

## 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

Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11  
Children's Sermon  
Sermon  
Song After Sermon  
Apostles' Creed  
Prayers of the People  
Lord's Prayer  
Offering  
Offering Music

### SENDING

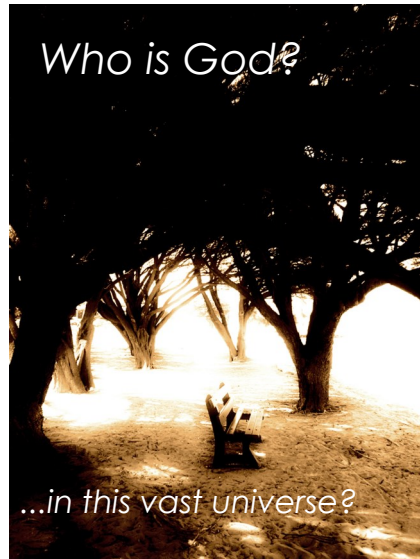
Purpose  
MILESTONES!  
Blessing  
Sending Song  
Music to Send You Out

*Thank you to Eliza Mayhew for leading worship today.*

July 17, 2016

River of HOPE

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



*Who Is God... [a series on Job]*

*July 31...when our expectations are shattered?*

*August 7...when we speak to God?*

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

## Today's Music:

### July River Guides:

Tillmanns & Weisenbergers

### July 31st Scripture:

Job 38:25-27; 41:1-8; 42:1-6

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

**July 31st Singers:** Abby Thomson, Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger, Ruth Hamlow, Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Terry Kempfert

**Gathering Songs:** "God Of Wonders" & "Awesome God"

**Song After Sermon:** "Indescribable"

**Offering:** "Give Me Jesus" (verse 5 & chorus)

**MILESTONES:** "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

**Sending Song:** "Mighty is our God"



### River Team Schedule

#### July-Jordan/Nile

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#### November - Jordan

River Guides:

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#### December - Nile

River Guides:

Mike & Katie Weisenberger

## River Conditions

Dear Hopeful Ones,

We are in the book of Job through July and into the first week of August. This book does not recount historical actions of the man we know as Job (pronounced like "robe"). Instead, this story is one to teach us about who God is in our lives. If you pay attention to Job, and he's hard to miss as the one guy who all the bad stuff is happening to, you'll discover that he has one deep relationship with God and it involves questions and laments and despair and awe. All are elements of a life of faith.

Not too long ago, someone remarked to me that they wanted or needed to "get back to God." It's an interesting and honest thing to say, especially if you feel that you've left God or are distant from God. I know there are times for me when I feel far away from God, usually because I've not been attentive to my conversation or listening to God. The truth is this: God is never far from us, ever. God will not and does not leave us, even if we cannot see God. This is not meant to be taken as an affront or as an aggressive God that won't leave you alone. It is God's very nature to be faithful to us no matter the state of our hearts or lives.

Dive into the book of Job and you'll find a guy who suffers and finds new language and a new relationship with God. His friends who come to sit with him in his grief initially get it exactly right. They just sit and are with him, offering no words in the face of his tragedy. But then they mess it up by starting to talk and they talk way too much. Toward the end of the book, God credits only Job for speaking of God correctly. And, if you notice, Job doesn't speak a whole heckuva lot. Something to learn there about silence and communicating with God, isn't there?

See if you can find yourself in this book. How can it encourage your life of faith, your discovering of who God is in your life when everything seems to be falling apart? How can this book help you find new ways to interact with God or to discover just who God is in your life? I think you'll be amazed at God's faithfulness to Job and to you.

Love,

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 Band Summer Schedule** Wed. Aug. 17, 5 pm at McLeod County Fair; Sat. Aug. 20, 6:30 pm at Lake Minnie Belle in rural Litchfield.

## Connect

### Financial Giving: 7/17/2016

Worship attendance:	62
In-Worship Offering:	\$562.00
Children's Offering:	\$8.50
Auto Deposits 7/9-15:	\$1,855.00

June 2016 average attendance 71.5

### Confirmation kids & Mentors needed!

If you have an incoming 7th grader, please email [office@riverofhopehutchinson.org](mailto:office@riverofhopehutchinson.org) so we can complete the list. Would you consider mentoring a 7th grade Confirmation kid? Call Sara Nelson at 320-552-0214. Confirmation will start Wed. Sept. 7.

**Red Cross Volunteers Needed** The American Red Cross serving SW MN is looking for additional local volunteers to help families after disasters such as home fires & learn how to set up a shelter in case of a larger scale emergency. There will be a one-day "Fast Track" training on Thur. July 28 from 8 am-5 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart. Lunch provided. For more info & to register, contact Angie Schull at [angie.schull@redcross.org](mailto:angie.schull@redcross.org) or 507-387-6664 x1504.

### Concordia students, alumni, families, friends, prospective students

There will be a Concordia Cobber Corn Feed Wed. Aug. 10 at 6 pm at the Lion's Shelter & Park on the north side of Lake Ripley in Litchfield. Potluck meal with corn, beverages & tableware provided. RSVP to Julie at [jrick@isd465.org](mailto:jrick@isd465.org).

**Membership transfer postcards are now available** Pick one up at the Connect Table or have Pam fill one out for you. If St. Paul's in Stewart is holding your membership for us, it will be automatically transferred and you don't need to do a thing.

**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.

## Disciple

### Common Cup School Supplies

We've been asked to donate these items by the second week in August: spiral notebooks (college & wide rule), glue sticks, pencil boxes/bags. If you feel moved to donate a backpack or two, they are most welcome. There will be a box at worship each Sunday for these items. Call Andy Koenig at 320-587-9052 if you have questions.

**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  
**Box** - school supplies for Common Cup

**Laundry Basket** - collects quarters (or any other kind of money) to support Laundry Love

**These groups will resume again in the fall:** What's the Word?, Men's Bible Study, 55+ Diners, Women of Hope, Voices of Hope and riverKIDS.

## We Go Out



### It's Hope Floats Season!

- **McLeod County Fair** Wednesday August 17 - Sunday August 21. Look for Nan Crary or Linda Bergs to get signed up to be a beacon of hope at the fair this summer.

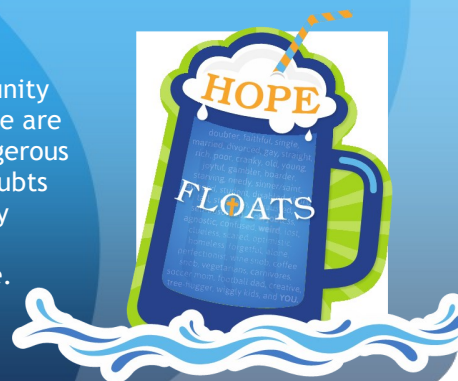


**Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!"** opportunity to put on your calendar the 3rd Tues. of every month. The next time is Aug. 15. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introverts & extroverts needed. Quarters needed. 3 people per shift, 8:30-noon or 4:30-7 pm. Contact Allen Gislason at 320-403-7004 or [alleng747@hotmail.com](mailto:alleng747@hotmail.com) for more information or to show up.



# 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.*

~ July/August 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 Worship 10:30 Pastor Laura on vacation thru 7/30	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship 10:30	1	2	3 River Table 6 pm	4	5	6

### **Emergency contact while Pastor Laura is on vacation:**

July 23-30 : Pastor Tim Wheatley 612-756-4633

#### **Worship**

Sundays at 10:30am  
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