

The Weekly River News
River of HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH
27th Sunday after Pentecost--November 25, 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 Ones,

There is no guaranteed way forward as we continue to be River of Hope together. The landscape of church is changed and changing. But here's the good news - it's always been changing, whether we've been able to see that or not. And just look where we are. And just look at who we are.

So, River of Hope, let's keep doing some things we already do so well. And let's try some new things:

#1. JOY. We do joy well. In worship we play and pray together. Let's keep the joy alive in our worship and our life together.

#2. PLAY. Let's play together. Baking, snow shoeing, bowling, wine tasting, painting, Zumba, yoga, board games, knitting, building something. How about a movie night or a monthly dinner date (with no cleaning the house to make it look like you don't live there)? Get a group together. Try it. And if it doesn't work that time, try again. It will help us take better care of each other and will further God's love and healing for the world!

#3. INVITE. Invite people into this crazy love of Jesus. Invite them to the bar for Beer and Hymns, or the park or the laundromat or the fair to give out root beer floats. Invite them into your life.

#4. GROW. Do you want to help the kids and youth in our congregation grow? Get involved with a group of parents who are meeting to help grow our kids. Contact the church office to get involved.

#5. PRAY+READ. Scripture and prayer are how we stay connected to God's story and how God connects with our story. Just look inside this River News for permission and the charge to make this part of your daily routine. It'll change your life!

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 •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

My purpose in God's mission to love the world is:

•grow in Christ • to love harder •to be more aware & open, joy is delicious •to show compassion to all, especially the least of us •to love those who push my buttons •by being a friend, and listener to my hospice patients •to help the homeless •to love former students •be kind even in an uncomfortable place •to be kind to everyone, everyday •support others, family, friends, neighbors, strangers •to love others •to let others see God's light in the way I interact with others

Laundry Love Prayers:

•for this organization to continue these helpful services. •that my pregnancy with twins goes smoothly and my babies are born healthy and strong •for the doctors that are treating Sasha •for Timmy, Karen & Mary •for the tent city in Minneapolis •for my mother as she starts the road to remission • for sobriety for my sister and cousin •for my cousin who passed away at age 28 •for money for rent •that my daughter-in-law and son can find a job soon •for my family here and in Mexico

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 Cray; 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. Wednesday, December 12 & 19th, 7-7:30pm, 16 Washington Ave. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Christmas Eve Worship: Monday, December 24, 3:30 Caroling & Snacks, 4pm Worship.

Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope: 11/18/2018:

Worship attendance:	86
In-Worship Offering:	\$3067.00
Laundry Love:	\$180.76
Auto Deposits:	\$3605.00
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

Women of Hope Wednesday, December 5th @ 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, December 3 @ 9am at Caribou Coffee in Cash Wise. For more information contact Dave Pedersen 763-807-0993.

Thank you and congratulations to those who were voted to serve on the River Table for 2019 and 2020:

Scott Gross
John Paulsen
Sara Shorter

Thank you to those who agreed to be considered on the ballot: Aloise Hauge, Kristi Morris. We are grateful for the ways you are already part of River of Hope and know God will continue to bless us through you!

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. Contact Jenny Larson Tillmann, Sara Nelson, Terry Gustafson Kempfert, Deb Crist Riewer, or Rachel Stearns



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, December 18. 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 November, Laundry Love served 41 families, of which 8 families were new and \$578 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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M-F: 9am-Noon

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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.

Staff

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River Team Schedule

November-Jordan

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December-Team Shenandoah

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January-Team Amazon

River Guides: Ruth Hamlow

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February-Team Tigris

River Guides: Kris Hartman & Scott Gross-Sand

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 10:30 am	3 Men's Bible Study 9am Financial Stewardship 6pm	4	5 Women of Hope 10am Confirmation 6pm	6	7	8
9 Worship 10:30am	10 Parish Personnel 3pm	11	12 Guided Meditation 7pm	13	14	15
16 Worship 10:30am	17 Men's Bible Study 9am Staff meeting Noon	18 Laundry Love Beer & Carols 6pm	19 Guided Meditation 7pm	20	21	22