

The Weekly River News  
*River of HOPE*

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
21st Sunday after Pentecost--October 14, 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**

River of Hope recently gathered its leadership together to look down river for what is next. We "edded out" as the river rats would say. We looked behind us at the distance we've come. We looked where we are right now. And we looked down stream, all the while asking where God has been and is right now.

We are going to have to put down all the things we know how to do and learn how to move forward into the future that is brand new terrain. It's scary. There are no experts to call in, no silver bullets. It's time to be who God has called us to be - a people who go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ. That's the expert we know - God.

It's a scary time to be church and it's an invigorating time to be church. Remember, death and resurrection are at the heart of who we are as Christians. It's *why* we proclaim Christ as the way, the truth, and the life. We are rooted in this rhythm, this promise of new life.

If you'd like to see the power point slides, listen to the audio, and see the brainstorming we did, go to our website: [riverofhopehutchinson.org/steadyeddy](http://riverofhopehutchinson.org/steadyeddy).

As you sift through this information, please ask these questions and then pray these questions:

- What serves our purpose? What reflects our values?
- Who are we missing?

What should we try next? (either that you see on the feedback or that hasn't even been thought of yet)

And then stay tuned for how your story will be part of this on-going story of God sending us out into lives that are transformed by Jesus.

In faith, hope, and love,

laura

## **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 •those affected by hurricane Florence •Sulawesi an Indonesian island hit by a tsunami •for Diane Lietzau with the death of her brother, Dennis •for all those mourning the death of Clare Johnson •for the Lundholm family grieving the loss of their wife, mom & grandma

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

•For consistent, faithful Laundry Love servants going to the laundromat month after month to meet Jesus •all visitors worshipping at River of Hope •our journey as River of Hope •River Team Tigris as they lead us in worship in October •the abundant beauty of your creation •our great team at River of Hope that contributes to our great worship environment •giving a generous spirit to River of Hope •people who care and reach out to the homeless and those who are hurting •for friendly co-workers •the blessings in my life •to River of Hope a church where I feel loved and welcomed • for the prayers, kind words, hugs and many services given to me and my family as we deal with my cancer & chemo •for my family •for a safe harvest season

### **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 visitors to River of Hope & all people being stirred up by the Holy Spirit to be part of a faith community •for Confirmation students & their mentors •for everyone who is in transition in their work life •help our friends dealing with difficult life changes •for better family communication •for Pastor Laura and her husband John as they commute back and forth from Fairmont to Hutchinson •all those who are feeling broken hearted •the homeless •for all women who have been assaulted and abused •surround Shakira with your love, guidance and comfort as she adjusts to her life and school in Hawaii •for families struggling with hardships •that good will conquer evil •for those struggling with depression •teachers working with kids with learning disabilities•to our congregation that we may thrive and grow as we go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ •for God's peace to all who feel ignored •all those fighting alcoholism •to restore our minds and bodies and heal the sick •for the supreme court confirmation hearings. May the truth be revealed, may holy wisdom prevail • Landon Butler, Cassidy Caya, Hailey Evenson, Adria Gasser, Kylie Huls, Maddy Nordman, Elise Plath, Leah Pollmann, Sabrina Schofield, Audrey Seifert who are preparing for their affirmation of baptism

### **Help me reflect:**

•on the memories •the love, kindness & inclusion God teaches and River of Hope strives to achieve •God's love •God's loving forgiveness

### **Laundry Love Prayers:**

• my girlfriend Dorrie, who is very sick with cancer •my son Carter, to know love, have peace, knowledge & truth •for love and guidance •my daughter who has been really sick all her life •help and strength for Jenna & Cassie to stay sober •for Doreen who has three forms of cancer

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

Thor Skeie; Sara Pollmann; Andy Koenig; Nan Crary; Sara Shorter; Pesta family; Rachel Templin, Tori Bailey, 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; Joyce - grandma of Krafts; Grandma Jane - Heidi Caya's grandma; Ben - son of Jan Hansch; Roger Stearns; brother-in-law - Rita Pettit; Sammy Mayland; 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, niece Sofia & Ben- family & friends of Shorters; Holly & Jack - friend of Hausers; Grant Scotting; Nate, Dennis- cousin, friends of Ron & Susan Johnson; Laurie & Mike - friends of Lindbergs; family & friends of Sue Peters - Flick family, Kelly Jo, Dad Richard, Andy and other friends; Mark, Mom & Liz - brother, mom & friend of Nan Crary; Grandpa Norm & Tim - grandpa & uncle of Britt and Chad; for those battling eating disorders; friends and family of the Kempferts - Karen, CJ, Sue Gustafson, Danielle's grandpa George, Marissa, Roger, Kellen Summers, Nic, Aggie, Liz, Judy; friends & family of Phyllis Lindstrand - cousin Jerry, brother in law Gary, daughter Nikki, son Jason, brother Philip, brother in law Ed, Jan & Janet; friends and family of Betty Brandt - husband Gene, Rob Vos, Uncle Chuck S, Velma Brandt, Kathleen, Grace, Matthew; Scott S, Josh Benson - Shirley Olson's nephew; people who suffer with chronic pain; all who are fighting cancer

