

## River Table Meeting

Thursday, July 6, 2023

### **God's purpose for River of Hope**

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

### **Guiding Principles**

God is God and we are not.

We are called to grow together as disciples: to forgive, to teach, to love

Disciples are inspired by the Holy Spirit to take risks.

Disciples work for God's justice.

Disciples serve with no strings attached.

Disciples invite and welcome through loving acceptance.

We meet you where you are.

### 1. Opening Prayer

### 2. Continuing Business

- Approval of minutes from last month's River Table Meeting
- Financial Report
- Pastor's Report
- Other table minutes
- Interviews with RoH members for Reconciling with Christ
- Discussion/Approval of new Welcome Statement

### 3. Closing: Lord's Prayer

### 4. Next meeting: August 8, 2023?? (Katie has VBS this week)

# River of Hope

## River Table Minutes

JUNE 13, 2023

Members Present: Pastor Hans, Katie, Gerry, Sandy, Nina, Jeanette, Nancy, Andy.

Meeting was called to order by Katie.

1. Minutes from last meeting: Motion to approve.
2. We go out Table report-
3. Faith formation table-

Pastors report. Given by Pastor Hans- I attended the Southwest Minnesota Synod assembly last Thursday and Friday, with Sandy Tracy, Dale Brandsoy, and Ron Johnson. Thanks to the three of them for attending and participating. We had some good time together with other Lutherans, worshipping, listening to a Main speaker, hearing about what's going on within our Synod as well as the larger church ELCA, etc. I did miss out on the Friday night banquet since I attended Simon's graduation ceremony. 😊

It was interesting for me to learn that of the 65 different synods of the ELCA, the geographical synod that we are in, SW Minnesota, is the third largest in terms of number of congregations with 227. It is fourth largest in terms of baptized members with over 100,000.

Someone has been attending worship regularly the last few weeks who is housing insecure. I get requests from time to time from people seeking help. I almost always point them in the direction of Common Cup. However, just to be transparent, I did use a very small amount of my pastor discretionary fund to supplement what Common Cup and UCAP were able to provide by adding a few nights stay at the campground and one night at a hotel.

Summer is here and it is camp season. I am looking forward to attending Camp of the Cross in Garrison North Dakota along with Kris Hartman, DuWayne Olson, and 14 middle school and elementary, aged youth soon. We will gather at 7:30 AM on Sunday,

June 25 before worship begins if you want to come say goodbye. Thanks to Pastor Linda Pedersen for preaching and presiding that day in worship.

I am also feeling grateful for Sara Pollmann and Beth Gasser, who are taking five youth to Chicago on a mission trip through Green Lake Bible camp the week of July 23.

Thanks to Katie Weisenberger who is coordinating Vacation Bible school in partnership with Gethsemane Lutheran in Dassel. This is a great opportunity for our youngest members of River of Hope to grow in their faith. It will take place August 7 to 11. The time is not 100% confirmed but will likely be 9am to 2pm.

I have read many different Welcome statements in the last weeks. Thanks to everyone on the Vision Table who gathered a couple different times to work on updating ours. We have copies here tonight to look over and consider for your approval.

New business:

1. We reviewed the welcome statement for ROH. Will have more discussion at next meeting.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 06, 2023 via Zoom

Parish Personnel Table

3:00 p.m. June 13, 2023

1. Members attending: Angie Bedard, Nan Crary, Brian Pollmann, Nancy Redetzke and Pastor Hans at ROH office.
2. **Check-in with Pastor Hans:** Pastor Hans reported the summer office schedule will adjust to Emily in the office Tuesdays, 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Hans and Jim will keep office hours on Wednesday. Julie will be taking the summer off.
3. **Website maintenance:** Emily is researching what services are provided by Vivid Image for the annual fee. Emily has interest in expanded design of the website.
4. **Headwaters development with Katie Weisenberger's leadership:** Katie will be doing advance planning during the summer for the fall Headwaters program. Pastor Hans is also hopeful that Katie will assist with coordinating Vacation Bible School with Gethsemane Lutheran in Dassel August 7 – 11, 2023.
5. **Continuing Education for Jim Nelson:** Pastor Hans shared information about a three-day event in October in Nashville that might interest both Jim and Pastor Hans.
6. **Discretionary Fund:** Pastor Hans discussed the ways a monthly discretionary fund has been helpful in outreach activities.
7. **Visitation:** Discussion was held regarding making visitation to members unable to be in worship becoming a more formal program with more publicity to potential recipients.
8. **Next meeting:** The next quarterly meeting will be held Tuesday September 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the Event Center.

