

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

Isaiah 40:1-11
Gospel of Mark 1:1-4, 7-8
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 8- December 14, 2019

Sun, Dec 8: Isaiah 40:1-11, *Isaiah of the Exile*
Gospel of Mark 1:1-4, 7-8

Mon, Dec 9: Isaiah 41:1-20, *Israel Assured of God's Help*

Tue, Dec 10: Isaiah 41:21-29, *The Futility of Idols*

Wed, Dec 11: Isaiah 42:1-9, *The Servant, a Light to Nations*

Thu, Dec 12: Isaiah 42:10-20, *A Hymn of Praise*

Fri, Dec 13: Isaiah 42:21-25, *Israel's Disobedience*

Sat, Dec 14: Isaiah 43:1-7, *Restoration and Protection Promised*

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** and those suffering mental issues, those recovering from surgery
- safe travels, especially students
- comfort for friend Kate who lost her mother Connie to cancer on Friday
- all those experiencing loneliness or grief during the holidays
- baby Noah that he will thrive and grow and be able to go home soon from the hospital
- Jetta's infant God-daughter who is hospitalized with pneumonia
- Caitlin as she returns to work tomorrow after maternity leave. Bless her and her family as they find a new routine.
- Ron Weitbrecht & family
- peace, love, understanding, and kindness between family members this holiday season

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
- for safe travels to see family
- for the awesome SNOW!!!
- for Pastor Kelly

help me . . .

- to pray more often
- to be less judgmental of others

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 8, 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

December 11 -Students w/Pastor Janine - Office

December 18 - Grade Groups -Office

January 8 - Students w/Pastor Janine - Office

January 15 - Grade Groups & Mentor - Event Center

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 signup 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 9th 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						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 8 Worship 10:30am	Dec 9 Pastor Janine: Office 11:45 Lunchtime Wisdom with Pr. Janine	Dec 10 Pastor Janine: Office AM - 1:00 - 3:00 Dunn Bros	Dec 11 Pastor Janine: Office AM - 1:00 - 3:00 McCormick's 6:00 Confirmation - Office	Dec 12 Pastor Janine working from home	Dec 13 Pastor Janine's Day Off Office Closed	Dec 14
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 Dunn Bros 6:00 Confirmation - Office	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

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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