

1So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. 2When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him. 3This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. 4Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.

6When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. 7With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!” 8For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.”

9Then Jesus demanded, “What is your name?”

And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.” 10Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place.

11There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. 12“Send us into those pigs,” the spirits begged. “Let us enter them.”

13So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.

14The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. 15A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. 16Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. 17And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone.

18As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. 19But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.” 20So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

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
- High risk people and family members who have died
- Rev. David Stevens family on his death
- All who are sick and in need of healing
- Grace receiving inpatient cancer treatments
- 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
- All newly engaged couples
- Grandmother who fell ill
- 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

Laundry Love Prayers for August. . .

- Thanking God for giving us all these months of hard work and plenty of play time with the kids
- Please be with all the people who are struggling with this whole COVID-19. Protect, guide and wrap your arms around all of us
- Hope that we as a family, friends and community stay safe, happy and in good health. God you walk with me everyday.
- Thank you God, please keep my body and spirit moving forward

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 there 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 is 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 in there health
- Our ROH family
- Bringing my niece safely home from China

THE RIVER NEWS ~ September 6th 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
Riverofhopehutchinson.org/virtual-worship



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

HELP WANTED

Are you tech savvy or willing to learn?

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

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.

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 will also be posting the artwork on our website if you would like to make your own using Tanya's artwork!

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



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

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.

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

Office Hours:

Tuesday 9:30 - 12:30 pm Thursday 9:30 - 12:30 pm Sunday 9:30 am - 11:30 am

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