

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

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57
Children's Sermon
Sermon
Song After Sermon
Prayers of the People
Financial Freedom Talk
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 8, 2016



LUTHERAN CHURCH

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.



The One About Why It Even Matters

It's the 7th 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

May River Guides:
Steve & Chanda Kropp & Nancy Jorgenson

May 15th Scripture:
Acts 2:1-4, 1 Corinthians 12:1-13
To find daily readings go to <http://clergystuff.com/category/daily-devotions/>

May 15th Singers: Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger, Rachel Stearns

Today's Music:

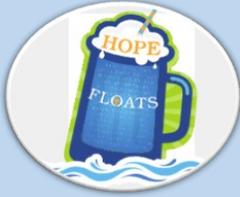
Gathering Songs: "Lord I Lift Your Name On High" & "My Redeemer Lives"

After Sermon: "I Am the Bread of Life"

Offering: "I Offer My Life"

Communion Songs: "O Living Bread from Heaven" & "My Lord, What a Morning"

Sending Song: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"



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September-Shenandoah
River guides:
Chris & Lisa Kraft

October - Amazon

November - Jordan

December - Nile

River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,

The Constitution Team has worked hard to put the life of River of Hope into the governing document of this congregation. It has taken serious reflection on the past, deep prayer on where God is calling us into the future. Ultimately, it has called each member of the table to contemplate what it means to follow Jesus and what it means for *other* people to follow Jesus. No one has greater membership than anyone else. No one's life of faith is superior to another's life of faith.

In this new era of being church, clinging to old ways for the sake of familiarity is what is slowly killing many churches across denominations and around the world. You can read this as bad news, but I see it as Good News. River of Hope has not done much in the way of "this is how we always did it" in worship or it's governance. And because of that, there are many among us who have never considered church or belonging to a faith community before. There are many among us who are giving it another go. There are many of us trying this on for the first time. We're at about 100 families and over 300 people who belong to this community.

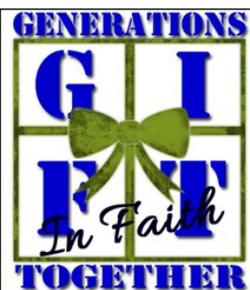
May 15 is the day you are invited to vote on the acceptance of this new constitution (see additional notes about where to find this on the next page). You will also vote to call me as your pastor, as my call has been through the SW MN Synod.

Wear red or yellow or orange next week to celebrate this milestone in the life of River of Hope. I love you - 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

"Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel"

If you are reading this with Pastor Laura, we will meet after worship Sunday May 15 (p. 9-15). We'll meet at Caribou for one hour. Keep an eye out for future dates.

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.

Beer & Hymns last time at MSSB until September! Then we will go to the summer schedule. Stay tuned for dates. 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 .

Connect

Financial Giving: 5/1/2016

Worship attendance: 87
In-Worship Offering: \$988.00
Children's Offering: \$18.36
Auto Deposits 4/23- 4/29: \$700.00

Hello River of Hope-ers! I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the financial gifts you offered me. I was surprised and humbled by the gift. I feel honored to represent River of Hope as I travel through seminary; I carry you with me! This community is special - thank you for showing me God through your friendship and support and for being my spiritual home. With Love in Christ, Eliza Mayhew

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.

Nation Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is May 15. There will be a service at Masonic West/Riverside Park at 4 pm. Please come and support our local law enforcement!

MAKING IT OFFICIAL WITH THE ELCA

As River of Hope leaves its mission "status" behind, we will always be a congregation of mission - God's mission to love and save the world. To become official, we've needed to do some paperwork and to write a constitution for you to vote on. Here are some frequently asked questions:

Where do I get a copy of the constitution?

- Check your e-news for a link to our website.
- Go to the website and look under "blog."
- Get a copy at worship, at the Connect Table.
- Email Pam at the office and ask for it to be emailed to you.
- Look to the west this afternoon - we've hired a sky writer... ;)

How do I transfer my membership?

- Contact Pam at the RoH office and request a letter sent to your former church on your behalf.
- Contact your former church and ask them to transfer your membership.

May 15 is a Riverpalooza to remember!

- It's the day we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit. Wear red or orange or yellow to add to the flavor!
- We'll vote on the constitution
- We'll vote to call Pastor Laura as our pastor.

June 11 is when the Synod Assembly (gathered churches of the ELCA from our region of MN) will welcome us. Put Gustavus Adolphus College & St. Peter, MN into your GPS & plan on representing the community of River of Hope at this assembly. More details to come.

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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.

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.

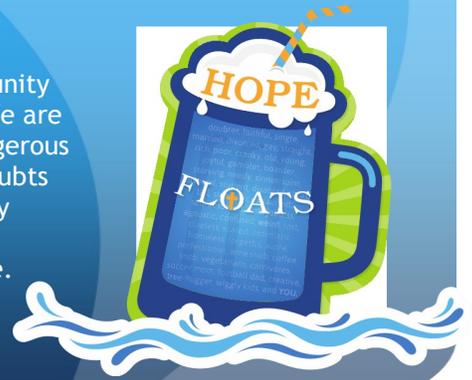
We Go Out

Root Beer & Hymns in the Park June 27 at 6:30 pm. 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.



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
8 Worship 10:30 riverKIDS perform Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel, 12 pm	9 Staff Meeting 12:00 Parish Personnel 3 pm RoH Office	10 What's the Word? 7 pm RoH Office	11	12	13 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	14
15 Worship 10:30 RIVERPALOOZA! National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day	16 Staff Meeting 12:00	17	18	19	20 Pastor Laura's Sabbath	21

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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