

## Worship Outline

### GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship  
Gathering Songs  
Welcome 101, Connection Cards  
No Longer Strangers Prayer  
Meet Someone New  
Confession  
Song of Mercy  
Promise of Forgiveness  
Song of Reason  
Greeting  
Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Genesis 15:1-6  
Children's Sermon  
Sermon  
Song of Praise  
Statement of Faith  
Prayers of the People...*write in Bibles*  
Offering  
Offering Song

### FEAST & SENDING

Setting the Table  
Thanksgiving at the Table  
The Lord's Prayer  
Invitation to the Meal  
Communion...*write in Bibles*  
Communion Songs  
Prayer After Communion  
Purpose

### MILESTONES

Blessing of the Bibles  
Sending Song  
Music to Send You Out

September 18, 2016



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



*Today we will hand out new Bibles.  
We'll bless those Bibles and the Bible getters.*

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

### September River Guides:

Chris & Lisa Kraft

### September 25th Scripture:

Genesis 27:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34, 50:15-21

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

**September 25th Singers:** Sara Pollmann, Sara Shorter, Eliza Johnson, Jill Renstrom, Terry Kempfert

## Today's Music:

**Gathering Songs:** "Be Unto Your Name" & "Better Is One Day"

**Song of Mercy:** "Kyrie Eleison"

**Song of Reason:** "We Are Called"

**Song of Praise:** "To Be Alive"

**Offering Song:** "Everybody's Got Something To Offer"

**Communion:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" & "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

**Closing:** "Let's Go Out"



### River Team Schedule

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## River Conditions

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This was sent home with my daughter today.... I'm not sure why but whoever did this I hope you know how this made my day. We needed this so badly and it just goes to show that God will always provide ♡♡♡♡♡ this means so much to me I uhave no words except I'm grateful. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart

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Dear Hopeful People,

Sometimes I forget that you don't always hear about the things God is doing through our community. One of the parts of being a pastor is I get to hear people's hard stuff and people's good stuff. And sometimes I even get to hear about stuff we've done in the community where we expect no feedback.

So just in case you didn't hear, I am passing along this good news to you today. Last year, the Southwestern Minnesota Synod gave us an unexpected \$2000.00. The Vision table hemmed and hawed. I hemmed and hawed. What to do with this money? If my memory serves me cor-

rectly, Sara Pollmann was the one to speak up saying, "What if we gave it away?" Our hemming and hawing about what to do had resulted in insider thinking - how this money would serve us. That question changed the temperature in the room. It changed the condition of my heart. Long story short, the Financial Stewardship table then dreamed about just how to give this money away and decided day cares and school counselors would know how to hand these out best, no strings attached. The picture next to my words was posted on Facebook to a Hutchinson group and it speak better than I can.

I am grateful to serve our community that takes "we go out" seriously as part of who we are and what we do. Thank you to the school counselor who knew. Thank you for the Holy Spirit's ability to intervene! Thank you, God of promises. What will we do next? Pr. 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  
is back at MSSB on  
Sept. 27 from 6-8 pm!**

Check out all the opportunities for small groups under the Disciple category & invite a new or old friend to come along!

## Connect

### Financial Giving to River of Hope: 9/11/2016

Worship attendance:	78
In-Worship Offering:	\$197.00
Children's Offering:	\$8.78
Auto Deposits 8/27-9/2:	\$4,955.50
August 2016 average attendance	94.5

## Disciple

**See You at the Pole** gathering will be before school Wed. Sept. 28. Gather at the middle school, high school or New Century Academy. That evening, a Hutchinson-wide worship service for middle and high school students will be held at 7:30 pm at CrossPoint Church. See Ron Johnson for more info.

### Small Group Happenings

**Men's Bible Study:** Wed. Sept. 21, 9 am @ Dunn Bros. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month.

**Women of Hope:** Wed. Oct. 5, 9:30 am @ Andy Koening's home, 885 Otter St. SW. Meets 1st Wed. of the month.

**What's the Word?:** Tues. Oct. 11, 7 pm @ Caribou. Meets 2nd Tues. of the month.

**55+ Diners:** October date TBA

**Table Updates** [Tables are groups of people meeting around things they have passion to do for the purpose of River of Hope's going out to transform lives through Jesus Christ. Would you like to be part of one? You are invited. We need you.]

**Parish Personnel:** Meets 2nd Mon. of the month at 3 pm at Flagship. Next meeting is Oct. 10.

**Financial Stewardship:** Meets Sept. 21 @ 6 pm @ BusinessWare.

**Vision Table:** Meets Sept. 22 @ 6 pm at Pastor Laura's home.

**River Table:** Meets Sept. 19, 6 pm. It's the newest table of leaders who will work in concert with the Vision Table and will be communicators and inviters for the purpose of River of Hope and the part we play in loving and serving God's people. They will begin to ask people to consider being elected to this table. Please pray about your potential part of this table.

Please check our website for Table meeting minutes. We are just starting to post them. There will also be a link in the E-News.

**Women of the ELCA** 2017 Gathering is July 13-16 in Minneapolis. Registration starts Sept. 6. Please talk to Betty Brandt for more info. 320-587-9655.

**Parents!** Look for new KID CORNER resources on the name tag tables. They relate directly to worship for the day.

**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.

**Foster Parent Orientation** hosted by McLeod County Social Services for families interested in becoming foster parents. Sat. Oct. 15, 9 am-3pm at McLeod County HHW/Solid Waste Mgmt. Bldg. Find more info on Connect Table.

**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

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

## We Go Out

**Jim Nelson will be leading sing-alongs** at Woodstone on Sept. 21 at 10:30 am and Sept. 29 at 10 am. Might you be able to assist the residents in getting to the place where we are singing, help them find the music in the songbooks or pass out rhythm instruments? Please call Jim at 320-552-9734 if you can help.

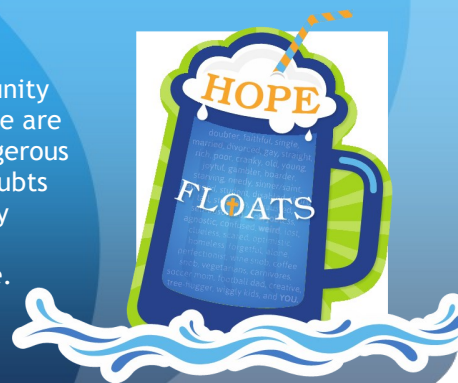


laundry love

**Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!"** opportunity to put on your calendar the **3rd Tues. of every month.** The next time is Sept. 20. 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 for more information.

# 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.*

## ~ September 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 Worship 10:30 New Bibles	19 Staff Meeting noon  River Table 6 pm	20 Staff Meeting 9 am  Laundry Love 8:30 am-noon 4:30-7 pm	21 Men's Bible Study 9 am @ Dunn Bros. Song-a-long 10:30 am @Woodstone Financial Stewardship 6 pm @ BusinessWare	22 Vision Table 6 pm @ Pastor Laura's home	23	24
25 Worship 10:30	26	27 Beer & Hymns 6-8 pm MSSB	28 See You at the Pole 7 am  10th Grade Youth+Mentor 6 pm RoH Office Lobby	29 Song-a-long 10 am @Woodstone	30	1

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### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
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