

Worship Outline

GATHER

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

WORD

John 13:1-17
Wade in the Word
Sermon
Prayers of the People
Offering
Offering Song

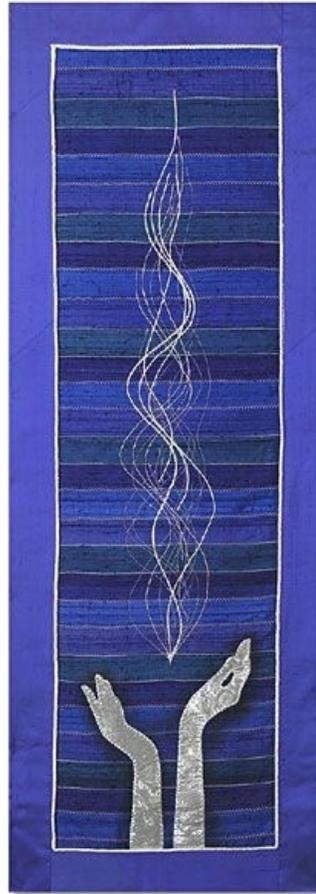
FEAST

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

SEND

Purpose
MILESTONES
Blessing
Sending Song
Music to Send You Out

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.



Reforming Still
River of HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Transforming Always

*We are
an
offering*

February 25, 2018

Jesus prepares you to love. Buckle up!

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:

February River Guides:

Kris Hartman & Scott Gross-Sand

March 4th Scripture: John 18:12-27

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

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

Gathering Songs: The Basin And The Towel & Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Hymns of Praise: Service of Light & Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

Prayer Songs: Let My Prayer Rise Up, Litany and Prayers & What Have We to Offer?

Offering Song: We Are An Offering

Communion Songs: We Are Called & Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Milestones: I Offer My Life

Sending Song: Go Make A Difference

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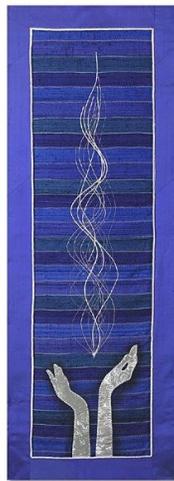
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River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,



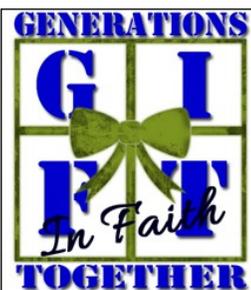
It's the season of Lent according to the church calendar. It's when we begin the 40 days of preparation for what is often called "The Passion of Christ." When Jesus was deserted by his closest friends, tried in a rigged court, and hung on a cross. It's the time in the church when we remember that Jesus meets us in the shadow of the cross. Jesus meets us where the rubber meets the road, when everything has fallen apart, when we're sitting in the shambles of what once was our life. I love Lent because this is our theology as Lutherans. We claim the "Theology of the cross." Instead of crying out "Victory is mine!" at every turn, we can claim that the savior of the world meets us in our deep brokenness, when we're most fragile and vulnerable. When we've come undone.

This Lent we will collect items to share with those whose lives are most vulnerable, who find themselves without consistent shelter and are largely unseen or ignored by us. (See the insert in The Weekly.) We are excited to partner with Jeff Schmidt and to offer our time and gifts to support this ministry to those on the margins. This is what Jesus calls us to do - to knowingly and willingly walk into the shadow of the cross and to meet others in their suffering and to show them love in some impossible or simple way.

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: This Tuesday, Feb. 27!
6-8 pm, Main Street Sports Bar
Bring your people!

Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope:
2/18/2018:

Worship attendance: 52
In-Worship Offering: \$435.00
Laundry Love: \$39.00
Auto Deposits: \$3,495.00

January average attendance 77

Check out River of Hope's 4th Quarter Report, available at the Connect Table.

Disciple

Dear Hopeful People, Our gratitude for your hosting our wedding celebration only seems to grow as we reflect back on that day. We are grateful for your helping to make all the moving parts come together. But mostly, we are grateful for your love & support of this new life we share together in marriage. Thank you for sharing your love & showing your love. We can't do it without you. Thanks for all the blessings you share with us. John & Laura.

We Are An Offering Lenten Challenge: We are collecting items to support Jeff Schmidt's outreach ministry to the homeless in Minneapolis & St. Paul. Please consider donating: adult size new or used backpacks, thermal socks, new women's underwear & men's boxers, ChapStick, deodorant, disposable razors, hair brushes, hair picks, small tissue packages, tampons, toothbrush covers/cases, small packs of wipes, washcloths, large bars of soap & containers, powder, shaving cream. Cash donations are always welcome. See Weekly insert for more information.

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.

Crow River Conference Women's Gatherings:
+Women of the ELCA Gathering, Sat. Apr. 28, First Lutheran Church, Litchfield. Registration is due by Apr. 16 to Nan Crary.
+Synod Convention, Fri. & Sat. June 29 & 30, Bethlehem Lutheran, St. Cloud. See flier on Connect Table for both events.

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

Women of Hope: Wed. Mar. 7, 9:30 am, Heather Goodrich's home, 245 Ottawa Ave. SE, Hutchinson, 320-587-6037, hgoodrich@nutelecom.net

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

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. Mar. 12, 3 pm, RoH Office

Financial Stewardship: Next date 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

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

In February, Laundry Love served 55 families, of which 16 were new. \$850 was spent. Thank you to all of you who serve & donate!



Starfish Tribe is an outreach project under Rive 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 sing-a-long schedule:
+Thur. Mar. 1, 2:30 pm, Harmony River
+Thur. Mar. 8, 10 am, Woodstone
+Thur. Mar. 15, 2:30 pm, Harmony River
+Thur. Mar. 22, 10 am, Woodstone
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!

Beer & Hymns Band: Fri. Mar. 9, 6-8 pm, The Buffalo Range, Buffalo Lake.

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.**

February/March 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Worship 10:30 am Lent 2	26 Staff Meeting noon	27 Beer & Hymns 6 pm	28	1	2	3
4 Worship 10:30 am Lent 3	5 Staff Meeting noon	6	7 Men's Bible Study 9 am Women of Hope 9:30 am Confirmation 6 pm	8	9	10

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Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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