

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHER

Music to Prepare Us  
Gathering Songs  
Introduce the Theme with Kids  
Welcome  
No Longer Strangers Prayer  
\*Meet Someone New  
Lighting Advent Candle  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Prayer of the Day  
Song

### WORD

Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13  
Gospel of Luke 2:25-27  
Sermon  
Song after Sermon  
Praying Song/Prayers of the People  
Offering + Song

### FEAST

\*Setting the Table  
Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
Communion + Songs  
Blessing after Communion

### SEND

What is Our Purpose?  
Purpose Sightings  
MILESTONES!  
Blessing  
\*Sending Song & Charge

*\*Kids are invited to participate throughout worship, but especially in these spots.*



LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

*Everything you need to participate in worship is projected on the screen.*

As followers of Jesus we have two very important resources that equip us to do "God's work with our hands"; reading God's word and prayer.

Reading the stories in the Bible gives us a glimpse of what it means to be in relationship with God. Your story and God's story are connected. There is a flow of forgiveness, love and life between God and all of creation—including you.

Don't worry about the "right" understanding—God is with you as you read. Listen!

Don't worry about having the "right" questions—there are no WRONG questions. Simply read—ask—listen and draw closer to the God who loves you beyond your imagination!

For prayers, see below....

## Daily Bible Readings - Connecting Your Story with God's Story For the week of December 15- December 21, 2019

Sun, Dec 15: Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13, *Rebuilding the Temple*  
Gospel of Luke 2:25-27

Mon, Dec 16: Ezra 3:5-13, *Foundation Laid for the Temple*

Tue, Dec 17: Ezra 4:1-5, *Resistance to Rebuilding the Temple*

Wed, Dec 18: Ezra 4:6-24, *Rebuilding of Jerusalem Opposed*

Thu, Dec 19: Ezra 5:1-17, *Restoration of the Temple Resumed*

Fri, Dec 20: Ezra 6:13-18, *Completion & Dedication of the Temple*

Sat, Dec 21: Ezra 6:10-22, *The Passover Celebrated*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Your prayers matter.

### prayers for . . .

- all those who struggle with faith or the institution of church
- Bishop Jon Anderson & all synod staff
- visitors to River of Hope & all people being stirred up by the Holy Spirit to be part of a faith community
- all who need your healing power: **Sara, Sara, Nyssa, Jami, Anita, Carol, Andy, Jerry, Kay, Justin, Ron, Sarah, Judy, Lexi, Mary Kay, Lee**
- continued patience and compassion for those who care for our loved ones with dementia
- estranged family members to find more truth
- healing for those newly diagnosed with cancer and peace and healing for those who have battled for awhile
- those alone during this Christmas season and help them to find peace and love in you
- help to those with gambling addictions
- strength to find the right job that fits me and you are calling me to do
- to be a better mom to my son
- the family and friends of the three National Guardsmen who went to their heavenly home. Give their families strength at this time.

### thanks . . .

- for consistent, faithful Laundry Love servants going to the laundromat month after month to meet Jesus
- River Team Tigris as they lead us in Dec worship
- to all the powerful people who prayed for me this last Thurs and Fri at Hardy's funeral - prayers were answered!!

### God teach me . . .

- to pray more constantly
- to be stronger for me and my son

### Laundry Love Prayers from Nov. . .

- for those seeking employment
- for those seeking a place to live
- to stay strong and try to help others more often
- for our country, this world, our churches
- for our families, the sick and the shut-ins
- for people to find funds to make their rent payments
- for the homeless, people and animals - especially with winter coming
- for strength, discipline, and focus
- Thanks for my family, car, singing, finishing projects, and Laundry Love
- Praise the Lord for all that is going good and thank you for being there

# THE RIVER NEWS ~ December 15, 2019

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

## WORSHIP

Sundays at 10:30 am at the Hutchinson Event Center

### River Team for November - Team Tigris

River Guides Tigris: Kris & Chuck Hartman / Scott Gross-Sand

Kris: 320-296-5151 sippelhartman@gmail.com

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River Team for January - River Team Jordan

## The Longest Night Worship Service December 21, 2019

For many Christmas does not bring joy or peace. For many this is a long season of feeling alone and set apart. If this is you, you are not alone! Join with people from around the community to find strength, comfort and, yes, hope in the presence of others.

