

Worship Outline

GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship
Gathering Songs
Welcome, 101, Connection Cards
Children+Youth Help Introduce Day
No Longer Strangers Prayer
Meet Someone New
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Confession
Greeting
Hymn of Praise
Prayer of the Day

STORY

John 1:1-18
Sermon
Prayers of the People Songs
Prayers of the People

MEAL

Offering
Offering Song
Setting the Table
Thanksgiving for Gifts
The Lord's Prayer
Invitation to the Meal
Communion
Communion Songs
Blessing & Prayer after Communion

SEND

Purpose
MILESTONES
Blessing
Sending Song
Music to Send You Out

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.



December 24, 2017



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:

December River Guide:

Rob & Jennifer Hauser

December 31st Scripture: John 1:19-34

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

December 31st Singers: Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger, Rachel Stearns, Kurt Schulz

Gathering Songs: Come and Behold Him & Come and Fill Me Up

Hymn of Praise: Vagabonds

Prayers of the People Songs: All Who Are Thirsty & Come and Fill Our Hearts

Offering Song: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Communion Songs: Love Has Come & I Come O Come Emmanuel

Milestones: Eagle's Wings

Sending Song: Bethlehem Highway

River Team Schedule



December - Jordan

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River Guide:

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River Conditions

We are in the middle of the season of waiting called Advent. Have you been able to wait? Or are you breathless from the demands of life? Do you make the effort to slow down, to sit for an extra minute in your car before heading for your day just to breathe and to ask God for peace, to show you love, to show you how you should live that day? Waiting is a spiritual practice. And, like any other spiritual practice, it is boring. Or it might seem impossible. Or it might seem silly. Waiting? For what?

That's just it. Make some time to actively wait and you just might find out. Dare to sit in silence and to wonder to God what you might be waiting for. Ask God to wait with you, to stir up something new, to bring new life to an old dead thing. This season of waiting results in God's greatest communication effort with us ever. Jesus came to show us the way. To show us how to love. To show us how to wait. It's the greatest gift ever, revealed to us in the most subversive way.

Your Advent waiting will reveal to you the joy and peace that only God in Jesus Christ can bring. It's a miracle.

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



Christmas Eve Worship

3:00 pm: crafts, caroling & snacks
4:00 pm: worship with "instant"
Christmas program, concluding with
candelight



Beer & Hymns: Tues. Jan. 30, 6-8 pm,
Main Street Sports Bar

Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope:
12/17/2017

Worship attendance:	99
In-Worship Offering:	\$424.00
Laundry Love:	\$75.15
Auto Deposits:	\$2,905.00
November average attendance	113

Check out River of Hope's 3rd Quarter
Report, available at the Connect Table.

Disciple

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Get an A+ in
gifting when you give the one you love your
time & attention. Feb. 16-18. 2018 at Dou-
ble Tree by Hilton Hotel in Brooklyn Center.
Apply at godlovesmarriage.org or contact
Peter & Phyllis McMahon at
mcmahonp@comcast.net or 763-561-1575.
Pre-registration required. Dave & Linda
Pedersen will be a presenting couple. Con-
tact them to learn more at 320-328-9911.

Women of Hope: Wed. Jan. 3, 9:30 am,
Andy Koenig's home, 885 Otter St. SW,
Hutchinson, 320-587-9052,
andreakoening46@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study: Wed. Jan. 3, 9 am,
Dunn Bros. Contact Dave Pedersen,
320-328-9911, dlpeders@msn.com

Homelessness Task Force A task force to
address homelessness in McLeod County has
been hard at work. How can River of Hope
participate in this critical issue of housing
in our community & country? Check
out the new HOMES website:
<https://www.homesmcleod.org>.

2018 Equipping Congregations Day, Feb.
10, 2018, Vinje & Bethel Lutheran Church-
es, Willmar. Speaker: Presiding Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton.

Table Updates [Tables are groups of peo-
ple meeting around things they have pas-
sion 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: Mon. Jan. 8, 3 pm

Financial Stewardship: Wed. Jan. 17,
6 pm, Sue Benson's home,
sbenson@hutchtel.net

Vision Table: Next date TBA

River Table: Next date TBA

Vision Table & River Table: Tues. Jan. 23,
6 pm, Main Street Sports Bar.

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 - collects quarters (or any
other kind of money) for Laundry Love

Backpack - Chef Boyardee cups for
Common Cup Backpack Program

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

Please consider using your bank account
rather than a credit card when signing up.
It saves us from having to pay monthly
fees to use the credit card.

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 January 16. We're partnering with
Vineyard United Methodist Church to help
people afford to do their laundry. Intro-
verts, extroverts & quarters needed. Two
people per shift, 9:00-noon; noon-3:30;
3:30-6:30. Find the SignUp Genius link in
our Facebook group or contact Allen Gisl-
son at 320-403-7004 or
alleng747@hotmail.com.

In November, Laundry Love served 40 fam-
ilies, of which 6 were new, and spent \$606.



Starfish Tribe is an outreach project under
Rive of Hope. Our focus is to make a signifi-
cant difference in the lives of young adults
facing extreme challenges. We have a vari-
ety of ways for you to get involved & help!
We sell River of Hope Art Cards on Sundays,
have a jar to collect "Change for Change",
& an online gift store coming soon. You can
make donations with checks payable to
River of Hope, earmarked "Starfish Tribe".
Watch our page at www.starfishtribe.com!
Most of all, keep us in your prayers. We
have big goals for 2018, & with your help
we'll get there!

Jim Nelson will be leading sing-a-longs at
Woodstone on January 4 & 25 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.



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.



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.

December 2017/January 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 Worship 10:30 am 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve 3 pm crafts, snacks, caroling 4 pm worship		26 Office closed	27	28	29	30
31 Worship 10:30 am		2	3 Men's Bible Study 9 am Women of Hope 9:30 am Confirmation 6 pm	4	5	6

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Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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