## Invite



**Beer & Hymns:** Tuesday, Oct 30th, 6-8pm, Main Street Sports Bar

## Disciple



**Got Questions?**

Financial Stewardship Q&A Forum *tentatively set* for Sundays, Oct 28 and Nov 11. Stay

tuned for more details.

**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, Nov. 5, 3pm

**Financial Stewardship:** TBA

**Vision Table:** TBA

**River Table:** Monday, October 22, 6pm

**WAM:** Wednesday, October 24, 6pm

**Women of Hope** Wednesday, November 7th @ 9:30am at Andy Koenig's home. For more information contact Andy Koenig 320-587-9052

**Men's Bible Study,** Monday, October 15 @ 9am at Caribou Coffee in Cash Wise. For more information contact Dave Pedersen 763-807-0993.

Curious about the Steady Eddy meeting? Info on the Connect table



## We Go Out



**Common Cup announcements:** 512 students benefited from the school supply drive!

Watch for information

on upcoming fundraiser "Coming Together in Song" directed by Jim Nelson. November 18th.

Backpack program-we have been assigned 100% fruit juice boxes.

McLeod County Coat drive, donations of warm, gently used coats, boots, snow pants and warm mittens for children now being accepted until October 15. Drop off at the River of Hope office (9am-noon, M-Fri) or at Common Cup. Contact Andy Koenig with questions 587-9052.

## Connect

**Financial Giving to River of Hope: 10/7/2018:**

**Worship attendance:** 84

**In-Worship Offering:** \$820.00

**Laundry Love:** \$13.25

**Auto Deposits:** \$5687.50

**September average attendance:** 69.6

Check out River of Hope's 2nd Quarter Report, available at the Connect Table.

Would you like to give your financial support to River of Hope? It's simple. Contact Sue Benson, treasurer, to sign up for Simply Giving. 320-296-4565 or sbenson@hutchtel.net

**Confirmation dates to put on your calendar!** Living Creed Prep: Wed., Oct 31, 7-8pm, at downtown office lobby (16 Washington Ave)

Youth, Parents, Mentors Share Living Creeds: Saturday, Nov 3, 9am at downtown office lobby (16 Washington Ave)

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation): Sunday, Nov. 4, 10:30am

**Trick or Treat for the food shelf!** It's that time of year again! Students from around the community will be visiting neighborhoods collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the McLeod County Food shelf. Wednesday, October 24th. Not going to be home? Just leave a bag labeled HAY Food shelf.



Riverpalooza is Sunday, November 18. Celebrate what God is doing with River of Hope. Hear stories in worship of all the creative work God is doing with our community.

Stay after worship for a potluck and to vote on the newest River Table members and to approve the budget.



**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, October 16th. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introvers, extrovers & 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 **September**, Laundry Love served 43 families, of which 6 families were new. Thank you to all of you who serve & donate!



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

+Thurs., October 25, 10am @ Woodstone & 2:30pm @ Harmony River

+Thurs., November 1, 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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***FYI:** Pastor Laura is in Hutchinson Saturday evenings through Thursdays until about 4pm. She is in Fairmont Thrs PM - Saturday afternoon unless an emergency calls her to Hutchinson. Please call or email if you'd like to see her. Her time is flexible.*

### River Team Schedule

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### January-Team Amazon

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## October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 Worship 10:30 am Mike Weisenberger preaching	15 Mens Bible Study 9am	16 Laundry Love	17	18	19	20
Pastor Laura on Sabbatical October 14th-20th						
21 Worship 10:30 am	22 River Table 6pm	23	24 Staff Meeting 9am	25 Sing-a-long 10am Woodstone 2:30pm Harmony River	26	27
28 Worship 10:30am Pastor Laura gone, Pastor Engholm preaching	29 Staff Meeting noon	30 Beer & Hymns 6pm	31	1 Sing-a-long Harmony River 2:30pm	2	3 10th grade & mentors share living creeds 9am @ ROH office
4 Worship 10:30am Affirmation of Bap- tism	5 Staff Meeting Noon Men's Bible Study 9am Parish Personnel 3pm	6	7 Confirmation 6pm Women's Bible Study 9:30am	8	9	10