We will worship at New Journey UCC church at 5 pm followed by a light supper of soup and bread. Come and find comfort on the Longest Night of the year!

## CONFIRMATION 2019-2020

January 8 - Students w/Pastor Janine - Office

January 15 - Grade Groups & Mentors - Event Center

January 22 - We Go Out - Office

## WE GIVE

What you give matters.

Will you help RoH live out its purpose to see lives changed?

Contact Sue Benson at 320-296-4565 or sbenson@hutchtel.net with questions or to sign up for Simply Giving.

## NOVEMBER TOTALS SNAPSHOT

- ◆ Regular Offering: \$6,001.00 (includes funds dropped at office)
- ◆ Laundry Love/Children's: \$358.60
- ◆ Auto-deposits November 1 - 30: \$10,233.00
- ◆ Erin's Kids: \$0.00

## CONNECTIONS

**Hang with Pastor Janine** Check the calendar below.

If the weather looks questionable for Pastor Janine to travel, check Facebook for schedule changes.

### WOMEN OF HOPE

Meets the 1st Wed of the month

Keep watching for details of the January meeting.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY at Caribou Coffee-Cash Wise

Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of the month Dec 19 - 9:00 am

Contact: Dave Pedersen 763-807-0993

### LUNCHTIME WISDOM WITH PASTOR JANINE

Meets Monday's at 11:45 am at Dunn Bros

Join us Dec 16th as we study the Gospel of Mark.

### 55+ DINERS

To be determined. Keep watching.

## WE GO OUT

**LAUNDRY LOVE - December 17th** Always 3rd Tuesday of month  
Maytag Laundry, Hwy 7 Two people a shift, 9:00-noon; noon-3:00;  
3:00-6:00. Sign up for shift on the SignUp Genius link on Facebook or  
Contact Allen Gislason 320-403-7004 alleng747@hotmail.com



**BEER + CAROLS** at Main Street Sports Bar

December 17th - two sessions

5:00 - 6:30 pm

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Pick your time and join in the Christmas joy by singing carols.

### SING-A-LONG WITH JIM NELSON

Call Jim at 320-552-9734 with questions or just show up to help gather residents - sing - help find music in book - pass out instruments.

Woodstone: Dec 19 @ 10 am Harmony River: Dec 19 @ 2:30 pm

December 2019 / January 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 15 Worship 10:30am	Dec 16 Pastor Janine: Office 11:45 Lunchtime Wisdom with Pr. Janine	Dec 17 Pastor Janine: Office AM - 1:00 - 3:00 Laundry Love  Beer & Hymns 5 - 6:30 pm OR 7 - 8:30 pm	Dec 18 Pastor Janine: Office AM - 1:00 - 3:00 Zella's  6:00 NO Confirmation	Dec 19 9:00 Men's Bible Study - Caribou Cashwise  Pastor Janine working from home	Dec 20 Pastor Janine's Day Off Office Closed	Dec 21
Dec 22 Worship 10:30am	Dec 23 Pastor Janine: Office  No Wisdom with Pr. Janine today	Dec 24 3:30 Gather for Carols, Cookies & Crafts  4:00 Christmas Eve Worship	Dec 25  Office Closed	Dec 26 Office Closed	Dec 27 Pastor Janine's Day Off Office Closed	Dec 28
Dec 29 Worship 10:30 am Happy Birthday Pastor Janine	Dec 30 Pastor Janine: Office 11:45 -Wading in the Word with Pr. Janine	Dec 31 Pastor Janine: Office AM - 1:00 - 3:00 Starbucks- Target	Jan 1 <b>Happy New Year Office Closed</b>  NO Confirmation	Jan 2 Pastor Janine working from home	Jan 3 Pastor Janine's Day Off Office Closed	Jan 4

Office Hours: MONDAYS and THURSDAYS: 9am-3pm

(other days, call office as Pastor Janine, Jim or a volunteer may be in the office)

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