



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

***Our Guiding Principles: (how we live together + make decisions)***

*(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, WE ARE PART OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA). WE'RE PRETTY PLEASED**

**HOLY WEEK 2018**

**River Conditions**

This is the week, River of Hope-ers! It's the week that tells the story of why we are Christian, why we are a church. We follow behind Jesus, watching him do the unthinkable. We doubt, we wonder, we believe all in fits and starts. We can't do it alone - we need each other and we need this story.

Here is the schedule for worships leading up to Easter Sunday when we celebrate - once again - the unthinkable: He Is Risen!

Thursday, March 29: Hutchinson Event Center at 7pm – “This is how you love.” A worship service where we gather around tables, bread, and wine (sparkling grape juice). It's a party to celebrate what Jesus does, how Jesus loves us. Until the party ends with betrayal. Bring your 30 pieces of silver, a sign of being in cahoots with Judas.

Friday, March 30: Vineyard Methodist Church at 7pm - We gather together and listen to those who were around Jesus leading up to his crucifixion. A contemplative, quiet evening in the shadow of the reality of the cross.

Sunday, April 1 (No foolin'): Hutchinson Event Center at 10:30AM. We are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world! Come and celebrate the miracle of Jesus' continued love for us, risen from the dead that day! (You are invited to bring a bouquet of flowers, whatever you like, to enliven the worship space. Then bring them home and enjoy them for the rest of the week.)



## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - *Your prayers matter. Please include in your daily prayers.***

### **Bring GOD'S COMFORT and PEACE:**

Family and friends of Anita Weitzman as she mourns the death of her husband, Tim •for every place where there is war, we pray for God's peace •Puerto Rico

### **THANKSGIVING and PRAISE to Jesus Christ:**

For consistent, faithful Laundry Love servants going to the laundromat month after month to meet Jesus •baby boy, Keagan Harvey Paulsen, born on March 12 to Caitlin & Andrew Paulsen; proud grandma & grandpa John & Tricia Paulsen •for Pam Johnson's faithful service to River of Hope as Office Administrator and for God's continued blessing in her life in her new job •all visitors worshipping at River of Hope •our journey as River of Hope •River Team Shenandoah as they lead us in worship in March

### **Stir up FAITH and give your GUIDANCE, Holy Spirit:**

•All those who are hungry, hurt or cold •for all those who struggle with faith or the institution of church •for Bishop Jon Anderson & all synod staff •for Confirmation students & their mentors •for Eliza Johnson on her internship in Wabasha •for visitors to River of Hope & all people being stirred up by the Holy Spirit to be part of a faith community

### **Jesus, you are the only one to:**

Believe in •save us & accept us into your heavenly home •forgive me again & again •always love us •get it, to just understand •give us support in the present world we live in •give my friend Anita peace after she lost her husband •go to hell for my salvation •save me from all sin

### **Laundry Love Prayers:**

Say a prayer for Clifford and get well soon •Hope for the helpless •victims of domestic violence •families of children with special needs that they be at peace in God's love •teens who have "lost their way" from depression and suicidal thoughts •for my family in Honduras •my twins so they get well soon •to see my kids more •financial stability •all affected by the bridge collapse in Florida •victims of school shootings •our country our world and our churches •my son with a DACA status who is being considered for a professional baseball team •our family and our safety

### **HEALING FOR RELATIONSHIP, BODIES, MINDS, HEART AND SPIRITS:**

Andrew, Caitlin & Keagan Paulsen; Sara Shorter; Sue Peters; Andy Koenig; Amy Leister - Bo Young's sister; Kyle Merkins; Anita Weitzman; Darrell Schwetze - friend of Scott Gross-Sand; Linda Cox; Sophia Muir - Katie Weisenberger's niece; Nancy Bruhn - friend of Linda Cox; Truman - grandson of Dale & Protia Brandsoy; Emil Starke - friend of many at River of Hope; Robin Aanden - friend of Bob Klassen; Nyssa Johnson; Victims of trauma & military service members who are recovering from PTSD; Donna Hageman; Joyce - grandma of Krafts; Ben - son of Jan Hansch; Roger Stearns; brother-in-law - Rita Pettit; Pat Ziemer; Heather Goodrich; Sammy Mayland; Kirsty McKrachen - friend of Heather Goodrich; Connie - Bo Young's aunt; for aging parents & health challenges - keep the old & the young in your loving & healing arms; prayers of healing, faith & fight to those suffering from terminal illness; Karlo Schultz - Kristi Morris' dad; Dick Kosek - a friend to many at River of Hope; Ryan - son of friend - Renee Kotlarz; Jennifer Trettin - friend of Rachel Stearns; Jay Werner & JoAnn - friends of Tillmanns; Mavis Muckala - Jennifer Hansen's mom; Antonio, Nicole & Maggie - family & friends of Shorters; Carter Renner; Holly - friend of Hausers; Ronda Matthias - friend of Remucals; Grant Scotting; newborn Luna, Nate, Mike Gabrielson, Gary & Julianne - cousin, friends, brother & sister-in-law of Ron & Susan Johnson; Laurie & Mike - friends of Lindbergs; Grandma Cookie & Carol Barrick - grandma & mom of Stacy Vilt; family & friends of Sue Peters - Flick family, Kelly Jo, Dad Richard, Carter & family, Andy and other friends; Mark, Mom & Liz - brother, mom & friend of Nan Crary; Jan Searle - friend of Kropps; Grandpa Norm & Tim - grandpa & uncle of Britt and Chad; for those battling eating disorders; friends and family of the Kempferts - CJ, Sue Gustafson, Danielle's grandpa George, Marissa, Roger, Kellen Summers, Nic, Liz; friends & family of Phyllis Lindstrand - brother in law Gary, Uncle Chuck S., daughter Nikki, son Jason, brother Philip, brother in law Ed; friends and family of Betty Brandt - husband Gene, Rob Vos, Velma Brandt, Kathleen, Grace, Matthew; Josh Benson - Shirley Olson's nephew; people who suffer with chronic pain

