

## Worship Outline

### GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship  
Gathering Songs  
Welcome, 101, Connect Cards  
No Longer Strangers Prayer  
Meet Someone New  
Confession  
Silent Confession/Stumbling Blocks  
Assurance of Forgiveness & Response  
Greeting  
Kyrie  
Prayer of the Day

### STORY

Luke 15:11-32  
Sermon/Construction Time  
Prayers of the People/Under  
Construction Prayers  
Offering  
Offering Song

### FEAST & SENDING

Setting the Table  
Thanksgiving at the Table  
The Lord's Prayer  
Invitation to the Meal  
Communion  
Communion Songs  
Prayer After Communion  
Purpose  
MILESTONES  
Blessing  
Sending Song  
Music to Send You Out

March 19, 2017

River of HOPE

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



*Lent 2017*

*Who are you in this week's story? The lost returned home?  
The waiting, joyful father? The resentful older brother?*

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

**March River Guides:**  
Jennifer & Brian Tillmann  
**March 26th Scripture:**  
Luke 16:19-31

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

**March 26th Singers:** Sara Pollmann, Sara Shorter, Eliza Johnson, Jill Renstrom, Terry Kempfert

## Today's Music:

**Gathering Songs:** "Undo" & "Prodigal"  
"You Are Mine"  
"All Are Welcome"  
"Kyrie"  
"Let the Walls Fall Down"  
**Offering Song:** "Build Your Kingdom Here"  
"The Great Thanksgiving"  
**Communion:** "Lamb of God" & "Prodigal"  
**MILESTONES:** "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"  
**Sending Song:** "Our Father, We Have Wandered"



### River Team Schedule

#### March - Jordan

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## River Conditions

Hello Hopefuls,

It's Lent! If you don't know what a Lent is, it's the season where we follow Jesus towards the cross where he shows ultimate love and power through betrayal, suffering, and death. Without this part of the story, there's no Christian story. It's hard to look at much less get into lock step and follow for (roughly) 40 days. But, by now, in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is headed toward Jerusalem and he knows it's gonna get ugly. He's begun to tell his disciples who don't understand and are too afraid to ask. On Ash Wednesday we looked that fear in the face and heard the words that we are mortal, that we will die. God breathed life into dust and created us and we will return to dust. As one of my friends put it, Ash Wednesday is the great leveler. It applies to all of us, no exceptions. Folks this is Good News. We don't need to worry about saving ourselves, making ourselves better or younger or whatever. It's the reality. But our reality is in Jesus as the beginning and the end.

I want to invite you into ways to walk with others during Lent this year.

+Chanda Kropp is leading yoga on Sunday nights, 7pm, at the Office location downtown (16 Washington Ave). All levels (beginners, too) invited for this time to slow down and breathe. You can contact Chanda: [chandakropp@hotmail.com](mailto:chandakropp@hotmail.com).

+Allen Gislason is leading a Bible study using the incredible book called Mana and Mercy that condenses the story of the Bible down into themes. You can contact Allen: 320-403-7004 or [alleng747@hotmail.com](mailto:alleng747@hotmail.com).

+I am leading a study called My Neighbor is Muslim which takes a look at the Muslim faith. The study guide is free. Meeting 8:30-9:30 on Sunday mornings before worship. Contact me with questions: [pastor@riverofhopehutchinson.org](mailto:pastor@riverofhopehutchinson.org) or 320-587-4414.

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



**Tuesday Mar. 28**  
**6-8 pm MSSB**

**Lenten Yoga** Sunday evenings 7:00 pm, through April 9, Historic Jorgensen Hotel Lobby. Lent is a time to refocus and practice being quiet. Practicing yoga is a way to slow down and pay attention to what is important in our lives. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel. No experience necessary. Contact Chanda Kropp if you have questions: chandakropp@hotmail.com

**Easter Sunday - Hope Rebuilt** is April 16 with 2 worship service opportunities: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

## Connect

### Financial Giving to River of Hope: 3/12/2017

Worship attendance:	70
In-Worship Offering:	\$800.00
Children's Offering:	\$1.00
Auto Deposits:	\$4,955.50
LIRS	\$300.00
Feb. 2017 average attendance	83.75

## Disciple

**Senior High Youth Group** will meet Sun. Apr. 2 right after worship & go to AirMaxx Trampoline Park in St. Cloud. Cost is approx. \$15. Talk to Ron Johnson if you have questions.

**Enrich Your Marriage** Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend, Apr. 28-30, Double Tree Hotel, Brooklyn Center. Pastor Linda & Dave Pedersen are a presenting couple. Call them at 320-328-9911 with questions. See flier at Connect Table for registration info.

**Community Good Friday Service** will be Apr. 14, 7 pm at Bethlehem UMC.

**Tai Chi group** will meet Thur. Mar. 23 & 30, 10:15 am at Anytime Fitness. No experience needed! Talk to Terry Kempfert or comment on Facebook group post if interested.

**Pancake Breakfast** Sun. Apr. 23, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Elks Lodge. Sponsored by Masons of Hutchinson. All proceeds plus matching funds benefit McLeod Alliance.

**Lenten Evening Prayer Services** at New Journey UCC on Sunday nights at 6:30 pm. "Hidden with Christ" is a short, 30 minute service with text, songs, silence & communion.

A **6-week study** with Pastor Laura entitled "My Neighbor is Muslim", Sundays through April 9, 8:30am-9:30am at the Event Center. This resource will open doors, minds, and hearts & dispel stereotypes & myths about Muslim neighbors just enough to start more conversations. Have the free resource emailed to you or pick it up on Sunday at worship or stop by the office.

**Lenten Bible Study** Join Allen Gislason for *Manna and Mercy* by Daniel Erlander. It is a "brief history of God's unfolding promise to mend the entire universe". Sound bold to you? I hope you will consider joining on this journey from Genesis to Revelation. Sign up at church or contact me at 320-403-7004 or alleng747@hotmail.com.

**Voices of Hope** Come and sing in our "instant choir!" Practice at 9:45 that morning to get ready to sing for worship! All vocal styles welcome. Future dates are Mar. 26 & May 7.

### Small Groups

**What's the Word?:** Tues. Apr. 11, 7 pm, Caribou.

**55+ Diners:** Thur. Mar. 30, 5:30 pm, Squeaky's. RSVP on Facebook or call Nan Crary, 320-234-6399 or Betty Brandt, 218-244-5219.

**Men's Bible Study:** Wed. Apr. 5, 9 am, Dunn Bros. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month.

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

**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.]

**WAM:** Tues. Mar. 21, 7 pm, RoH Lobby

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

**Financial Stewardship:** Mar. 23, 6 pm, Sue Benson's home.

**Vision Table:** Date TBA, 7:15 pm, El Loro.

**River Table:** Tues. Apr. 4, 6 pm, Kempfert's home. President: Mike Weisenberger, Vice President: Jill Springer, Secretary: Rod Riewer

**The Financial Stewardship Table** has set a goal of one additional household signing up for Simply Giving each month. Will you be the One for March? You can find forms for signing up at the Connect Table.

If you have questions, talk to Treasurer Sue Benson (sbenson@hutchtel.net or 320-587-2907) or a member of the Financial Stewardship Table: Ruth Hamlow, Rob Hauser, Brian Tillmann, or Sue Peters.

**Common Cup Happenings:**  
**Open House** Thur. Mar. 30, 4-6 pm.

**Diaper month** for River of Hope is March. Larger sizes preferred. Drop off at worship or Common Cup office.

**Thrift Shop** now open in Glencoe at 712 11th St. E, 320-864-1177. Donations welcome. Call Andy at 320-587-9052 with 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:

**Simply Giving** To sign up or update your info, call Sue Benson at 320-587-2907, or go online to riverofhopehutchinson.org & click "give". New paper forms are on the Connect Table.

**Did you know \$70 a month** is paid for credit card fees through Simply Giving? Consider switching to your bank account so that \$70 can go to support Laundry Love and other "we go out" opportunities.  
**Offering can** - \$ for House of Grace  
**Laundry Basket** - collects quarters (or any other kind of money) for Laundry Love  
**Backpack** - pudding cups for Backpack Program

## We Go Out



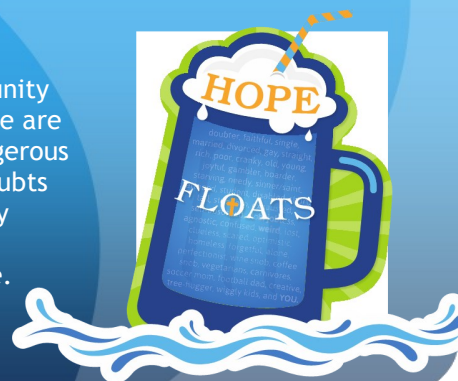
# laundry love

**Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!"** opportunity to put on your calendar the **3rd Tues. of every month**. The next time is Mar. 21. 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 info.

**Jim Nelson will be leading a sing-along** at Woodstone on Mar. 30 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.*

March 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 My Neighbor is Muslim 8:30 am  Worship 10:30 am  Lenten Yoga 7 pm	20 Staff Meeting noon	21 Laundry Love  WAM 7 pm	22 Financial Peace University 6 pm	23 Financial Stewardship 6 pm	24	25
26 My Neighbor is Muslim 8:30 am  Worship 10:30 am Voice of Hope  Lenten Yoga 7 pm	27 Staff Meeting noon	28 Beer & Hymns 6 pm, MSSB	29 Financial Peace University 6 pm	30 55+ Diners 5:30 pm, Squeaky's	31	1

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### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
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