



# The Monthly River News

*Our purpose as a church (it's why we exist):  
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.*

| March 2019  |   |  |   |   |       |       |
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| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|   |   |  |   |   | 1     | 2     |
| 3<br>Worship 10:30am<br>Transfiguration Sunday  | 4<br>Men's Bible Study<br>9:30 am<br><br>Staff Meeting<br>Noon  | 5  | 6<br>Women of Hope<br>9:30am<br><br>Ash Wednesday<br>Service 7:00 pm                                      | 7<br><br>Sing-A-Long w/Jim<br>Woodstone 10am<br>Harmony River<br>2:30pm | 8     | 9     |
| 10<br>Worship 10:30am<br>1st Sunday of Lent<br><br>I'm Still Here Study<br>8:45-10:15 | 11<br>Staff Meeting<br>Noon<br><br>Parish Personnel<br>3pm      | 12   | 13<br>Sing-A-Long w/Jim<br>The Pines 1:15 pm<br>The Oaks 2:00 pm<br><br>I'm Still Here Study<br>7-8:30 pm | 14  | 15    | 16    |
| 17<br>Worship 10:30am<br>2nd Sunday of Lent<br><br>I'm Still Here Study<br>8:45-10:15 | 18<br>Men's Bible Study<br>9:30 am                              | 19<br>Laundry Love<br><br>55+ Diners<br>5:30 pm<br>@ Pizza Ranch | 20<br>I'm Still Here Study<br>7-8:30 pm   | 21  | 22    | 23    |
| 24<br>Worship 10:30am<br>3rd Sunday of Lent<br><br>I'm Still Here Study<br>8:45-10:15 | 25<br>Staff Meeting<br>Noon<br><br>Financial<br>Stewardship 6pm | 26<br>Beer & Hymns<br>6pm  | 27<br>I'm Still Here Study<br>7-8:30 pm   | 28<br>Sing-A-Long w/Jim<br>Woodstone 10am<br>Harmony River<br>2:30pm    | 29    | 30    |
| 31<br>Worship 10:30am<br>4th Sunday of Lent<br><br>I'm Still Here Study<br>8:45-10:15 | Apr 1<br>Pastor Laura-<br>out of office                         | Apr 2<br>Pastor Laura-<br>out of office                          | Apr 3<br>6:00 pm<br>Confirmation with<br>Fleece Tied Blankets   | Apr 4<br>Sing-A-Long w/Jim<br>Woodstone 10am<br>Harmony River<br>2:30pm | Apr 5 | Apr 6 |

## River Team Schedule

### March 2019 - Team Jordan

River Guide: Rob & Jennifer Hauser  
Jennifer: 320-469-2801 jennifer.g.hauser@gmail.com  
Rob: 320-469-2800 robert.c.hauser@gmail.com

### April 2019 - Team Nile

River Guides: Mike & Katie Weisenberger  
320-234-7229 weisenberger@mcsi.com

### Staff

**Laura Aase, Pastor**  
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*Both Laura and Jim are in and out of the office Monday-Friday. Volunteers will be at the desk Tues-Wed-Fri AM.*

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



## WORSHIP LIFE

Our theme for Lent -  
**what's your back story?**

### River of Hope's Lent Giving Project 2019:

#### **Fleece Tied Blankets for Lutheran World Relief**

Fleece blankets bring comfort to those in crisis - either in the hospital or on the ground. Help bring comfort to someone's story that has taken a sudden turn by giving money to purchase fleece. Make checks payable to River of Hope. Use offering envelopes and mark them "fleece blanket."

#### **6-8pm on Wednesday, April 3 (Hutchinson Event Center)-**

Part 1 of getting the fleece cut & marked.

All ages are invited to participate. Pizza & snacks will be served and a brief communion service will end our time together.

#### **7pm on Thursday, April 18 (Hutchinson Event Center) -**

Part 2: tying the fleece blankets during our Maundy-Thursdays worship service. A meaningful part of a worship service that puts us at the table with Jesus and his disciples. Bread and wine will be served.

## GROUP LIFE

### WOMEN OF HOPE

Meets the 1st Wed of the month • Andy Koenig's home

885 Otter St SW 320-587-9052

**Next Meeting: Apr 3 @ 9:30 am**

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets monthly • 1st & 3rd Mon • Cashwise Caribou Coffee

**Next Meetings: Apr 4 & 18 @ 9:30 am**

Contact: Dave Pedersen 763-807-0993.

### 55+ DINERS

55 or older? Come on out and share a meal and get to know people.

Next dinner : **March 19 @ 5:30 pm at Pizza Ranch**

Contact: Nancy Jorgenson 587-7788

### I'M STILL HERE BOOK STUDY - A discussion about race

Sunday Mornings @Event Center thru April 14th

8:45 - 10:15 led by Sara Shorter

Wed Evenings @downtown office beginning thru April 24

7:00 - 8:30pm led by Pastor Laura

### Spring Suppers

Get to know other River of Hope-ers around a meal together in April and May. Sign-up at Connect Table or email the office at: office@riverofhopehutchinson.org.

## YOUTH LIFE

Do you want to help gather youth together from River of Hope? Want to help grow the youth of our congregation? To participate contact Katie Weisenberger 701-460-0076 or Kris Hartman 320-296-5151.

## WHAT MAKES YOUR HOPE FLOAT?



## WE GO OUT LIFE

**BEER + HYMNS - March 26th - 6-8pm**

at Main Street Sports Bar

Last Tuesday of the month, EXCEPT in December



**LAUNDRY LOVE - Apr 16th** -Maytag Laundry, Hwy 7

Always the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Two people a shift, 9:00-noon; noon-3:30; 3:30-6:30.

Sign up for a shift on the SignUp Genius link on Facebook or Contact Allen Gislason 320-403-7004 alleng747@hotmail.com

### **COMMON CUP - MARCH DIAPER DRIVE**

For the month of March we will be donating diapers to Common Cup. Larger sizes are best. Bring diapers to church or directly to Common Cup. Cash donations are welcome.

### **Support Common Cup at the West Central Men's Chorus**

Sunday, April 7th at 2pm at Vineyard UMC, Hutchinson

Free will offering - all proceeds to Common Cup



### **SING-A-LONG WITH JIM NELSON**

Assist residents in gathering to sing and help them find the music in the songbooks or pass out rhythm instruments.

Please call Jim at 320-552-9734 with questions or just show up & help!

Harmony River: April 4th & 25th @ 2:30 pm

Woodstone: March 4th & 25th @ 10 am

## FINANCIAL LIFE

What you give matters. Will you help River of Hope live out its purpose to see lives changed? Contact Sue Benson, Treasurer, to sign up for Simply Giving or to ask questions 320-296-4565 or sbenson@hutchtel.net

### **FEBRUARY TOTALS SNAPSHOT**

In-Worship Offering: \$3,446.17

Laundry Love/Children's: \$297.13

Auto Deposits: \$11,480.00

Erin's Kids: \$0

Average Attendance: 85

## TABLE LIFE

**Tables** gather the leaders of River of Hope to do the ministry that answers the "why" of why we exist. All River of Hope-ers are invited and welcome to join a table or attend meetings. The River Table is our only elected table.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR TABLES,  
STOP BY THE CONNECT TABLE.**

## GRATEFUL LIFE

**WOW!** Terry, Tonya, Carol, Scott, and Kurt for going above and beyond to add to our Lenten services