

**River Table Minutes**  
**River of Hope Lutheran Church ELCA Hutchinson, Minnesota**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 2024 7 p.m. Hutchinson Event Center**

Present: Gerry Connell, President; Mary Royer, Vice-President; Arlyn DeBruyckere, Treasurer; Pastor Hans Peterson; Dave Fischer, Nancy Redetzke, Patricia Paulsen

Absent: None

Opening Devotion by Pastor Hans from Matthew, Chapter 28

Approved River Table Minutes of September 10, 2024 m/s/p

### **Reports**

#### We Go Out:

- A list of organizations we will be supporting for the next year through Watering Can offerings, beginning November 2024, was provided.
- A Global Refuge Simulation Experience and a Servant Event of assembling cleaning kits will be held Wednesday, November 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Personnel: New 2024 payroll law in Minnesota requires all temporary, part-time and salaried employees accrue sick leave based on hours worked. Handbook policy will be drafted to reflect the change.

#### Stewardship:

- An internal audit has recently taken place; Our thanks to Sue Benson, Linda Cox, Tim Halstrom and Arlyn DeBruyckere.
- Laundry Love and Common Cup have been both budget items and also watering can recipients. They were removed from the watering can list and we have increased monthly budgeted support.
- Recommend a line item in budget to purchase a new computer each year.

Pastor's Report: It's time to renew our lease with the City of Hutchinson. Mary Royer, Pastor Hans, and Jeanette Krommenhoek will meet with Lynn Neuman.

Financial Report: Approved the September Report as presented by Treasurer Arlyn DeBruyckere. m/s/p

August Income	\$17,280.05	August Expenditures	\$23,645.99
September Income	\$26,400.95	September Expenditures	\$22,203.38

### **New Business**

Confirmands: With the blessing of River of Hope, these students are welcomed as they affirm their baptism and confirm their faith Sunday, October 27, 2024. m/s/p

Dan Fischer   Emma Hartman   Nate Pollmann   Orrin Yates

River Table Election: Candidates for River Table membership are Kay Halstrom, Jim Schaefer, and Geoff Davis. Election is held during our annual meeting, Riverpalooza, November 17, 2024. They will be installed during the worship service on November 24<sup>th</sup>. A retreat for River Table members is proposed for Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Budget 2025: We reviewed a proposed budget for 2025, with changes still to be made.

Constitution: Proposed changes to the Constitution have been made available to the congregation through print, digital, and in-person meeting formats. The revised constitution will be voted on at our annual meeting, Riverpalooza, on November 17, 2024. m/s/p

**Closing:** *The Lord's Prayer*

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6 p.m. Hutchinson Event Center

Submitted by Patricia Paulsen