



## Upcoming Events:

### Headwaters:

Wednesday, April 2nd 5:00pm  
Headwaters Children's Choir to Perform  
April 6th at Worship

6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper

6:45-7:15 Lenten Prayer Service



### 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.



#### Simply Giving:

If Anyone needs help adjusting their Simply Giving Offering, please contact Arlyn DeBruyckere: (320) 282-0184, arlyn@arlynphotos.com

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#### OFFICE HOURS:

**Tue-Wed 10:00-2:00**

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#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 30th 2025

#### GATHERING

Music to Prepare us  
Opening Song  
Welcome

Confession and  
Forgiveness

Greeting / Prayer of the Day  
Greet Someone New

#### THE WORD

1 Samuel 13:13-15a

\*Children's Message  
Music to Welcome Gospel

Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

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 15:1-3, 11b-32

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable: 11b "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

25 "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' 31 Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

# Greetings River of Hopeful People!



From The Desk of Pastor Hans

I am excited to announce our participation in a groundbreaking, nationwide project in collaboration with Luther Seminary. This initiative aims to enhance how we understand and experience sermons in our rapidly evolving world.

In today's post-pandemic era, the landscape of faith and communication has shifted dramatically. The preaching initiative asks the crucial question: What truly makes a sermon compelling and impactful in the 21st century?

This is where your voice becomes critical. River of Hope has an opportunity to help shape the future of preaching. What resonates with you in a sermon? What transformative power do you seek in these messages? Your insights are at the heart of this innovative research.

Participating is simple yet powerful:

Each week, listen attentively to the sermon in person or online.

Scan the QR code for a quick survey or use this link here:

[https://luthersem.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6Ay8FLFgzILBmfA](https://luthersem.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Ay8FLFgzILBmfA)

Share your honest thoughts and experiences.

Sign up for the follow-up survey.

The survey isn't about critiquing individual preachers. Your responses will be completely anonymous and will only be used by the research team to gain a broader understanding of sermon impact across diverse church settings. This is an opportunity to deepen your own engagement with scripture while contributing to a larger spiritual conversation.

The feedback loop will run for 6 weeks starting today but will exclude Easter and Palm Sunday, four weeks total. Please consider taking a few minutes to offer feedback after hearing these four different sermons.; more information to come.

Thanks! Pastor Hans

## Daily Bible Readings - For the week of March 31-April 5th

Mon- Mar. 31, Leviticus 23:26-41

Tue - April 1, Leviticus 25:1-19

Wed - April 2, 2Kings 4:1-7

Thu - April 3, Isaiah 43:1-7

Fri - April 4, Isaiah 43:8-15

Sat - April 5, Exodus 12-21-27

## LIFT UP IN PRAYER



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

Prayers: for family and friends of Dale Klukus who entered his heavenly home this past week; for our educators and students; for my brother Phillip; for Palestine and the Christian community in the West Bank; for Gaza, Ukraine, and all the people affected by the dismantling of USAID and all the refugees affected by the freezing of federal funds; for three family members whose careers are being terminated by Federal Funding cuts; Blessed be the Lord for Beau starting to take a few steps; for Morgan, a family friend diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; for a brother-in-law recovering from cancer surgery; for all going through cancer treatments; for Carol; for Sharon; for two nieces who are struggling; 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 a friend whose marriage is ending  
 Laundry Love Prayers: For peace in my soul and for my hands to continue to do what the Lord is needing of me; I ask for prayers for my family and my church family (New Beginnings Baptist Ministries) and my prayers will be with you.

## Mark Your Calendars!

Date	Activity	Time	Location	Contact
3/31	River of Hopeful People	12:00pm	Crow River Winery	Lisa Tschimperle
4/1	Chair Exercises	9:30-10:30am	Event Center	Nan Crary
4/1	Java n Jesus	1:00-2:00pm	Dunn Brothers	Pastor Hans
4/1	Faith Formation Mtg.	7:00-8:00pm	Zoom	Kris Hartman
4/2	Relaxation and Self Care	5:00-6:00pm	Conference Room	Rachel S./ Jane G.
4/2	Headwaters	5:00-6:00pm	Event Center	Katie W.
4/2	Soup Supper/ Prayer Service	6:00-7:30pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
4/3	God and Politics	5:30-6:30pm	The Wine Lounge	Andy Evenson
	The Book Keepers; Book			
4/3	Signing	11:11:45 am	47 Main Street North	Kurt Schultz
4/3	Free Lunch and Discussion	12:00-1:30pm	Arts Place	Kurt Schults
4/3	The Doctrine of Discovery	6:30-8:00pm	1101 Willmar Ave, Willmar MN	Kurt Schultz
4/3	Quilting and Tying	7:00-8:00pm	972 Rolling Greens Lane NW	Vicki Bierlein

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 to care for this place – this land – and call it their home.