



## Upcoming Events:

### Headwaters:

March 19th, 5:00pm  
March 26th, Kids Choir Practice 5:00pm  
(6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper)

## Youth Bible Study, March 12, 2:45

**Rides are available after school, snacks provided**

### Watering Can for March Good Courage Farm

Good Courage Farm is a non-profit agrarian ministry in collaboration with The Episcopal Church. They grow good food for people and grow disciples for Christ.

Anyone interested in leading a small group during Lent?  
Please contact Hans or Lisa in the office as soon as possible.

### Simply Giving:

If Anyone needs help adjusting their Simply Giving Offering, please contact  
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### OFFICE HOURS:

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 3rd 2025

### GATHERING

Music to Prepare us

Opening Song

Welcome

Confession and

Forgiveness

Greeting/

Prayer of the Day

Greet Someone New

\*Children's Message

### THE WORD

Music to Welcome Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Sermon

Song of the Day

Prayers for the World

Offering + Singing

### THE FEAST

\*Setting the Table

Invitation to the Meal

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

Communion + Singing

Blessing

### THE SENDING

What is our Purpose?

Milestones

Final Blessing

\*Sending Song

Music to Send You Out

\*Kids are invited to

participate throughout

worship.

*but especially in these spots.*

We are called by Jesus to love God and one another, serving everyone with no strings attached. At River of Hope, we welcome people of every ethnicity, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, marital status, political perspective, physical and mental ability, or socioeconomic position. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, wherever you are in life (herbivore, carnivore, allergic to church, snarky, cranky)...you are fully welcome here. We mean it! You are a beloved and unique child of God. Come gather for worship and prayer, to study God's Word, to embrace the work of racial equity, social and economic justice, and environmental care. Together we are called to go out and transform lives through Jesus Christ.

## Luke 9:28-36

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

### Daily Bible Readings - For the week of March 3-8

Mon- Mar. 3 Acts 10:9-23

Tue - Mar. 4 Acts 10:23b-33

Wed - Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday Mathew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thu - Mar. 6 Acts 7:30-34

Fri - Mar. 7 Acts 7:35-42

Sat - Mar. 8 John 12:27-36



# Greetings River of Hopeful People!



From The Desk of Pastor Hans

There is a lot happening on mountains recently; apostles chosen (Luke 6:13); disciples come down from the mountain for a sermon to level the playing field (Luke 6: 17-36); and in this week's text disciples hear the voice of God which gives hope and breath for the tough road ahead (Luke 9:28-36). Here something that aired recently that connects:

Greetings this is Hans Peterson, an ELCA pastor serving at River of Hope Lutheran which worships in the Event Center here in Hutchinson. The theme for this week's radio devotion is mountains. Psalm 62 in a couple different places says: "God alone is my rock and my salvation." Have you ever stood in awe at the top of a mountain and contemplated that God is your rock?

Yesterday I mentioned that I grew up in Anchorage, Alaska. We were surrounded by mountains.

On a clear day you could see over 130 miles to Denali, the tallest mountain in North America. One time on the base of a mountain close to Denali my family came way too close to a grizzly.

Flattop is a small mountain that overlooks Anchorage that I have hiked many times. It's where my wife and I got engaged and where I scattered some of my mom's ashes. Sometimes when I am out in nature I stand in awe of the beauty and become grateful for each moment. When I wrote this next song I was thinking of those mountains and trying to remind myself to be grateful for every breath we are given. May you find space to ground yourself in the One that gives breath as you face any difficulties ahead. <https://dakotaroadmusic.com/track/903674/every-breath-i-sing>

God's peace,

Pastor Hans

PS: Java and Jesus 1pm on Tuesday, March 4th at Dunn Bros. Let me know if you are interested in a free copy of *The Old Testament in Seven Sentence* thanks to Thrivent...



## LIFT UP IN PRAYER



If you would like a prayer added or taken off the prayer list, please contact the office.

Prayers for my brother-in-law recovering from cancer surgery; for my Uncle Gary in Rochester who is not expected to live much longer; for our Circle of Welcome family from Somalia; for the family of my classmate Kathy, who died recently after fighting an aggressive blood cancer; for Germany and their newly elected Prime Minister; Praise God for good health including Beau who is doing great; for comfort for the Brandsoy/Picha family whose nephew/cousin David Christopher Maland was buried last Saturday at Ft. Snelling; for the family of Jane Connell whose aunt died recently; for healing for Jane's niece Heather and for Jane's mom; for Sharon, Carmen Hamlow's sister who is being transferred to memory care and whose cancer is also now in her brain; for two nieces who are struggling; for the people of North Carolina still recovering from hurricane Helene; for all who grieve; for all who are going through cancer treatments; for Diane who broke her wrist; for all of those in fear of being deported, our neighbors, our students, and our community members; please help us to be bold and protect the vulnerable and marginalized among us; for healing for those who are sick; be with the caretakers; bring strength and peace to those who mourn; for Sidney Smith who started chemo for stage two cancer; for those who are worried about the future, let them feel God's presence with them; for the hungry at the mercy of billionaires; for our neighbor battling a severe case of the flu; prayers of thanks for being healthy; for comfort for the family of Roger Vergin; for healing for my daughter Nikki.

## Mark Your Calendars!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
3/5	Ash Wednesday Service	6:00pm	Bethlehem UMC	Pastor Hans
3/6	God and Politics Book Study	5:00-6:30pm	The Wine Lounge	Andy Evenson
3/9	Pastor Kerri Adult Forum	9:30am	Event Center	Julie Johansen
3/12	Women of Hope Bible Study	9:30am	Event Center	Gwen Smeby
3/12	Relaxation and Self Care	5:00-6:00pm	Conference Room	Rachel & Jane
3/12	Soup Supper/Prayer Service	6:00pm,6:45	Event Center	Pastor Hans
3/12	Youth Bible Study	2:45pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
3/13	Book Study: The Shack	6:15pm	972 Rolling Greens Lane NW	Paul Bierlein
3/14	Men's Bible Study	9:30am	Event Center	Allen Gislason
3/18	Laundry Love	9:00am	Royal Wash House	Allen Gislason

River of Hope wishes to acknowledge and honor the *Wahpekute* (pronounced – "wah-PEH-koo-tay") people upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship this morning, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue