

## Worship Outline

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Greeting

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April 16, 2017

River of HOPE

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

# Rebuilding



*"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but is risen." It is the reason we celebrate today and always.  
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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:

### April River Guide:

Ruth Hamlow

### April 23rd Scripture:

Luke 24:13-35

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

**April 23rd Singers:** Mike Weisenberger, Abby Thomson, Sara Nelson, Ruth Hamlow, Thayne Johnson

**Gathering Songs:** "Christ Is Alive! Let Christian Sing" & "My Redeemer Lives"

"All Are Welcome"

"Thine Is the Glory"

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**Offering Song:** "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

"Let The Walls Fall Down"

**Communion:** "Let The Walls Fall Down", "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" & "Christ Arose"

**MILESTONES:** "Glorious Day"

**Sending Song:** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"



### River Team Schedule

#### April - Amazon

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## River Conditions

Happy Easter Hopeful Ones,

Jim Wallis, the Editor of Sojourner's Magazine has this to say about hope: "Hope unbelieved is always considered nonsense. But hope believed is history in the process of being changed." The Easter story is one of disbelief in the wake of grief. The women head to the tomb and are asked by two men in blazing white, why are you looking for the living among the dead?" When they head back to tell the other disciples, they accuse the women of telling an idle tale. They call BS. And, I guess, who can blame them? After all they've experienced in watching Jesus be killed. After all they've experienced in deserting their friend and teacher. How on earth could what the women have seen been anything but a fairy tale?

This is how the Good News is often received - have you noticed? Like it's too good to be true. Like free root beer floats offered to often incredulous people. Or an open communion table for all those hungry or thirsty for mercy through Jesus. Or help paying for laundry. People just can't believe it. They think maybe we've got a big old string attached.

We cannot be discouraged. The women obviously weren't. And neither were the men, once they went and saw it for themselves. Because we know the reality of this hope in Jesus and we know it does not disappoint. In fact, this hope sets things in motion. Hope is the fuel of change, of transformation. It's what kicks you in the pants to keep you going. It's what comforts you in the dark of night. This is the hope, echoing out of an empty tomb, that nothing will ever be the same again. Love has won.

Happy Easter. Now go and share this love with people in unbelievable ways.

## 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** is at Main Street Sports Bar, on Tuesday April 25 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: 4/9/2017

Worship attendance:	74
In-Worship Offering:	\$648.00
Laundry Love:	\$15.00
Auto Deposits:	\$6,160.50
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services total to date	\$2,801.00
March average attendance	79

## Disciple

**Keep Your Pants On!** National speaker Molly Sanborn talks S-E-X. By Hutchinson Area Youth, Wed. Apr. 19, 7 pm, Peace Lutheran. Fliers on Connect Table.

**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.

**Spring Gathering** Crow River Conf. Women of the ELCA, Sat. Apr. 29, Gethsemane Lutheran, Dassel. More info on the Connect Table. Questions? Talk to Betty Brandt, 320-587-9655.

**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. Apply at godlovesmarriage.org or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahon, mcmahonp@comcast.net or 763-561-1575.

## Small Groups

**Men's Bible Study:** Wed. Apr. 19, 9 am, Dunn Bros. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month.

**Women of Hope:** Wed. May 3, 9:30 am, location TBA. Meets 1st Wed. of the month.

**55+ Diners:** Next date TBA

**What's the Word?:** Next date TBA

**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. Next date is May 7.

**Destination Reformation** Sat. Apr. 29, St. John's Lutheran, Howard Lake. Register with brochure on Connect Table.

**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.]

**Worship & Music Table:** Next date TBA.

**Parish Personnel:** Meets 2nd Mon. of the month at 3 pm at Flagship. Next meeting is May 8.

**Financial Stewardship:** Wed. Apr. 19, 6 pm, Sue Benson's home. sbenson@hutchtel.net.

**Vision Table:** Mon. Apr. 24, 6:30 pm, Tokyo Grill.

**River Table:** Wed. May 10, 6 pm, MSSB. Email President Mike Weisenberger with questions at weisenberger@mchsi.com.

**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 April?** 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** Thrift Shop is 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:

**Watering can & laundry basket** - collects quarters (or any other kind of money) for Laundry Love Backpack - pudding cups for Backpack Program

**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.

## We Go Out



# laundry love

**March 21 was a record day at Laundry Love!** 47 family units were served, which resulted in clean clothes for 140 people. There were 14 new people present. God is Good!

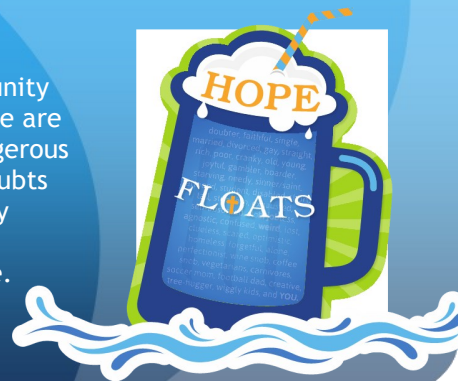
**Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!"** opportunity to put on your calendar the **3rd Tues. of every month.** The next time is Apr. 18. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introvers, extroverts & quarters needed. 3 people per shift, 9:00-noon; 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-a-long** at Woodstone on Apr. 20 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.*

April 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16 Easter Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am	17 Pastor Laura & Jim's day off (office open)	18 Laundry Love	19 Staff Meeting 9 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Financial Stewardship 6 pm	20 Sing-a-long 10 am Woodstone	21	22
23 Worship 10:30 am	24 Staff Meeting noon Vision Table 6:30 pm Tokyo Grill	25 Beer & Hymns 6 pm	26	27	28	29 WELCA Spring Gathering

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### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
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