Respectfully submitted by Nan Crary, Chair

Faith Formation Meeting  
6/20/23

Present: Pastor Hans, Katie Weisenberger, Kris Hartman, Kris Dobratz, Ron Johnson, Krista Picha, Nina Applebee

1. Opening Prayer by Pr. Hans
  
2. Fellowship Fun Fire Night @West River Park
  - a. Wed. July 26, 6-8pm
  - b. Krista reserved the shelter and campsite #24 until 9pm (\$90 fee)
  - c. Katie will do a campfire story/lesson for the kids
  - d. Kris D will get together supplies for craft-pots to paint and seeds to plant
  - e. Krista P will get the smores supplies
  - f. Katie has bottled water to bring
  - g. We will reach out to Arne K and/or Daryl Bergs for firewood
  
3. Headwaters/Confirmation
  - a. Sept. 20 and Oct. 18, Jim and Hans will both be gone
  - b. We pointed out that Oct. 18 is the beginning of MEA, so perhaps cancel
  - c. Sept. 20 they may need FF members help for a Confirmation Fun night with games since Pr. Hans won't be there to lead confirmation that night.
  
4. Camp of the Cross
  - a. Campers and chaperones leaving Sunday morning with Pr. Hans
  - b. Look on Facebook RoH Group for updates and pictures next week.

Next meeting: Tues. Aug. 15 @ 6:30pm

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River of Hope - ELCA												
Giving and Spending Plan with a Purpose for 2023												
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.												
	2022 Actual	Annual Budget	Monthly Bud	Actual YTD	January	February	March	April	May	June		
<b>INCOME with purpose</b>												
River of Hope Givers												
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 245,590	\$ 259,114	\$ 21,593	\$ 159,626	\$ 18,474	\$ 26,522	\$ 24,143	\$ 22,315	\$ 26,383	\$ 42,803		
<b>SPENDING with purpose</b>												
STAFF (Equipping Others To Be Sent: We Go Out...)												
TOTAL STAFF SPENDING	\$ 142,793	\$ 161,977	\$ 13,498	\$ 80,188	\$ 14,711	\$ 13,142	\$ 12,819	\$ 12,780	\$ 12,841	\$ 13,896		
WORSHIP (Discipleship Practice)												
TOTAL WORSHIP and Office SPENDING	\$ 32,457	\$ 39,381	\$ 3,282	\$ 22,204	\$ 3,595	\$ 4,443	\$ 4,470	\$ 3,399	\$ 3,450	\$ 2,847		
REACHING OUT (Invite)												
TOTAL REACHING OUT SPENDING	\$ 2,461	\$ 3,777	\$ 315	\$ 2,448	\$ 121	\$ 249	\$ 67	\$ 350	\$ 889	\$ 772		
HOSPITALITY (Connect)												
TOTAL HOSPITALITY SPENDING	\$ 111	\$ 365	\$ 30	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ -		
DISCIPLESHIP (Grow)												
TOTAL DISCIPLESHIP SPENDING	\$ 1,482	\$ 8,700	\$ 725	\$ 14,165	\$ 2,546	\$ 286	\$ 9,355	\$ 162	\$ 199	\$ 1,616		
GIVING MONEY AWAY (We go out....)												
TOTAL DONATION SPENDING	\$ 23,166	\$ 33,330	\$ 2,777	\$ 20,703	\$ 3,724	\$ 3,120	\$ 3,636	\$ 2,449	\$ 3,650	\$ 4,124		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 245,590	\$ 259,114	\$ 21,593	\$ 159,626	\$ 18,474	\$ 26,522	\$ 24,143	\$ 22,315	\$ 26,383	\$ 42,803		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 213,089	\$ 247,529	\$ 20,627	\$ 141,609	\$ 24,697	\$ 21,240	\$ 30,347	\$ 19,244	\$ 21,028	\$ 22,803		
NET CASH FLOW	\$ 32,502	\$ 11,585	\$ 965	\$ 18,016	\$ (6,224)	\$ 5,282	\$ (6,203)	\$ 3,070	\$ 5,355	\$ 20,001		



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