

Worship Outline

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Music to Prepare Us for Worship
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Meet Someone New
Confession and Forgiveness
Greeting
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Gloria
Prayer of the Day

WORD

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Sermon
Prayers of the People
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Offering Song

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January 8, 2017

River of HOPE

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



Today we begin Epiphany and the baptism of our Lord.

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

January River Guides:

Steve & Chanda Kropp & Nancy Jorgenson

January 15th Scripture:

Luke 4:14-30

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

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

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "All Who Are Thirsty" & "Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble"

Kyrie

Gloria

Alleluia

Offering Song: "Oh, Sing to the Lord"

Communion: "Lamb of God" & "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

MILESTONES: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

Sending Song: "Days of Elijah"



River Team Schedule

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River Conditions

Dear Hopefuls,

Happy New Year, River of Hope!

As we step into the new year, we look around us and realize we step together. This life of faith is not a solo adventure but a communal one. It slows you down, it holds you up, it changes your pathway, it interrupts your life. It's actually quite hard to be in community together sometimes. But just as it might be difficult, it is also the greatest gift. It's why we practice worship each and every week. We practice words of faith. We practice shaking hands and smiling. We practice meeting new people. We practice praying and singing and saying out loud just what it is we believe to be true about Jesus.

I am so pleased to be walking with you in this life of faith, now going on my 6th year at River of Hope and in Hutchinson. I am excited for the new places God will lead us this new year, transforming our lives all the way.

I love you because God loves you. It's just how it works.

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

Tues. Jan. 31, 6-8 pm
Main Street Sports Bar

Snow Tubing HEY, Hutchinson Ecumenical Youth organization, is sponsoring a tubing event at Powder Ridge. Middle Schoolers will go on Jan. 18, and High Schoolers will go Jan. 25. Permission slips & more info on the Connect Table. Slips were also handed out at Confirmation. Contact Ron Johnson or the office with questions.

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: 1/8/2017

Worship attendance:	60
In-Worship Offering:	\$490.00
Children's Offering:	\$14.10
Auto Deposits:	\$965.00

Dec. 2016 average attendance*104.75

***Did You Know...** that 80% of our River of Hope community attends worship during a typical month?

2017 Equipping Congregations Day "Everyday Reformers" is Sat. Feb. 25, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm at Vinje Lutheran & Bethel Lutheran in Willmar. See the poster on the Connect Table for more info & registration.

Disciple

Small Groups

Men's Bible Study: Wed. Jan. 18, 9 am @ Dunn Bros. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month.

Women of Hope: Wed. Feb. 1, 9:30 am @ Andy Koenig's home. Meets 1st Wed. of the month.

What's the Word?: Tues. Jan. 10, 7 pm @ Caribou. Meets 2nd Tues. of the month.

55+ Diners: Next date TBA



Classes will be from 6-7:30 pm at New Journey UCC. Dates are Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. The facilitator is Kelly Johnson. Here is the registration link: <https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1032250>

Voices of Hope - Next date TBA Come and sing in our "instant choir!" Practice at 9:45 that morning and ready to sing for worship! All vocal styles welcome.

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 Jan. 10. (note date change)

Financial Stewardship: Met Jan. 5.

Vision Table: Met Jan. 3.

River Table: Congratulations to the newly elected River Table members: Nancy Jorgenson, Warren Kempfert, Emma Kraft, Rod Riewer, Jill Springer & Mike Weisenberger.

Please check our website for Table meeting minutes. There will also be a link in the E-News.

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

Common Cup Fare For All, Thur. Jan. 26. More info on the 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

Backpack - pudding cups for Backpack Program

We Go Out



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 Jan. 17. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introverts, extroverts & quarters needed. 3 people per shift, 9:00-noon; noon-3:30; 3:30-6:30. Contact Allen Gislason at 320-403-7004 or alleng747@hotmail.com for more information.

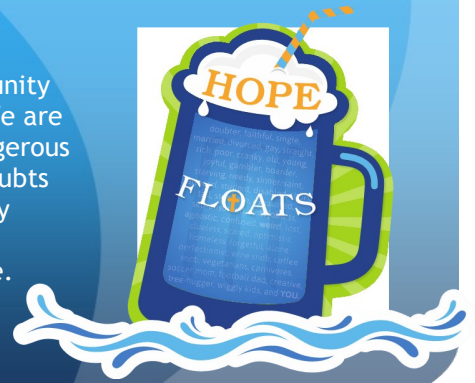
Did you know? In November, Laundry Love served 46 families, (14 brand new) and spent a total of \$652.75.

Jim Nelson will be leading sing-alongs at Woodstone on Jan. 26 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 with any questions or just show up & help!



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.

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 Worship 10:30 am	9 Staff meeting noon	10 Parish Personnel 3 pm, Flagship What's the Word? 7 pm, Caribou	11	12	13	14
15 Worship 10:30 am	16 Staff Meeting noon	17 Laundry Love	18 Men's Bible Study 9 am, Dunn Bros. Middle School Tubing	19	20	21

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Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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