

3Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe. 4But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him.

5One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever. 6“Listen to this dream,” he said. 7“‘We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!’”

8His brothers responded, “So you think you will be our king, do you? Do you actually think you will reign over us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dreams and the way he talked about them.

17bSo Joseph followed his brothers to Dothan and found them there.

18When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, they recognized him in the distance. As he approached, they made plans to kill him. 19“Here comes the dreamer!” they said. 20“Come on, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns. We can tell our father, ‘A wild animal has eaten him.’ Then we'll see what becomes of his dreams!”

21But when Reuben heard of their scheme, he came to Joseph's rescue. “Let's not kill him,” he said. 22“Why should we shed any blood? Let's just throw him into this empty cistern here in the wilderness. Then he'll die without our laying a hand on him.” Reuben was secretly planning to rescue Joseph and return him to his father.

26Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain by killing our brother? We'd have to cover up the crime. 27Instead of hurting him, let's sell him to those Ishmaelite traders. After all, he is our brother—our own flesh and blood!” And his brothers agreed. 28So when the Ishmaelites, who were Midianite traders, came by, Joseph's brothers pulled him out of the cistern and sold him to them for twenty pieces of silver. And the traders took him to Egypt.

29Some time later, Reuben returned to get Joseph out of the cistern. When he discovered that Joseph was missing, he tore his clothes in grief. 30Then he went back to his brothers and lamented, “The boy is gone! What will I do now?”

31Then the brothers killed a young goat and dipped Joseph's robe in its blood. 32They sent the beautiful robe to their father with this message: “Look at what we found. Doesn't this robe belong to your son?”

33Their father recognized it immediately. “Yes,” he said, “it is my son's robe. A wild animal must have eaten him. Joseph has clearly been torn to pieces!” 34Then Jacob tore his clothes and dressed himself in burlap. He mourned deeply for his son for a long time.

15But now that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers became fearful. “Now Joseph will show his anger and pay us back for all the wrong we did to him,” they said.

16So they sent this message to Joseph: “Before your father died, he instructed us 17to say to you: ‘Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you—for their sin in treating you so cruelly.’ So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin.” When Joseph received the message, he broke down and wept. 18Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. “Look, we are your slaves!” they said.

19But Joseph replied, “Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? 20You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. 21No, don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.” So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Your prayers matter**

**Laundry Love Prayers for September . .**

- Youngest daughter Ashley to get her self-love back and leave an abusive relationship
- Amber and her high risk birth
- Aunts pain and heart to mend from her chemo for breast cancer
- My mom to have a healthy surgery
- All my family and all God's children

**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

**Daily Bible Readings for 9/28 - 10/3**

- Monday: *Egyptian Midwives Save Hebrew Babies*, Exodus 1:1-22
- Tuesday: *Birth and Youth of Moses*, Exodus 2:1-25
- Wednesday: *God Calls Moses*, Exodus 3:1-15
- Thursday: *Plagues 1-3*, Exodus 7:1-8:19
- Friday: *Plagues 4-6*, Exodus 7:20-9:12
- Saturday: *Plagues 7-9*, Exodus 9:13-10:29

**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
- High risk people and family members who have died
- Rev. David Stevens family on his death
- David with newly diagnosed cancer in many areas
- People suffering mental illness
- Those awaiting results from COVID tests
- Mark and Amy as they navigate this unusual pancreatic NET cancer diagnosis pathway
- All new police recruits who are beginning their new jobs
- For compassion, empathy and truth for all
- For Erika as she finds housing and gets finances in place
- Good outcomes in Lee's tests
- Peace for all of us, those with anxiety during these unknown times
- Troy's health issues to be diagnosed
- Prayers of comfort and healing for Pastor Steve Olcott of Christ the King Lutheran in Hutchinson. Also praying for his wife Corinne and their children during this difficult time.
- Amanda Barr preparing for surgery on her brain tumor
- Doug and all who suffer from COVID
- Sophia and all who struggle with anxiety and depression
- Underemployed and unemployed
- Peace for the turmoil the world is facing

# THE RIVER NEWS ~ September 27th 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 in person at the Hutchinson Event center, or 1:00pm on our website  
[Riverofhopehutchinson.org/virtual-worship](http://Riverofhopehutchinson.org/virtual-worship)

## 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 sign up for Simply Giving.

### AUGUST TOTALS SNAPSHOT

- Regular Offering = \$4271.00  
(includes checks dropped off at office)
- Laundry Love/Children's = \$175.00
- Auto-deposits Aug 1 – Aug 30 = \$10,945.00
  - Erin's Kids = \$25.00

## HELP WANTED

River of Hope is looking to have a couple people as back up for recording worship on Sundays.

### What will you be doing?

- \*Set- up table, webcam, mixing board, computer and program
- \*Hit record when worship starts
- \*Tear down after worship

***If interested or any questions, please reach out to Emily at [office@riverofhopehutchinson.org](mailto:office@riverofhopehutchinson.org)***

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## WE GO OUT

We have extra greeting cards from our anniversary celebration if you would like to stop by the office and grab them to send out to those we cannot be with in person during the current pandemic.

We also posted them on our website for you to download and create your own at home!

<http://riverofhopehutchinson.org/artwork-from-hope-ers/>



### **BEER + HYMNS LIVE!**

***Mark Your Calendars!***

**September 29th 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

join us for fun and fellowship via Facebook Live or our webpage to view the live stream at

<http://riverofhopehutchinson.org/beer-and-hymns/>

Weather permitting, the Nelson Family would like to invite you to sit in there backyard while social distancing and enjoy the evening!

## 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.

### **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](mailto:ronjohn1950@gmail.com)

### **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.

