

River Table Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2023 6pm

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

3. New Business

- Review draft of expanded Welcome Statement from Vision Table

4. Closing: Lord's Prayer

5. Next meeting: 6pm, Thursday July 6 or Tuesday July 11, 2023?

River of Hope

River Table Minutes

May 9, 2023

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

Meeting was called to order by Katy.

1. Minutes from last meeting: Motion to approve.
2. We go out Table report- 2 people have requested to go off of the table and 3 new members have joined.
3. Faith formation table- 10 to 12 kids went to Alan's farm to help with yard work.
4. Vision table- Want to talk to ROH members about having a "Reconciling in Christ Member Congregation". This would entail about 4 members conducting interviews to ROH members.

Pastors report: Given by Pastor Hans- Great to have kiddos involved in worship on Sunday. Thanks to Katie for all her coordination with wrangling then for prayers etc.

Pastor Hans will be gone for continuing Ed, the week of May 15-18, to the Festival of Homiletics conference which is in St. Paul this year. Pastor Andy will be filling in to preach the following Sunday when we recognize graduates, but Pastor Hans will be back and in worship.

This year the SW MN Synod Assembly is at Gustavus Adolphus College on June 9th and 10th, Pastor Hans, Sandy Tracy, Ron Johnson, and Dale Brandsoy, will be in attendance.

We have had three great fundraisers for youth going to camp recently, Not only was some money raised, but the youth had fun and community connections were strengthened through the bake sale, Friday Fun night (child-care) and helping out with some odd jobs.

Facilities Table:

New business:

1. Partial brainstorming of goals for this year.

Continuing business:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 13, 2023 in person

We Go Out Notes June 5, 2023

Location: Cashwise Caribou

Members Present: Kay Hallstrom, Sandy Tracy. Paul and Vicki Bierlein, Malena Kelm, Nan Crary

Kay welcomed new members and opened the meeting with a devotion. Everyone introduced themselves and stated why the We Go Out Table is of interest to them." The mission and focus of the table was explained as activities that serve, educate, and advocate for topics, issues, and activities of importance to River of Hope. Thank you cards were signed for Sara Pollmann and Sara Nelson for their service.

Informational flyers about the June 25 local pride picnic were distributed. Kay will request an electronic copy of the flyer for our promotional needs by sending emails to Julie, Emiy, and Pastor Hans.

Copies of the flyer will be placed on the ROH information table. Check out the S. A. G. A. of McLeod County.of Hope's Facebook page. River of Hope's responsibility for this event is to promote and attend the event wherever possible.

Plans are starting to move forward for the National Night Out Meal for Housing Insecure individuals in August. Paul will write a Thrivent grant to obtain food supplies. Nan will check with Jeff Schmidt about possible coordination of dates and locations. A day will be selected by the July meeting of the WGO table.

The national ELCA is planning a God's Work, Our Hands in September. A website with ideas for WGO table Members will review this site and come with activities, music, worship service ideas is <https://www.elca.org/dayofservice>. Discussion will take place at the July We Go Out table meeting about what kinds of activities we will pursue.

River of Hope is currently involved in a ministry for a housing insecure person in our community. Suggested ways to provide support will be included in the Riversource prepared by Pastor Hans on Tuesday. Specific suggestions or questions about the ministry should be directed to Pastor Hans.

Nan distributed copies of the schedule for the various watering can recipients. Tags for the next recipient are included in a Ziplock bag on the bookshelf in Pastor Hans' office. A copy of the schedule is also located in the baggie.

The next WGO table meeting is scheduled for July 10 at 5 pm at the Cashwise Caribou.

Sandy closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Tracy

WGO Table Notetaker

June 2023 Pastor's Report

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, worshiping, 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.

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
INCOME with purpose									
River of Hope Givers									
	\$ 245,590	\$ 259,114	\$ 21,593	\$ 117,348	\$ 18,474	\$ 26,522	\$ 24,143	\$ 22,315	\$ 26,383
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 245,590	\$ 259,114	\$ 21,593	\$ 117,348	\$ 18,474	\$ 26,522	\$ 24,143	\$ 22,315	\$ 26,383
SPENDING with purpose									
STAFF (Equipping Others To Be Sent: We Go Out....)									
	\$ 142,793	\$ 161,977	\$ 13,498	\$ 66,293	\$ 14,711	\$ 13,142	\$ 12,819	\$ 12,780	\$ 12,842
TOTAL STAFF SPENDING	\$ 142,793	\$ 161,977	\$ 13,498	\$ 66,293	\$ 14,711	\$ 13,142	\$ 12,819	\$ 12,780	\$ 12,842
WORSHIP (Discipleship Practice)									
	\$ 32,457	\$ 39,381	\$ 3,282	\$ 19,223	\$ 3,595	\$ 4,443	\$ 4,470	\$ 3,332	\$ 3,383
TOTAL WORSHIP and Office SPENDING	\$ 32,457	\$ 39,381	\$ 3,282	\$ 19,223	\$ 3,595	\$ 4,443	\$ 4,470	\$ 3,332	\$ 3,383
REACHING OUT (Invite)									
	\$ 2,461	\$ 3,777	\$ 315	\$ 1,676	\$ 121	\$ 249	\$ 67	\$ 350	\$ 889
TOTAL REACHING OUT SPENDING	\$ 2,461	\$ 3,777	\$ 315	\$ 1,676	\$ 121	\$ 249	\$ 67	\$ 350	\$ 889
HOSPITALITY (Connect)									
	\$ 111	\$ 365	\$ 30	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104	\$ -
TOTAL HOSPITALITY SPENDING	\$ 111	\$ 365	\$ 30	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104	\$ -
DISCIPLESHIP (Grow)									
	\$ 1,482	\$ 8,700	\$ 725	\$ 12,549	\$ 2,546	\$ 286	\$ 9,355	\$ 162	\$ 199
TOTAL DISCIPLESHIP SPENDING	\$ 1,482	\$ 8,700	\$ 725	\$ 12,549	\$ 2,546	\$ 286	\$ 9,355	\$ 162	\$ 199
GIVING MONEY AWAY (We go out....)									
	\$ 23,166	\$ 33,330	\$ 2,777	\$ 14,837	\$ 3,724	\$ 3,120	\$ 3,636	\$ 707	\$ 3,650
TOTAL DONATION SPENDING	\$ 23,166	\$ 33,330	\$ 2,777	\$ 14,837	\$ 3,724	\$ 3,120	\$ 3,636	\$ 707	\$ 3,650
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 245,590	\$ 259,114	\$ 21,593	\$ 117,348	\$ 18,474	\$ 26,522	\$ 24,143	\$ 22,315	\$ 26,383
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 213,089	\$ 247,529	\$ 20,627	\$ 114,682	\$ 24,697	\$ 21,240	\$ 30,347	\$ 17,435	\$ 20,962
NET CASH FLOW	\$ 32,502	\$ 11,585	\$ 965	\$ 2,666	\$ (6,224)	\$ 5,282	\$ (6,203)	\$ 4,879	\$ 5,421



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