

Worship Outline

GATHER

Music to Prepare Us for Worship
Gathering Songs
Welcome, 101, Connection Cards
Introduce the Day's Theme with Kids
No Longer Strangers Prayer
Meet Someone New
Confession
Kyrie
Promise of Forgiveness
Hymn of Praise
Greeting
Prayer of the Day

WORD

John 3:1-21
Wade in the Word
Sermon
Statement of Faith
Prayers of the People
Offering
Offering Songs

FEAST

Setting the Table
Thanksgiving at the Table
The Lord's Prayer
Invitation to the Meal
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Communion Songs
Prayer after Communion

SEND

Purpose
MILESTONES
Sending Song
Music to Send You Out

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.



January 28, 2018



For God so loved the world...

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:

January River Guides:

Mike & Katie Weisenberger

February 4th Scripture: John 4:1-42

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

February 4th Singers: Sara Nelson, Ruth Hamlow, Mike Weisenberger, Thayne Johnson

Gathering Songs: The Power Of Your Love & I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise: We Are Called

Song after Sermon: To Be Alive

Offering Song: Everybody's Got Something to Offer

Communion Songs: God Loved the World & Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Milestones: Be Thou My Vision

Sending Song: Love Come Down

River Team Schedule



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River Guide:

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River Guides:

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River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,

I will be taking a sabbatical this year and like most things in my life, it's a variation on a theme. Last year, I applied for funds through the Lily Foundation to pay for a 3-month sabbatical. I did not receive that grant and so now have come up with a way to take a breath, to rest, and to return to River of Hope renewed.

Starting in February, I will begin the Shape of Leadership program, hosted by ELCA Pastors affiliated (mostly) with the Southeastern MN Synod. I will meet with a cohort of colleagues once a month on a Thursday and talk about the shape of leadership in the church, particularly my own. Then, beginning in April of this year I will take a "traditional" sabbatical, after the 1st (Easter Sunday – no foolin'). During April, I am going to read and pray and rest. And I am going to scout out congregations that I can learn from that are a day's drive away from Hutchinson. There will be a variety of pastors as well as River of Hope-ers who will lead worship while I am gone.

Then, when I return in May, the rhythm will be for me to have one week a month of sabbatical rest that will most often coincide with the Shape cohort meeting in Minneapolis. The plan will be for me to go from worship one Sunday and then return the next Sunday to lead worship but not preach. My goal, and the goal for River of Hope, is to have folks share the Good News even while I am in worship so that when this "variation on a sabbatical" ends, we can keep up a rhythm of once-a-month community faith stories. I think it's important that we all have a voice that speaks to the Good News.

I will be reaching out and asking you, River of Hope, to step up and give voice to the hope you have in Jesus in your own life while I am gone. My goal is to spend some good time with you before a Sunday you would do that so you feel supported and prepared and, quite frankly, validated! If I haven't called you and you're interested? Please reach out to me.

I continue to be so grateful for serving River of Hope and helping us to develop together what it means to follow Jesus. I am excited for how God's Holy Spirit will work amongst us this year.

Love,

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. 30, 6-8 pm,
Main Street Sports Bar**

Connect

**Financial Giving to River of Hope:
1/21/2018:**

Worship attendance:	77
In-Worship Offering:	\$1,243.00
Laundry Love:	\$60.16
Auto Deposits:	\$3,835.00

December average attendance 93

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

Disciple

Powder Ridge Snow Tubing: Tues. Feb. 6 for grades 6-8 & Wed. Feb. 7 for grades 10-12. Leave Event Center at 5:45 & return around 9:45 pm. Cost is \$15. Contact Ron Johnson at 320-296-6224 with any questions.

Are you looking to make a difference? Are you caring, compassionate & dependable? Join Lutheran Social Service as a volunteer to provide companionship to seniors so their caregivers can take a much-needed break. Benefits: flexible schedule & monthly stipend. Call Sarah Doering at 320-221-4513.

Sammy Mayland & Lauren Ash Benefit: Sun. Mar. 11, 12-4 pm, Hutch Rec Center. Support Sammy & Lauren as they both battle Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. The Maylands are members of River of Hope. Poster on Connect Table.

Dear Fellow Servants, The steering committee of HOMES sends their thanks for your generous donation to help in the ministry of housing struggling families. They have one apartment occupied & hope to be able to provide a second one soon. In Christ's Service, Darlene Birchler, Volunteer, HOMES.

Women of Hope: Wed. Feb. 7, 9:30 am, Andy Koenig's home, 885 Otter St. SW, Hutchinson, 320-587-9052, andreakoening46@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study: Wed. Feb. 7, 9 am, Dunn Bros. Contact Dave Pedersen, 320-328-9911, dlpeders@msn.com

Voices of Hope, our pop up choir, will sing on Feb. 11, Mar. 18 & Apr. 22. All are welcome! Come at 9:45 am that day for practice.

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

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>.

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: Mon. Feb. 12, 3 pm

Financial Stewardship: Sat. Feb. 24, 9 am-noon, location TBA. sbenson@hutchtel.net

Vision Table: Next date TBA

River Table: Next date TBA

Vision Table & River Table: Next date TBA

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 is the perfect "We Go Out!" opportunity to put on your calendar the 3rd Tues. of every month. The next time is February 20. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introverts, 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 Gislason at 320-403-7004 or alleng747@hotmail.com.



Starfish Tribe is an outreach project under River of Hope. Our focus is to make a significant difference in the lives of young adults facing extreme challenges. We have a variety 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 a sing-a-long at Woodstone on February 1 & 22 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.**

January/February 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Worship 10:30 am	29 Staff Meeting noon	30 Beer & Hymns 6 pm	31	1	2	3
4 Worship 10:30 am	5 Staff Meeting noon	6 Tubing - 6-8 grade 5:45 pm	7 Men's Bible Study 9 am Women of Hope 9:30 am Confirmation 6 pm Tubing-10-12 grade 5:45 pm	8	9	10 Equipping Congregations Day

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Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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