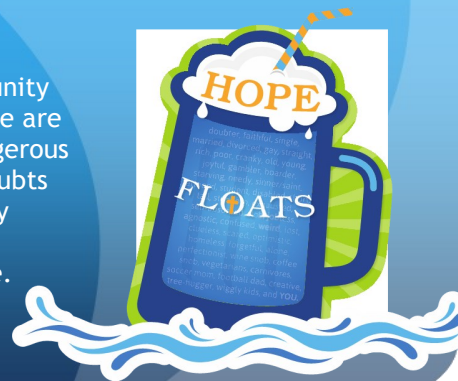
## We Go Out

**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 tuned 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.



**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.*

~ May/June 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 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
29 Worship 10:30	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31 Staff Meeting 9 am Beer & Hymns 6 pm	1	2	3 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	4 Katelyn Huls Graduation Celebration 2-4 pm

### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
Hutchinson Event Center  
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