

THE RIVER NEWS ~ August 16th 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 Facebook page or on our webpage www.riverofhopehutchinson.org

Mark Your Calendars!

In Person Worship Service

Where: Hutchinson Event Center

When: Sunday September 13th 2020

Time: 10:30 am



What you need to know:

- We are currently working with the event center on their and ours cleaning schedule and air circulation system
- We are following Governors guidelines for safety measures on meeting
- We will social distance and wear masks
- We will be streaming it for those who wish to enjoy service from their home

WE GO OUT

LAUNDRY LOVE

River of Hope is responsible for filling six shifts the third Tuesday of each month.

August 18th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (full) ,
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, 3:00pm - 6:00 pm

to sign up email office@riverofhopehutchinson.org

Please stay for a picnic after worship today! If you are interested there are lots of great places to order delivery.

Casey's Pizza 320-234-9635

Dominos 320-587-7070

Jimmy John's 320-234-2222

MSSB 320-587-2760

Pizza Hut 320-587-7634

Pizza Ranch 320-587-0123

CONNECTIONS

LUNCHTIME WISDOM WITH

PASTOR JANINE

Join us on Mondays at 12:00 Noon via Zoom OR in person, watch Facebook for up to date details

RIVER REFLECTIONS

Join us on Wednesdays at 9:00 pm via Zoom for an opportunity to learn about social justice issues and how it applies to our faith.

NIGHTLY DEVOTIONS WITH

PASTOR JANINE

Bring your prayer requests and gather for a brief devotion at 9:00 pm on Facebook Live on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us via Zoom on Thursdays 9:00 am for some social time and bible study.

If interested email ronjohn1950@gmail.com

Being "Church" in time of pandemic has many challenges - one is losing track of our relationships! Staying connected is an important part of being community. To that end, a team of River of Hope-ers will be making phone calls to check in with you and your families. We wanted you to be aware that one of the people listed below will be calling in the next week.



LUTHERAN CHURCH

10 Year Anniversary Worship

August 16, 2020 10:30 A.M.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here

Loving our Neighbor: COVID-19 Style

- Please sit in your family group, 6 ft apart from other families.
- Please wear your mask while walking in the area and singing. Masks can be removed when you are sitting with your family.
- Please find your name tag in your zip lock bags and wear them so others can see! We have extras available so ask an usher.
- We will be doing the "Meet someone new" portion of worship. When we do, please refrain from hugging or handshakes.
- We will be making prayer flags today. All you need is in your bag. Please place completed flags in the bin on the usher's table.
- You are welcome to keep the pens.

God's story. Our story.

The familiar story of the woman at the well carries many images that fit with our lives today. A woman who is fatigued from the struggles of life, doesn't know she will find the healing she needs at the well. A woman who feels weighed down with shame doesn't know she will find she is truly and completely loved at that same well.

This same Jesus has Living Water for you and the whole world!



THANK YOU to all those who helped make worship and all the extras possible today!
We appreciate you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHER

- Gathering Songs
- Welcome
- No Longer Strangers Prayer
- Meet Someone New
- Greeting
- Confession & Forgiveness

WORD

- John 4:1-30
- River Reflection
- Sermon
- Song of the Day
- Prayers of the People
- Offering
- River Reflection
- Communion

SEND

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

Daily Bible Reading NLT John 4:1-30

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

1Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John 2(though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did).

3So he left Judea and returned to Galilee.4He had to go through Samaria on the way. 5Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. 7Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." 8He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.9The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"10Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

11"But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? 12And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"

13Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. 14But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."15"Please, sir," the woman said,

"give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."16"Go and get your husband," Jesus told her.

17"I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband—18for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!"19"Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet.

20So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?"

21Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. 22You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews.

23But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. 24For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

25The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

26Then Jesus told her, "I Am the Messiah!"27Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?"

28The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone,

29"Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?"

30So the people came streaming from the village to see him.



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
- Mary and Dale who are battling cancer
- Austin who is battling cancer
- Guidance during this time of turmoil and unrest.
- Justice for ALL people
- Health care workers
- High risk people and family members who have died
- Rev. David Stevens family on his death
- Health of Pastor Janine
- Rita mourning her mom who passed away
- Those who are unable to see family in this pandemic
- All who are sick and in need of healing
- Beverly in the hospital with heart issues
- Theo who is awaiting a heart transplant
- Grace receiving inpatient cancer treatments
- David with newly diagnosed cancer in many areas
- Those suffering mental health issues
- Those awaiting results from COVID tests
- Mark and Amy as they navigate this unusual pancreatic NET cancer diagnosis pathway
- Anita as she says goodbye to her mother
- Safe trip for Abbie back to medical school
- Love and peace for my nieces and families on the passing of my sister Lorene
- All new police recruits who are beginning their new jobs
- John Cornell's family, he passed away from COVID 19
- All teachers and folks associated with schools as they struggle with the starting of school
- Barr family going through health problems and the death of their father Pastor Barr
- Peoples new 'normal', we are exhausted

- All newly engaged couples
- Grandmother who fell ill
- Good outcomes in Lee's tests
- Troy's health issues to be diagnosed

Thank you for. . .

- Pastor Janine and her leadership and for our music
- this whole River of Hope community and the way they encourage me
- the essential workers risking their health and families
- my wonderful family who have been there and are so loving and attentive
- those who clean and sanitize hospitals and elsewhere
- those braving the front lines and saving lives
- Inspired words to help us see what's going on now in a new and different light
- Speaking justice and truth
- Summer, River of Hope and being alive!
- The River of Hope staff
- Those improving their health
- Our ROH family
- 10 years of River of Hope!

Laundry Love Prayers for July...

- Pray for baby who was mauled by a big dog, still in hospital recovering
- Continue blessing and guidance for my family to grow
- Please watch over our family and friends with safety, happiness and wellness for the medical issues we have to endure
- Pray for those dealing with trauma or hardship