

Daily Bible Readings

Acts 9:1-20

- 1And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
2And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
3And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
4And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
5And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
6And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
7And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
8And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.
9And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.
10And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.
11And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,
12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
13Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
14And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.
15But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:
16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.
17And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightiest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.
18And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.
19And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.
20And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

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
- Guidance during this time of turmoil and unrest.
- Nephew and his wife at the birth of their son
- Justice for ALL people
- Health care workers
- High risk people and family members who have died
- Bryce as he starts chemo and radiation
- My mother who will be having surgery and have a positive outcome
- Jerry who is having tests
- Cody who graduates high school
- Rev. David Stevens family on his death
- Health of Pastor Janine
- Rita mourning her mom who passed away
- Janell, Makenna and Mara and family as they mourn the loss of her husband, father and friend
- 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

- People suffering mental illness
- Those awaiting results from COVID tests
- Mark and Amy as they navigate this unusual pancreatic NET cancer diagnosis pathway

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
- The beautiful weather
- The time Bryce and Steph have with their family
- Our pastor
- Lunch with my sister
- A good CT scan and news
- 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
- Nelson family for music during worship
- All the fathers and father figures in our lives
- Those improving in their health

THE RIVER NEWS ~ July 19, 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

Mark Your Calendars!

Service of Hope at The River 10 Year Anniversary Celebration Sunday August 16th 2020

Rain Date August 23rd

**Service 10:30 am - Picnic to Follow
Masonic West River Park**

1003 Les Kouba Pkwy NW

Bring your own chair, blanket, mask and picnic!

Some safety guidelines:

- *Please sit together as a family unit,
6 ft. apart from others
- *Please wear masks while singing,
otherwise hum along!
- *Gloves and hand sanitizer will be
provided for you to use
- *Pens will be provided for you to keep
to use during worship, otherwise you may bring
your own
- *Please bring a picnic for afterwards
to enjoy together

We cannot wait to celebrate with you!

CONNECTIONS

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

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

Meet **Wednesdays** Via Zoom at 9:00 PM for
questions, ponderings and reflections on
matters of faith from River of Hoper-ers.
Check Facebook for updates

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, Thursday and Fridays.

Office Hours:

Tuesday 9:30 - 12:30 pm Thursday 9:30 - 12:30 pm
Sunday 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Phone: 320-587-4414 Mobile: 320-583-8005
Website: riverofhopehutchinson.org

WE GO OUT

LAUNDRY LOVE

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

**We are currently needing one more for the
July 21st shift 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

to sign up, click here! --->

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094fabae2ca2fa7-wegoout>

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.

JUNE TOTALS SNAPSHOT

- Regular Offering = \$2480.00
- (includes checks dropped off at office)
- Laundry Love/Children's = \$200.00
- Auto-deposits June 1 – June 30 = \$10,505.00
- ◆ Erin's Kids = \$0.00

UPDATE FROM CALL COMMITTEE JULY 12, 2020

The call committee is
meeting on a weekly basis
via Zoom. We are halfway
through
reading and discussing
"A Bigger Table" by John
Pavlovitz that will hopefully
inform the next steps in our
process. Here's a summary
of what comes next:

1. Develop an interview
strategy and formulate
interview questions.
2. Conduct a practice
interview with a pastor
serving another congrega-
tion.
3. Conduct a first interview
with candidate (s) provided
by the synod.
4. Conduct a second inter-
view with candidate (s)
provided by the synod.
5. Check references and
conduct legally required
background checks through
the synod.

6. Select a candidate of
choice (the finalist).
 7. Agree to a compensation
package with the candidate
of choice.
 8. Give two weeks' notice for
a congregational vote.
 9. Conduct a congregational
vote.
 10. Extend a call.
 11. Receive the pastor's
acceptance of the call.
- If you'd like more
information, visit [https://
swmnelca.org/call-process/](https://swmnelca.org/call-process/).
- For any questions, contact
Nan Crary at
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320-583-3083.

We are grateful for your
support and prayers.

Nan Crary, chair
Louis Bedard
Kris Dobratz
Scott Gross-Sand
Leah Pollmann
Jim Schaefer
Katie Weisenberger