

The Weekly River News
River of HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH
26th Sunday after Pentecost--November 18, 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,

You have reason to hope. You have many reasons to hope! I'm betting most of you breathe out at least one thank you a day. But there is something about sitting in a room with teenage youth and adults and having them, one by one, stand up and speak about what they believe. On Saturday, Nov 2, I got to sit and listen to what people believe to be true about their lives and their faith.

It was stunning.

Over and over, I heard echoes of "life has been hard" and then, almost in the same breath, they pointed to what they believed in, that they were not alone, that God was with them. There were funny stories and simple, every day kinds of stories. And there were stories that took your breath away.

We are all doing our best, to put one foot in front of the next. We do our best to trust that God is with us and that Jesus is leading us, and that the Holy Spirit is prodding us on and stirring us up to keep following.

We are not alone! That is the promise I heard again and again from those who have been around a while and those who are just really getting started.

Faith is a gift. Say thank you to God today, for whatever you've endured or enjoyed. You are not alone.

Pastor 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 •for the people of California as they are suffering the effects of the wild fires •for family and friends of Thor Skeie as they care for him at Harmony River •family and friends of Elaine Quale as they mourn the death of her husband, Arnold •family and friends of Robert Goodson as he lost his battle with cancer

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 Jordan as they lead us in worship in November •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 •the blessings in my life •to River of Hope a church where I feel loved and welcomed •for loving us • for all military past and present for your service

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 •victims of violence •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 more love and less hate •for all women who have been assaulted and abused •for families struggling with hardships •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

Lord, help me to find ways this week to show kindness when I:

•am tired and stressed, don't let me lose sight of the purpose of my work •am out and about •disagree with others •am feeling impatient and frustrated •am tested by teenagers •am faced with people who are grumpy

Laundry Love Prayers:

•that my kids come home to me •that I will be able to get my drivers license back soon •that I find strength & patience •that I can find and keep a job •for friends of David who passed away in September •that my family is able to continue to provide financially for ourselves

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

Sara Pollmann; Sara Shorter; Pesta family; Dan - friend of Schofields; Amy Leister - Bo Young's sister; Kyle Merkins; Anita Weitzman; Sophia Muir - Katie Weisenberger's niece; Janet & Terry- family of John & Tricia Paulsen; 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, Carrie, Joanne -friends of 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; Grant Scotting; Nate - 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 Kempfers - Karen, Aggie, Liz; friends & family of Phyllis Lindstrand - 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, November 27, 6-8pm, Main Street Sports Bar

Slip away for 1/2 hour to breathe and pray. Pastor Laura will lead you in guided meditation, a way to pray. No experience necessary. I'll tell you about it and then lead you through it. Breathe deep and listen for God. Wednesday, December 12 & 19th 7-7:30pm, 16 Washington Ave. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope: 11/11/2018:

Worship attendance:	84
In-Worship Offering:	\$625.00
Laundry Love:	\$128.70
Auto Deposits:	\$3887.50
October average attendance:	79.75

Check out River of Hope's 3rd 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.

The Personnel Table is currently engaged in hiring a new Office Administrator for River of Hope through a local temp agency. Please pray that God will help us in finding the right person to fill this position. Sara Wilke, our current employee, has accepted a full time position with Lifelong Veterinary Clinic. Congratulations, Sara. Your talent, spirit, friendship and organization will be missed at River of Hope! But God is with you in this new adventure.

Disciple

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, Dec 10, 3pm

Financial Stewardship: Monday, Dec 3

Vision Table: TBA

River Table: Wednesday, Jan. 16, 6pm

WAM: Tuesday, Nov 20, 6pm

Women of Hope Wednesday, December 7th @ 10am @ Heather Goodrich's home 245 Ottawa Ave SE, Hutchinson. Please RSVP to Heather at 587-6037 or hgoodrich@nutelecom.net

Men's Bible Study, Monday, November 19 @ 9am at Caribou Coffee in Cash Wise. For more information contact Dave Pedersen 763-807-0993.

55+ Diners: TBA

We're starting a Care Package Project for our young people 21 and under who are in college and/or starting out in life after high school. Just a little



reminder that we are thinking of them! Want to help? Here's what you can do!
+Donate a little money for treats and postage to mail a small package to them in early December

+ Message Jenny Larson Tillmann if you have a mailing address of one of these young people. jenny-t661@gmail.com

+Write a note to tell them we are thinking of them! We will have note-writing stations at church the next few weeks. Just a few words of encouragement is fine! Contact Jenny Larson Tillmann, Sara Nelson, Terry Gustafson Kempfert, Deb Crist Riewer, or Rachel Stearns

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, November 20. 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 October, Laundry Love served 41 families, of which 4 families were new and \$609 was spent.



Jim Nelson's sing-a-long schedule:

+ Thurs., November 29, 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!

PRINT CARTRIDGES are no longer being collected at ROH! The program that was being used, the amount we were refunded was so minimal we decided to discontinue. You can drop all your empty cartridges off at Best Buy for no charge.



I would like to thank all of you in the ROH community for your support during my time working here. It has been great getting to know many of you! A special thank you to Jim and Laura for being such awesome co-workers! Blessings, Sara

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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

November-Jordan

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River Guides: Kris Hartman & Scott Gross-Sand

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November/December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 Worship 10:30 am Riverpalooza "Coming Together in Song" CTK 4pm	19 Staff meeting noon	20 Laundry Love WAM 6pm	21	22 Thanksgiving ROH office closed	23 ROH office Closed	24
25 Worship 10:30 am	26 Staff meeting noon	27 Beer & Hymns 6pm	28	29 Sing-a-long Woodstone 10am Harmony River 2:30pm	30	1
2 Worship 10:30am	3 Men's Bible Study 9am Financial Stewardship 6pm	4	5 Women of Hope 9:30am Confirmation 6pm	6	7	8
9 Worship 10:30am	10 Staff meeting Noon	11	12 Guided Meditation 7pm	13	14	15