

Worship Outline

GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship
Gathering Songs
Welcome 101, Connection Cards
No Longer Strangers Prayer
Prayer of Blessing for First Responders
Greeting
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8
Sermon/Kindness Revolution
Offering
Offering Song

FEAST & SENDING

Setting the Table
Thanksgiving at the Table
The Lord's Prayer
Invitation to the Meal
Communion
Communion Songs
Music to Send You Out

September 11, 2016



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



Evangelical
Lutheran
Church in America

**God's work.
Our hands.**

TODAY! We will bless First Responders and then, in gratitude, will go out into Hutchinson to serve. Join in with a service group today. Grab a River of Hope shirt to wear!

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 18th Scripture:

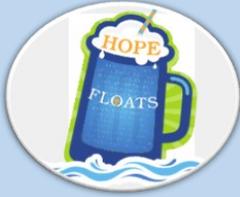
Genesis 15:1-6

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

September 18th Singers: Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger, Rachel Stearns

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Make Me A Servant" & "Go Make A Difference"
Offering Song: "We Are Called"
Communion: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant", "The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve" & "Let's Go Out"



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River Conditions

Dear Hopeful Ones,

River of Hope's purpose statement begins with these 3 words: We. Go. Out. (The dramatic periods are not behind each of the 3 words in our purpose statement. But dramatic here, no?) It's in our DNA to be people who are sent out to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world in all kinds of ways.

Today we're incorporating this "we go out" into our worship service, a church-wide celebration of our freedom in Christ to serve the neighbor. See more information here: http://www.elca.org/dayofservice?_g...

First, we'll gather for worship per usual. We'll sing a few songs and hymns. Then we're going to bless people. We've invited first responders from the Hutchinson community to be part of worship that morning. So ER workers and EMTs and the Hutchinson PD. In light of the September 11th anniversary, we will surround them with our gratitude and pray God's continued blessings upon their work to protect and serve the most vulnerable people at their worst.

Which, when you think about it for even a moment, is what we're called to do as Christians. To first respond to those who are neglected or forgotten or in their greatest need. And we do this because God first responded to us.

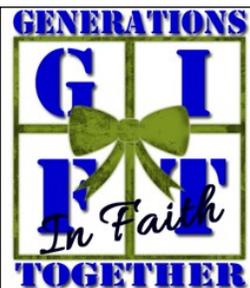
So then, after this blessing, we'll be fed from Christ's table and then go and respond to the world in the form of service projects in and around the Hutchinson community.

It's going to be a good day to be reminded how we respond to the unconditional love given to us through Jesus Christ!

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 is back at MSSB on Sept. 27 from 6-8 pm!

Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope: 9/4/2016

Worship attendance: 98
In-Worship Offering: \$529.00
Children's Offering: \$12.23
Auto Deposits 8/27-9/2: \$2,275.00
August 2016 average attendance 94.5

riverKIDS leader needed! Talk to Jim Nelson if you'd like to lead the riverKIDS choir.

Disciple

Fall Group Happenings

What's the Word?: Tues. Sept. 13, 7 pm @ Caribou. Meets 2nd Tues. of the month.

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

55+ Diners: Thur. Sept. 15, 5:30 pm @ El Loro. Contact Kathy Bergs or Jeanette Lindberg for more info or to sign up.

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 Sept. 12.

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

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

River Table: Met Aug. 31, 6 pm @ MSSB. Is 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 see Betty Brandt for more info.

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.

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 Harmony River on Sept. 15 at 2:30 pm and 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 talk to Jim if you can help.

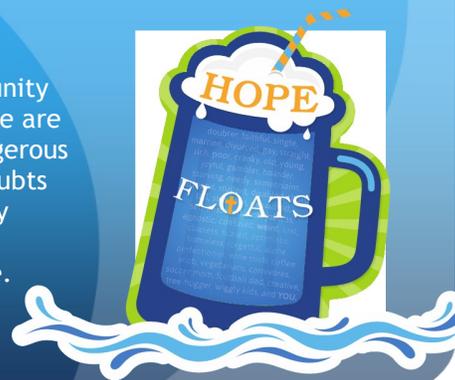


Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!" opportunity to put on your calendar the 3rd Tues. of every month. The next time is Sept. 20. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introverts & extroverts needed. Quarters needed. 3 people per shift, 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
11 Worship 10:30 Blessing of First Responders We Go Out: "God's Work, Our Hands"	12 Staff Meeting noon Parish Personnel 3 pm @ Flagship Advisors	13 Staff Meeting 9 am What's the Word? 7 pm Caribou	14 10TH GRADE Youth/Mentors 6-8 pm RoH Lobby Living Creed prep	15 Sing-a-long @ Harmony River 2:30 pm 55+ Diners 5:30 pm El Loro	16	17
18 Worship 10:30 New Bibles	19 Staff Meeting noon	20 Laundry Love 8:30 am-noon 4:30-7 pm	21 Song-a-long @Woodstone 10:30 am Financial Stewardship 6 pm @ BusinessWare	22 Vision Table 6 pm @ Pastor Laura's home	23	24



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Worship

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