

The Weekly River News  
*River of HOPE*

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4th Sunday in Easter--April 22, 2018

***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

## **River Conditions**

Happy Easter, Hopeful People!

My sabbatical time is just around the bend, so I thought I'd tell you a little more about the rhythm described on the insert in this publication. Each month, starting in April, there will be 2 Sundays that I won't preach. One where I will not be in worship and one where I will be in worship to preside at the table and someone else will preach the Good News. I am excited that the River of Hope community will lead itself while I am gone. I am excited to walk with people, equip people, help people tell their faith stories in worship to encourage the faith of our community. I am excited to see and hear how we grow and change as the Holy Spirit moves in people's lives and they tell us about it and point to Jesus.

The intent of the sabbatical is for me to rest, to do things I love to do, things that give me life so that I can come back and sing with you, dig in with you, to see where this community will go. I spend a lot of my waking hours and time thinking of River of Hope, The Church, my role as Pastor. I need to breathe in what makes me me outside of these things so that I can continue to lead from within this community with a vibrant faith in the midst of a vibrant life. I am so glad to be part of this community that is supportive of this kind of re-set. I thank God for you daily and am excited to see what God will do with us next.

Pr. Laura

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

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

•To the family and friends of Donna Hageman (step mom of Sara Pollmann & Sue Hageman) as they mourn her death •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, Malcolm Weikle, son of Aaron & Carla •all staff at MSSB •baby boy, Keagan Harvey Paulsen, who is healing at home •Owen Daniel Turner, newest grandson of Nan Crary •all visitors worshipping at River of Hope •our journey as River of Hope •River Team Amazon as they lead us in worship in April

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

•temporary housing in Hutchinson •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, help me believe:**

• in the court system •that hearts can be transformed •that I can change/help bring about change •that you work all things for good •you are with us always

### **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:**

Sara Shorter; Sue Peters; Andy Koenig; Dave & Linda Pedersen; Dan - friend of Schofields; Amy Leister - Bo Young's sister; Kyle Merkins; Anita Weitzman; Darrell Schuetze - friend of Scott Gross-Sand; Linda Cox; Sophia Muir - Katie Weisenberger's niece; Nancy Bruhn - friend of Linda Cox; 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; 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; 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 Kempfers - 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. April 24, 6-8 pm, Main Street Sports Bar



**Men's Bible Study:** Wed. May 2nd, 9 am, Dunn Bros. Contact Dave Pedersen, 320-328-9911, dlpeders@msn.com

**Women of Hope:** Wed. May 2nd, 9:30 am, Andy Koenig's home, 885 Otter St. SW, Hutchinson

## Connect

**Financial Giving to River of Hope:** 4/15/2018:

Worship attendance:	19
In-Worship Offering:	\$108.00
Laundry Love:	
Auto Deposits:	\$565.00
March average attendance	79

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



## Disciple

**Ministerial Excellence Fund** - Pr. Laura has received a grant for educational debt from the Ministerial Excellence Fund of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. River of Hope is invited to contribute to this fund that will be matched by the Lily Foundation that will go toward equipping and supporting pastors in our synod to lead flourishing and thriving congregations. Please make your checks payable to Southwestern Minnesota Synod and write MEF in the memo line.

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

**55+ Diners:** TBA

**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., May 14, 3pm

**Financial Stewardship:** Mon. Apr 30, 6pm Sue Benson's home sson@hutchtel.net

**Vision Table:** Wed., May 16, 7pm Zella's  
**River Table:** Wed., April 25th 6pm, 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

**Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!"** opportunity to put on your calendar the **3rd Tues. of every month.** The next time is Tuesday, May 15th. 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 March,** Laundry Love served 42 families. \$655 was spent. Thank you to all of you who serve & donate!



**Common Cup needs our help!**

Through the generosity of our neighbors throughout McLeod County Common Cup is able to provide weekend food for children who qualify in grades K-4th. They are always in need of single serve size food products. Items needed include, Instant Oatmeal packets, hot choc packets, juice boxes, fruit snacks, fruit cups, granola bars, Jif to Go, Raisin (small ind boxes), Ritz crackers, Ramen Noodles, Poptarts, Protein bars. Please consider purchasing one or more of these items. They can be dropped off at the Common Cup office. THANK YOU!!!!

LOVE ALL, SERVE ALL. MARK 10:45

**Jim Nelson sing-a-long schedule:**

+Thurs., April 26, 10am Woodstone

+Thurs., May 10, 10am Woodstone

+Thurs., May 17, 2:30pm Harmony River

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**

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**River Team Schedule**

**April - Amazon**

River Guide: Ruth Hamlow  
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**May - Jordan**

River Guides: Rob & Jennifer Hauser  
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jennifer.g.hauser@gmail.com

**June - Nile + Tigris**

River Guides - Nile: Mike & Katie Weisenberger  
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River Guides - Tigris: Kris Hartman  
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**July - Shenandoah + Jordan**

River Guides - Shenandoah: Chris & Lisa Kraft  
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River Guide - Rob & Jennifer Hauser  
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**August - Amazon + ALL**

River Guide: Ruth Hamlow  
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**September-Nile**

River Guides - Nile: Mike & Katie Weisenberger  
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**April 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 Worship 10:30 am Voices of Hope Bishop Anderson preaching, Pastor Laura presiding	23 Staff Meeting noon	24 Beer & Hymns 6pm	25 River Table 6pm Landy Lodge	26 Woodstone Sing-a-long 10am	27	28 WELCA Gathering Litchfield
29 Worship 10:30 am	30 Staff Meeting noon Financial Steward- ship 6pm	1	2 Men's Bible Study 9am Women of Hope 9:30am Confirmation 6pm	3	4	5
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Pastor Laura May Sabbatical May 6th-12th						
13 Worship 10:30 am Pastor Laura leads worship, River of Hope- er preaches	14 Staff Meeting noon Parish Personnel 3pm	15 Laundry Love	16 Men's Bible Study 9am Vision Table 7pm	17 Harmony River 2:30pm	18	19