

The Weekly River News
River of HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH
5th Sunday after Pentecost - June 24, 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,

One of my goals during sabbatical has been to deepen my existing practice of reading scripture and praying. Neither of these daily practices are easy and sometimes I miss a day or two and then it feels even harder to begin again. Knowing I am part of a community that depends on reading scripture and praying is a huge accountability piece (and peace) for me.

One of my prayer practices has changed me deeply. I began meditating in January and have found it to be one of the most transformative things I've done. Well, God's done, really. Meditation is praying with your whole body and it ain't easy. Getting my brain to be quiet is sometimes the majority of my prayer experience. However, the longer I practice doing it, the better it gets. So I want to invite you into giving it a go through guided meditation. This might be a gentle way in for you, especially if you've never done it before or think meditation isn't for you.

The meditation is called Loving Kindness. And in it, you practice sending loving kindness to yourself and into the world. The person leading you through the meditation has you say: "May you be well. May you be happy. May you be peaceful. May you be loved." He asks you to first say it to yourself and then to someone you admire or respect, to someone you love, to someone you don't know, to someone with whom you struggle.

What this prayer has the power to do is change what you think about yourself and the world. It's dangerous, but all prayer is dangerous. Because God is actually present with us and in constant communication with us.

Will you join me in this practice? It will change you, one prayer at a time.

There is a link to the guided meditation in the latest E-news (River of Hope's email newsletter). Or you can email me or the office to have the link sent to 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 Nile & Tigris as they lead us in worship in June •the abundant beauty of your creation •for the loving kindness and care given to me and my family by this congregation during these hard months of chemo •for the beautiful weather •our great team at River of Hope that contributes to our great worship environment •for Pastor Laura to have a wonderful refreshing sabbatical •for the marriage of Bob Suko and Katie Rasmussen •Eliza Johnsons graduation from Luther Seminary •to Loraina Tillman who served as a wonderful ambassador to Hutchinson in her reign as Hutchinson Princess

Stir up FAITH and give your GUIDANCE, Holy Spirit:

•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 visitors to River of Hope & all people being stirred up by the Holy Spirit to be part of a faith community •for everyone who is in transition in their work life •for my sister-in-law can find peace while going through cancer and find relief from physical pain •for your spirit to give wisdom to parents •for my sister to have strength at a difficult job •for Pastor Laura and her husband John as they commute back and forth from Fairmont to Hutchinson •for safe travels for those who are on vacations or traveling

God, help me be more accepting of:

•my mistakes and learn from them •those who make my blood boil •other peoples opinions and beliefs •those who believe that God has standards for acceptance •others •those who believe differently than me •those at work who's personality styles differ greatly from mine

Laundry Love Prayers:

•sister Caroline •for those who don't have God in their life •teens who need direction and self worth •funds for a different vehicle •for God to continue to watch over my family in North Dakota as I continue to explore the world he made for us •for a job as bills pile up and no luck landing a job •Al Eischens and a speedy recovery •Carolina Mariscal with medical issues •housing in Hutchinson •my salvation and my brother Roberto who lives in Honduras •for mother Gladis who is ill

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

Thor Skeie; Sara Pollmann; Andy Koenig; Nan Crary; Sara Shorter; Sue Peters; Jan Schaefer; Dave & Linda Pedersen; Pesta family; Alessandro-grandson of Allen Gislason; Dan - friend of Schofields; Amy Leister - Bo Young's sister; Kyle Merkins; Anita Weitzman; Sophia Muir - Katie Weisenberger's niece; 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; 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; 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, 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, Uncle Chuck B, Velma Brandt, Kathleen, Grace, Matthew; Josh Benson - Shirley Olson's nephew; people who suffer with chronic pain; all who are fighting cancer

Invite

Summer schedule: Beer & Hymn's : July 17th @ Buffalo Lake & July 23rd, Music in the Park



Disciple

HAY Ministries presents: The Amazing Race, High School Edition. Join them this summer! Thursdays- August 9th, 1-4pm, Meet at Masonic West River Park. See Connect Table for more information.

Middle School Madness, Tuesdays- August 7th. 10am-noon, @ St. A's. See Connect Table for list of weekly events.



Free lunch for kids ages 1-18! Mon-Friday, June 11th-August 17th, 2 locations: Park Elementary serving from 11:30-12:30 and Hutch Middle School serving from 11:00-12:30. Questions or looking to volunteer? Contact Common Cup 587-2213.

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.

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: Monday, August 20, 3pm

Financial Stewardship: Tues., July 24, 6pm
Vision Table: Monday, June 25, 7pm @ Zella's

River Table: TBA

We are looking to purchase a new microphone as our current one has continued to give us problems during worship. This cost \$750 and is a significant upgrade but also above our budget for worship supplies. If you would like to contribute toward this purchase please list "new microphone" on your check or envelope, or talk to Jim Nelson, 320-552-9734.



We Go Out



We Go Out...to the county fair (August 15th-19th)! River of Hope needs you to be church in public at the fair. We need you! Sign up for a shift or even 2! Confirmation mentors, invite your youth to go with you. Talk to Brian Tillmann 587-1007 or tillmann@hutchtel.net



We are looking for a Co-Leader for the McLeod County Fair Booth. Contact Brian Tillmann at 587-1007 or tillmann@hutchtel.net



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, July 17th. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introvers, 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 June, Laundry Love served 40 families, of which 8 families were new. \$581.00 was spent. Thank you to all of you who serve & donate!



Jim Nelsons sing-a-long schedule:

+Thurs., June 28, 10am at 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!

Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope: 6/17/2018:

Worship attendance:	
In-Worship Offering:	\$388.00
Laundry Love:	\$20.00
Auto Deposits:	\$2860.00
May average attendance:	69

Check out River of Hope's 1st Quarter Report, available at the Connect Table.

Meals on Wheels Drivers needed, for a few dates in June, July & August. See



Connect Table to sign up or contact Sandy Tracy, 320-492-6279 or sandytracy1947@gmail.com

Pastor Laura is on her extended 6-week sabbatical July 2-Aug 18. As part of this experience the majority of Sunday worships will be lead by River of Hope-ers, an intentional practice of speaking faith and sharing the Good News. The goal is for the Holy Spirit to move and inspire our community and to stir up Pastor Laura's faith, hope and love for what God is doing with River of Hope so she can continue to faithfully serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Please pray daily for River of Hope and for Pastor Laura during this time of change and renewal.



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August - Amazon + ALL

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June/July 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 Worship 10:30 am	25 Staff Meeting noon Vision Table 7pm	26	27	28 Sing-a-long Woodstone 10am	29 Crow River Women's Gathering St. Cloud	30 Crow River Wom- en's Gathering St. Cloud
1 Worship 10:30 am Baptism of Elert Nordquist	2 Pastor Laura's 6 week Sabbatical	3	4 Independence Day River of Hope office closed	5 July 2nd- August 18th	6	7
8 Worship 10:30 am Pastor Donna Olsen preaching	9	10	11	12	13 River Song	14 River Song
15 Worship 10:30 am Terry Kempfert preach- ing, Pastor Nick Huseby presiding	16	17 Laundry Love Beer & Hymns Buffalo Lake	18	19	20	21
9th Grade Urban Immersion July 15th-20th						