*Prayers remain in the weekly for two weeks. Prayers for healing will remain on the list until requested to be removed. Send updates & prayer requests to the Office Administrator. [office@riverofhopehutchinson.org](mailto:office@riverofhopehutchinson.org), call (320) 587-4414, or indicate on an orange Connection Card.*

## Invite

Beer & Hymns: Tues. Mar. 27,  
6-8 pm, Main Street Sports Bar



### Holy Week Schedule:

**Maudy Thursday:** Mar. 29, 7 pm, Event Center

**Good Friday:** Mar. 30, 7 pm, Vineyard Methodist Church

**Easter Sunday:** Apr. 1, 10:30 am, Event Center

## Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope:  
3/18/2018:

Worship attendance:	81
In-Worship Offering:	\$665.00
Laundry Love:	\$21.45
Auto Deposits:	\$3,595.00

February average attendance 70.5

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

**Thank you!** I would like to thank everyone at River of Hope for making my time here so wonderful! You taught me so much. You taught me that church can be different and weird. You taught me to meet people where they are and love them where they are. You taught me that pastors can be "real" people. I appreciate your friendships more than you know and I'll miss you all! Pam

**Welcome!** River of Hope would like to welcome Sara Wilke as the new Office Administrator. She is in training and will take over on April 2. She is asking that you include her in your daily prayers ;)

## Disciple

**We Are An Offering Lenten Challenge:** We are collecting items to support Jeff Schmidt's outreach Operation Hope. 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. **You can save receipts & turn them in to Jeff Schmidt for tax purposes.** See Weekly insert for more information.

Please see our Facebook page for updates on what is still needed for Operation Hope.

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

**Women of Hope:** Wed. Apr. 4, 9:30 am, Andy Koenig's home, 885 Otter St. SW, Hutchinson

**Men's Bible Study:** Wed. Apr. 4, 9 am, Dunn Bros. Contact Dave Pedersen, 320-328-9911, dlpeders@msn.com

**"Suicide Prevention: Stories of Hope & Healing"** Hutchinson Event Center in Sunday, April 8th, 6:30-9pm, doors open at 5:30pm. No cost to attend. See flyer 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.

**SW MN Synod Lutheran Marriage Encounter:** Apr. 6-8, Holiday Inn, St. Cloud. Marriage enrichment presented by 3 lay couple and Pastor Linda & Dave Pedersen. Benefits married couples of all ages & years of marriage. 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.

+Synod Convention, Fri. & Sat. June 29 & 30, Bethlehem Lutheran, St. Cloud. See flier on Connect Table for both events.

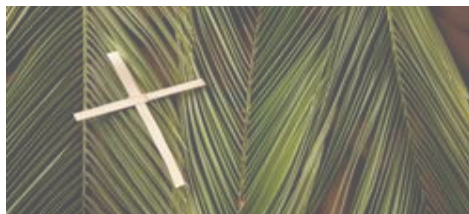
**Table Updates** [Tables are groups of people meeting around things they have passion to do for the purpose of River of Hope's going out to transform lives through Jesus Christ. Would you like to be part of one? You are invited. We need you.]

**Parish Personnel:** Mon. Apr. 9, 3 pm, RoH Office

**Financial Stewardship:** Next date TBA, 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 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 April 17. 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!

**Jim Nelson sing-a-long schedule:**  
+Thurs. April 5, 2:30pm Harmony River  
+Thurs. April 12 10am Woodstone  
+Thurs. April 19 2:30pm Harmony River  
+Thurs. April 26 10am 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!

**Staff****Laura Aase, Pastor**

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**Jim Nelson, Worship & Music Curator**

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**Pam Johnson, Office Administrator**

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**River Team Schedule****March - Shenandoah**

River Guides: Chris &amp; Lisa Kraft

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Lisa: 320-583-6784

Chris: 320-583-4434

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**April - Amazon**

River Guide: Ruth Hamlow

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**May - Jordan**

River Guides: Rob &amp; Jennifer Hauser

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**June - Nile + Tigris**

River Guides - Nile: Mike &amp; Katie Weisenberger

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River Guides - Tigris: Kris Hartman

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**July - Shenandoah + Amazon**

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**March/April 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Worship 10:30 am Palm Sunday	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	31
1 Worship 10:30 am Easter Sunday	2 Staff Meeting noon	3	4 Men's Bible Study 9 am Women of Hope 9:30 am Confirmation 6 pm	5	6	7
8 Worship 10:30 am	9 Staff Meeting noon Parish Personnel 3 pm	10	11	12	13	14
15 Worship 10:30 am	16 Staff Meeting noon River Table 6 pm Landy Lodge	17 Laundry Love	18 Men's Bible Study 9 am	19	20	21