

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHER

Music to Prepare Us
Gathering Songs
Welcome
No Longer Strangers Prayer
Meet Someone New
Greeting
Confession & Forgiveness
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37
Sermon
Song
Prayers of the People
Offering + Song

SEND

What is Our Purpose?
Purpose Sightings
MILESTONES!
Blessing
Sending Song



LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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!

Daily Bible Readings

Connecting Your Story with God’s Story

For the week of March 29 - April 4 2020

Sunday March 29: Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

Monday March 30: Mark 13:9-13

Tuesday March 31: Mark 13:14-23

Wednesday April 1: Mark 14:1-2

Thursday April 2: Mark 14:10-11

Friday April 3: Mark 15:1-5

Saturday April 4: Mark 15:6-15

*"So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand."*

Isaiah 41:10

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
- Bring healing powers to those who seek it: **Sara Shorter, Nyssa Johnson, Jami Beffert, Anita Weitzman, Carol Larsen, Teagan, Lee, Jay, Shalon**, and all who suffer
- Pat and her family and friends as she has recently passed
- Valerie and her healing from surgery
- Family members struggling with cancer treatments, domestic abuse, autoimmune diseases, lack of work and isolation
- Son in law, Evidio, Dr. at U of M Medical Center
- All those high risk for this virus
- For Grandma Tanya who cant have visitors at Harmony River
- Those who have lost jobs
- Brother who is an ER doctor
- Families separated by this virus and can not be together
- Brother who tends to focus on the negative and to the risk of mental health
- Liam as he goes through surgery
- Parents who have suddenly become teachers
- Neice Alison who lives in Italy
- healthcare workers
- school personnel and students during this pandemic
- Tanya as she mourns her partner
- Ruth’s cousin with Chron’s disease
- Family members providing primary healthcare and possible being exposed to COVID-19
- Medical staff dealing with all those who are sick or will be sick
- Keeping our most vulnerable safe

- People with anxiety, this is a challenging time for them and their families
- Students studying in other countries
- The elder members of RoH to stay healthy
- People financially stressed, struggling with challenges
- Health care workers and world leaders
- Those who are struggling to provide food for their children during interruption of school where food is supplied to students
- All that we may turn chaos into calm
- Those working on grocery stores and other large stores who are facing difficult situations and fearful people
- Strength and wisdom that can come from realizing what we can and cant control and that God is always in control

Thanks . . .

- for Bishop Chillstrom
- for improving health of my friend Peter
- for Pastor Janine and her leadership
- for this whole River of Hope community and the way they encourage me
- Our pups who always bring us joy
- God’s love
- Lee gaining strength
- Our healthcare professionals
- For our wonderful family, keep them well and safe

God, help me to . . .

- love despite political differences

THE RIVER NEWS ~ March 29, 2020

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 on Facebook Live on the River of Hope public page.

➡ Troubleshooting for Facebook Live:

If you have issues with buffering or the video stream freezes, exit out of the live and go back in, that should fix the issue.

WE GIVE

What you give matters. Will you help River of Hope live out its purpose to see lives changed?

Contact Sue Benson at 320-296-4565 with questions or to signup for Simply Giving.

FEBRUARY TOTALS SNAPSHOT

- ◆ Regular Offering: \$2,875 (includes dropped at office)
- ◆ Laundry Love/Children's: \$98.68
- ◆ Auto-deposits February 1 - February 29: \$10,330
- ◆ Erin's Kids: \$0.00

Terebinth Refuge is a Christ-centered shelter and safe home in Saint Cloud that brings hope, healing services, and freedom to sexually exploited and trafficked women.

During the season of Lent, River of Hope will support Terebinth Refuge.

We have a goal of supporting their work with a gift of \$1,000.

Checks can be made directly to

Terebinth Refuge and mailed to the River of Hope Office
16 Washington Ave W, Suite 100, Hutchinson, MN 55350.

Food will be critical at this time as schools are shut down and the burden will be great for many. Please consider donating food items or monetary to these organizations.

If you are unable to leave your home at this time, please call/text Emily at 218-251-8785 to arrange pickup.

<https://mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org/>

<https://www.common-cup.org/programs>

COMMON CUP

River of Hope to collect diapers for Common Cup. (Larger sizes needed most)

ALSO in need of juice boxes for the last three months of backpacks.

Questions? Contact Andy Koenig 320-894-8549

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CONNECTIONS / WE GO OUT

All of the connections and group gatherings are cancelled/postponed for now. Stay healthy, stay safe!

BEER + HYMNS

March 31st TBD

We are working on setting up a virtual sing a long with Jim and Sara remotely from their home. Check Facebook and watch your email for updates!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Wednesdays March 4th - April 1st

6:00-7:00 pm

Chapters to read:

Sundays - Odd, Wednesday- Even

We are "meeting" online in a Zoom meeting Wednesday nights at 6 pm.

Questions? Please reach out to Pastor Janine If you are asked for a password it is: 618795

Thoughts with Pastor Janine...

As we sit with changed plans, ever changing news and so many fear-based responses to this pandemic - let's not forget who we are! We might be limiting our physical "going out" - but we can STILL transform lives! Here are a few ideas:

- * Go outside and take a prayer walk - (remember, social distancing does not mean stay stuck in your house!) Pray for the people inside the homes you pass - the people in the cars that pass you - the business that might be experiencing their own crisis in this time, etc...
- * Write notes to the people at Harmony River, Woodstone, Ecumen, (who am I missing?) This time of no visits can be lonely!
- * Pay attention to the people on the periphery of your life - those who do not have a lot of family or other supports... check in with them to see if they're ok.

Temporary Office Hours:

Staff will be working from home due to COVID-19 Stay Home order from Governor Walz

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