

The Weekly River News
River of HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
6th Sunday in Easter--May 6, 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 ABOUT THIS.

River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,

We are just rounding out the season of Easter and looking right into Pentecost - the season of the Holy Spirit. It's like each season of the church speaks into some aspect of our humanity and God's activity in it. From bringing new life out of something dead to stirring up God's amazing activity in all kinds of people in unexpected ways. The color of the Holy Spirit is red, which is the main reason I am drawn to the color. The Holy Spirit is always at work in our lives, regardless if we see it or not. It's not dependent on our noticing its work. So often, my faith is lived in the rear view mirror only recognizing that God was at work after the fact. But it doesn't lessen the impact or negate the change brought about by its work. After all, God is God and we are not.

So I wonder, where do you see God alive in your life? How is God bringing new life out of a dead situation? How is the Holy Spirit blowing through and spinning you in new directions? Both the Vision and River Tables have begun an adventure of reading together a book entitled, "Canoeing the Mountains." It's a look at the church facing uncharted territory through the lens of the Lewis and Clark expeditions. They set off west expecting and prepared for a waterway. What they got were the Rocky Mountains. Whoa. So we'll be reading this book with this story as our working metaphor and River of Hope as our living, breathing experiment of being church together.

Stick around. It's gonna get good.

I love you, because Christ loves

Pastor Laura

Pastor Marlaine Doidge will be on call May 6th-12th during Pastor Laura's May Sabbatical, her contact information is pas-
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you.

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

Bring GOD'S COMFORT and PEACE:

•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 •all staff at MSSB •all visitors worshipping at River of Hope •our journey as River of Hope •River Team Jordan as they lead us in worship in May •the miracle of seasons •for the teachers all the way from ECFE to High School who have helped raise Mara into adulthood. She is going to do great things in the world and their hard work has been a part of that •that my grandkids want to share their lives with me •for the loving kindness and care given to me and my family by this congregation during these hard months of chemo

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 •help us to notice each miracle, stir in us the passion to care for the earth and world you created •in repairing my relationship with my sister •to find compassion and to give more than comfortable to those who are hungry and homeless

God, I am seeking you. I want to know:

•my purpose •how to be a child of God, in this time of scary "Christianity" •how do those that don't know your love make it •your peace •where you want me to serve

Laundry Love Prayers:

•for a successful surgery •for my husband to regain full strength and healing in his leg and is pain free •difficult situations in my children's lives •guidance to a church home •our country and this world and that we all come together as God's children •for my back to improve •chronic pain •housing in Hutchinson •for my friend who took his life recently and his family •for health and to find a place to live soon •for my aunt who has lost many people in her life •for my kids to come home to me •for a stable job •hope for the hopeless •victims of domestic violence •families of special needs children •for my health to improve •for Clifford to get well soon •mental capability of doing things on my own •to get my own place •to drive again •for my one day of joy, health •pastors, community, my family, friends, God moments •the poor and those in need of shelter •my health •my family, Villegas, Mariscal, Edgar, Karol, Tony, Fernando and Frank's family •my sister Carmen, Nidia, Gordon & Isaac

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

Jan Schaefer; Nan Crary; Ragan Vilt; Sara Shorter; Sue Peters; Andy Koenig; Dave & Linda Pedersen; Pesta family; 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; 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; Dennis - friend of Ron & Susan Johnson; Thomas & Rachel Brandt; 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

Invite

Men's Bible Study: Wed., May 16th, 9 am, Dunn Bros. Contact Dave Pedersen, 320-328-9911, dlpeders@msn.com

Beer & Hymns: Tues. May 29, 6-8 pm, Main Street Sports Bar



Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope:
4/29/2018:

Worship attendance:	73
In-Worship Offering:	\$275.00
Laundry Love:	\$21.75
Auto Deposits:	\$715.00
April average attendance:	88

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



Congratulations to our Seniors!
On Sunday, May 20th we will be recognizing all our graduating seniors from River of Hope! When you see these graduating seniors be sure to congratulate them: Anna Houseman, Emma Kraft, Olivia Kropp, Maddie Mora, Mara Pollmann Abby Riewer, & Hanna Seifert.

Thank You!

Thank you for the invitation to speak about our ministry to the homeless at your Sunday service. Thank you also for your incredible generosity! What you have provided will help a lot of people!

In Jesus' name. Teresa & Jeff Schmidt

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

Confirmation: Wed., May 23rd 6-8pm

Table Updates [Tables do the work of furthering River of Hope's purpose. We meet around scripture first and then let that shape our work together. All table meetings are open for any River of Hope-er to attend.

Would you like to serve? Just say so. There is a place for you at the table.]

Parish Personnel: Mon., May 14, 3pm

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

Vision Table: Wed., May 16, 7pm Zella's
River Table: Wed., May 30, 6pm El Loro

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 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 April, Laundry Love served 40 families, of which 8 families were new. \$632.50 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!!!!

Jim Nelson sing-a-long schedule:

+Thurs., May 10, 10am Woodstone

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

+ Thurs., May 31, 10am Woodstone & 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!

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River Team Schedule

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June - Nile + Tigris

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River Guides - Tigris: Kris Hartman

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July - Shenandoah + Jordan

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River Guide - Rob & Jennifer Hauser

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August - Amazon + ALL

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September-Nile

River Guides - Nile: Mike & Katie Weisenberger

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May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
6 Worship 10:30 am Ron Johnson leading worship	7 Staff Meeting noon	Pastor Laura May Sabbatical May 6th-12th					12
13 Worship 10:30 am Pastor Laura leads worship, Ruth Hamlow preaches	14 Staff Meeting noon Parish Personnel 3pm	15 Laundry Love	16 Men's Bible Study 9am Vision Table 7pm	17 Harmony River Sing-a-long 2:30pm	18	19	
20 Worship 10:30 am High School Senior Recognition	21 Staff Meeting noon Financial Steward- ship 6pm	22	23	24	25	26	
27 Worship 10:30 am	28 Staff Meeting noon	29 Beer & Hymns	30 River Table 6pm	31 Woodstone 10am Harmony River 2:30pm Sing-a-long	1	2	