



LUTHERAN CHURCH
March 18, 2018

***Our purpose as a church (it's why we exist):
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.***

***Living Principles: (how we live together + make decisions)
(learner)***

and we are not.

Learned to grow together as disciples: to forgive, to teach, to love.

Be inspired by the Holy Spirit to take risks.

Seek God's justice.

Serve with no strings attached.

Invite and welcome through loving acceptance.

Be where you are.



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River Condition

eful People,

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

That we will collect items to share with those whose lives are most vulnerable, those who live without consistent shelter and are largely unseen or ignored by us. (See the Weekly River News.) We are excited to partner with Jeff Schmidt and to use our gifts to support this ministry to those on the margins. This is what Jesus calls us to do: knowingly and willingly walk into the shadow of the cross and to meet others there; and to show them love in some impossible or simple way.

G and PRAISE to Jesus Christ:

faithful Laundry Love servants going to the laundromat month after month to meet Jesus • a group of Friends in
apolis with Jeff & Teresa Schmidt to feed hungry people • baby boy, Keagan Harvey Paulsen, born on
Paulsen; proud grandma & grandpa John & Tricia Paulsen • for Pam Johnson's faithful service to River
tor and for God's continued blessing in her life in her new job • John Paulsen's sister Janet, who is a
visitors worshipping at River of Hope • our journey as River of Hope • River Team Shenandoah as they

and give your GUIDANCE, Holy Spirit:

accept her death • help me have patience • all those who are hungry, hurt or cold • Ryan Goff & Charlo
ggle with faith or the institution of church • for Bishop Jon Anderson & all synod staff • for Confirmation
r Eliza Johnson on her internship in Wabasha • for visitors to River of Hope & all people being stirred u
of a faith community

Truth is:

unconditional love & ever being present • you • in your word, we must continue to search • we are kin
le always! • you love us no matter what is going on - thank you • you are loved • I am a sinner - please
s • found in the Bible. God is truth • we love you; we need you • that we live because you died

Prayers:

health, faith, happiness & love • Tammy Nygaard, good health & financially stable • Family Uendoza •
other-in-law. He is now cancer free. Please pray for my Aunt Jackie & Uncle Whitey as they have bot
ancer • for friend who shot himself in suicide attempt & a healthy baby • may it be a good year in our
thquake in Mexico have peace & well-being • for finances of new apartment deposits & van being fixe
• for finding a new job with good pay & benefits. I'm in need of good things to come my way • for the
bless them • for my mother, father & brother • that my court hearing goes well & that I'll be able to p
or Jodi C. • for the family of Emmanuel Lopez to be with the right people • Aunt Rita & Uncle Charlie
doing well • for all the Laundry Love helpers • that everything in our probate court goes well • for sons
and Jose & my Julia • for my son in Missouri. He needs to succeed in his baseball profession. This is his
or his Ranger's opportunity as a professional player • for my mother, father & sister who have cancer
0 home • for my husband Jose Martinez to find a job • God will lead me where I'm supposed to be in
call to a mission church in Michigan • for my brother's health

RELATIONSHIP, BODIES, MINDS, HEART AND SPIRITS:

& Keagan Paulsen; Sara Shorter; Andy Koenig; Kyle Merkins; Anita Weitzman; Darrell Schwetze -
a Cox; Sophia Muir - Katie Weisenberger's niece; Nancy Bruhn - friend of Linda Cox; Truman - gran
Judy Nelson - Jim Nelson's mom; Emil Starke - friend of many at River of Hope; Robin Aanden - fri
on; Victims of trauma & military service members who are recovering from PTSD; Donna Hagem
; Ben - son of Jan Hansch; Roger Stearns; brother-in-law - Rita Pettit; Pat Ziemer; Heather Goodri
rachen - friend of Heather Goodrich; Connie - Bo Young's aunt; for aging parents & health challeng
our loving & healing arms; prayers of healing, faith & fight to those suffering from terminal illness; Ka
ck Kosek - a friend to many at River of Hope; Ryan - son of friend - Renee Kotlarz; Jennifer Trettin -
ner & JoAnn - friends of Tillmanns; Mavis Muckala - Jennifer Hansen's mom; Antonio, Nicole & Mag
; Carter Renner; Holly - friend of Hausers; Ronda Matthias - friend of Remucals; Grant Scotting; ne
nson, Gary & Julianne - cousin, friends, brother & sister-in-law of Ron & Susan Johnson; Laurie & M
ma Cookie & Carol Barrick - grandma & mom of Stacy Vilt; family & friends of Sue Peters - Flick fan
ter & family, Andy and other friends; Mark, Mom & Liz - brother, mom & friend of Nan Crary; Jan
Norm & Tim - grandpa & uncle of Britt and Chad; for those battling eating disorders; friends ar
ue Gustafson, Danielle's grandpa George, Marissa, Roger, Kellen Summers, Nic, Liz; friends & fan

