



## Wednesday, January 7th

**Headwaters 5:00-6:00pm**

**Supper For All 6:00-6:30pm**

**Worship 6:30-7:00pm**

**Confirmation 7:00-8:00pm**



## Watering Can for the month of December Operation Hope

Operation Hope is a ministry the Schmidt family started, to provide compassion, Food and supplies to people living on the streets Minneapolis.

Average Monthly Attendance for November = 83  
1st-3rd Quarter Income = \$269,539  
1st -3rd Quarter Expenditures = \$256,745



### Simply Giving:

If anyone would like to begin or adjust their electronic giving, please contact treasurer Arlyn DeBruyckere: 320-282-0184 arlyn@arlynphotos.com



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP December 21st 2025

### GATHERING

Music to Prepare us

Opening Song

Welcome / Litany

Prayer of the Day

Lighting of the Advent

Wreath

Greet Someone New

\*Children's Time

### THE WORD

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Song to Greet the Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Voices of Hope Choir

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

Purpose Sightings

Milestones

\*Sending Song

Music to send you out

*\*Kids are invited to help with Worship 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.

## Mathew 1:18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

23 "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." 24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.



### Daily Bible Readings - For the week of December 22-26

Mon. Dec. 22 Isaiah 33:17-22

Tue. Dec. 23 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29

Wed. Dec. 24 Galatians 3:6-14

Thur. Dec. 25 Luke 2:91-7) 8-20

Fri. Dec. 26 Acts 7:59-8:8

Sat. Dec. 27 1 John 5:1-12



# Greetings River of Hopeful People!



From The Desk of Pastor Hans

Greetings River of Hopeful people!

Here is the video about the Makatoh Reconciliation and Healing Horse Ride that I mentioned in worship this past Sunay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLjzUNXMbhM>

And a note from Pastor Janine who served as interim pastor 2019-2020:

*Blessings and joy to you all, River of Hoppers,*

*As I reflect upon the amazing presence you have had in the Hutchinson area I thank God for the gift of this amazing ministry. My short time with you happened to coincide with the beginnings of COVID. I remember speaking with the Leadership Table and staff members about the letting go of the Lenten services and looking forward to getting back together in person for Easter. Little did we know it would last much longer than that - but through it all, you remained strong in your connection to each other, to the people of Hutchinson and to God as you found ways to "Go Out" despite the pandemic.*

*You are a community of people who love Jesus and show that love in all that you do. Keep loving each other, loving your neighbor, and showing through your words and actions that God - Emmanuel- is present in Hutchinson. May the next 15 years continue to bring opportunities to build God's dream for the world right here - right now!*

*In the Peace of Jesus,  
Pastor Janine*



## LIFT UP IN PRAYER



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

Prayers: for healing for daughter Jill and for son Craig who had surgery at Mayo last week; for the families, students, and all affected by the tragedy in Stewartville; for my second knee replacement in January; for Daryl and family as they remember Kathy on the anniversary of her death; comfort all who are missing loved ones this holiday season; for peace for Deb, Kate, Liz and family as they mourn the loss of wonderful Bob; for Laurie Evans; for the safety of our Somali Community here in Minnesota including our refugee family in Willmar; for healing for Mohammed as he and Joan navigate health decisions; for Jill, Sue, and Arlyn recovering from surgery; for Jenell; for my cousin who is recovering from a stroke; for Jerry and Eric as they continue their job search and for continued healing for Beau; for Sara; for Dale; for Carol



## Mark Your Calendars!



<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
12/24	Christmas Eve Worship	3:00-4:00pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
12/25	Merry Christmas	All Day	Family and Friends	Jesus
12/26	Men's Bible Study	9:00-10:00am	Event Center	David Pederson
12/26	Meals on Wheels #1	10:45-11:00am	Hutch Hospital	Mary Royer
12/31	Office Closed			
1/7	Headwaters	5:00-6:00pm	Event Center	Katie Weisenburger
1/7	Supper for all	6:00-6:30pm	Event Center	Faith Formation
1/7	Worship	6:30-7:00pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
1/7	Confirmation	7:00-8:00pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
1/9	Mens Bible Study	9:00-10:00am	Event Center	Dave Pederson
1/14	Women of Hope Bible Study	9:30-10:30am	Event Center	Gwenn Smeby

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.