

The Weekly River News  
*River of* HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
24th Sunday after Pentecost--November 4, 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,

Confirmation Sunday! What a day to celebrate! My hope and prayer is that you found a community alive and awash in the love of God in worship today. Because that's what this is all about.

Confirmation is not about the accumulation of knowledge.

Confirmation is not about the demonstration of memorization.

Confirmation is not even a measure of faith.

Confirmation is a celebration of the promise God made to you since before you were born. The promise to love you. The promise to claim you. The promise to forgive you. Over and over, every ding dang day.

The process of formation that River of Hope has been living into is a wholistic one - one that involves parents and trusted adult mentors. It's about gathering and studying the Bible, certainly. But without trusted relationships found in community, there's no place for those Bible stories to breathe into life! It's not about becoming a better person, it's about growing closer to God through other people, through asking questions and wondering about it all.

If you sat down and wrote at the top of a page, "I BELIEVE" and then had to write down what it is you believe to be true about God's activity in your life, what would you say?

Today is the day these 9 youth get to say they promise and they believe, knowing full well they will break those promises and even experience disbelief or unbelief.

And you know what? God will be with them through it all. That's the miracle and the promise of God we know through Jesus Christ. It's a free gift and it's for you.

That's a promise.

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 •those affected by hurricanes •Sulawesi an Indonesian island hit by a tsunami •comfort and peace for the Tree of Life synagogue •for family and friends of Thor Skeie as they care for him at Harmony River •for the Gustafsons who recently lost her brother •for Jennifer from a terrible accident

### **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 a safe harvest season •for loving us •for those recently married

### **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 •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 •Landon Butler, Cassidy Caya, Adria Gasser, Kylie Huls, Maddy Nordman, Elise Plath, Leah Pollmann, Sabrina Schofield, Audrey Seifert as they affirm their faith today

### **Grant us all your wisdom and:**

•tolerance •love •guidance, direction, strength •send your spirit to move us to serve others •ability to execute justice tempered with grace •bring us peace

### **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; Andy Koenig; Nan Crary; 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- 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 Kempfers - Karen, CJ, Sue Gustafson, Danielle's grandpa George, Marissa, Roger, Kellen Summers, Nic, Aggie, Liz, Judy; 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.

## Connect

**Financial Giving to River of Hope: 10/28/2018:**

Worship attendance:	77
In-Worship Offering:	\$226.00
Laundry Love:	\$121.16
Auto Deposits:	\$957.50
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.

**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.

## Disciple



**Got Questions?**  
Financial Stewardship Q&A Forum Sunday, Nov 11 @ 9:30am.

### 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:** Monday, Dec 3

**Vision Table:** Tuesday, Nov 6, 6pm

**River Table:** Tuesday, Nov 6, 6pm

**WAM:** TBA

**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, November 5 @ 9am at Caribou Coffee in Cash Wise. For more information contact Dave Pedersen 763-807-0993.

**55+ Diners:** TBA

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



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.

## We Go Out



### Common Cup announcements:

"Coming Together in Song" directed by Jim Nelson. November 18th, 4pm @ Christ the King Lutheran Church. Free will offering.

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



**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. 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 al-leng747@hotmail.com. In **October**, Laundry Love served 41 families, of which 4 families were new and \$609 was spent. Thank you to all of you who serve & donate!



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

+Thurs., November 15, 2:30pm @ Harmony River

+ 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!

## 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

#### November-Jordan

River Guides: Rob & Jennifer Hauser

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#### January-Team Amazon

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#### February-Team Tigris

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## November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Worship 10:30 am Affirmation of Baptism	5 Staff Meeting Noon Men's Bible Study 9am Parish Personnel 3pm	6 River Table/Vision Table 6pm @ ROH office	7 Confirmation 6pm Women's Bible Study 9:30am	8	9	10
11 Worship 10:30 am Pastor Laura gone, Nan Crary preaching	12	13	14	15 Sing-a-long Harmony River 2:30pm	16	17
Pastor Laura Sabbatical November 11th- 17th						
18 Worship 10:30am Riverpalooza  "Coming Together in Song" CTK 4pm	19 Staff meeting noon	20 Laundry Love	21	22 Thanksgiving ROH office closed	23 ROH office closed	24
25 Worship 10:30am	26 Staff meeting noon	27 Beer & Hymns 6pm	28	29 Sing-a-long Woodstone 10am Harmony River 2:30pm	30	1