sports bar
Rule:
ay: Mar. 29, 7 pm, Event
 Mar. 30, 7 pm, Vineyard
 Apr. 1, 10:30 am, Event

connect

g to River of Hope:
ce: 73
ng: \$1,160.10
 \$25.00
 \$4,780.50
attendance 70.5
 r of Hope's 4th Quarter
 at the Connect Table.

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ing Lenten Challenge: We
 items to support Jeff
 ch Operation Hope. Please
 : adult size new or used
 al socks, new women's
 en's boxers, ChapStick,
 sable razors, hair brushes,
 itissue packages, tampons,
 rs/cases, small packs of
 ns, large bars of soap &
 der, shaving cream. Cash
 ways welcome. **You can**
turn them in to Jeff
x purposes. See Weekly
 formation.

ed. Mar. 21, 5:30 pm,
 o at Connect Table or with
 at 320-587-0369 or
 .net

our pop up choir, will sing
 welcome! Come at 9:45 am
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e: Wed. Apr. 4, 9:30 am,
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+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.

SW MN Synod Lutheran Marriage Encoun-
ter: Apr. 6-8, Holiday Inn, St. Cloud. Mar-
 riage enrichment presented by 3 lay couple
 and Pastor Linda & Dave Pedersen. Benefits
 married couples of all ages & years of mar-
 riage. Contact the Pedersens at 763-807-
 0993 with questions. Learn more & apply at
 GodLovesMarriage.org or contact
 Peter & Phyllis McMahon at
 mcmahonp@comcast.net or 763-561-1575.

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. Apr. 9, 3 pm, RoH
 Office

Financial Stewardship: Wed. Mar. 21, 6
 pm, Sue Benson's home sson@hutchtel.net

Vision Table: Next date TBA

River Table: Mon. Apr. 16, 6 pm, Landy
 Lodge

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

Laundry Love is the p
Out!" opportunity to put
 the 3rd Tues. of every
 time is March 20. We're
 Vineyard United Methodis
 people afford to do their
 verts, extroverts & quart
 people per shift, 9:00-
 3:30-6:30. Find the Sign
 our Facebook group or c
 son at 320-40
 alleng747@hotmail.com.

In February, Laundry Lov
 lies, of which 16 were
 spent. Thank you to all of
 donate!

Starfish Tribe is an outrea
 River of Hope. Our focus is
 icant difference in the live
 facing extreme challenges
 ety of ways for you to get
 We sell River of Hope Art
 have a jar to collect "Cha
 & an online gift store com
 make donations with ch
 River of Hope, earmarked
 Watch our page at www.
 Most of all, keep us in y
 have big goals for 2018,
 we'll get there!

Jim Nelson sing-a-l
 +Thur. Mar. 22, 10
 Might you be able to assis
 getting to the place wher
 help them find the music
 or pass out rhythm instrum
 Jim at 320-552-9734 with
 just show up & help!

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March/April 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
19 Staff Meeting noon	20 Laundry Love	21 Men's Bible Study 9 am 55+ Diners 5:30 pm Squeaky's Financial Stewardship 6 pm	22 Sing-a-long 10 am Woodstone	23
26 Staff Meeting noon	27 Beer & Hymns 6 pm	28	29 Maundy Thursday Worship 7 pm Event Center	30 Good Friday Worship 7 pm Vineyard Methodist Church
2 Staff Meeting noon	3	4 Men's Bible Study 9 am Women of Hope 9:30 am Confirmation 6 pm	5	6