



# Wednesday, January 28th

Headwaters 5:00-5:45pm

Supper For All / Pizza 5:45-6:15pm

Agape Concert 6:30-7:45pm



## Watering Can for the month of January Reconciling Works

Since 1974, Reconciling Works: Lutherans for Full Participation has advocated for full welcome, inclusion, and equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual / aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their church, congregations, and community

Average Monthly Attendance for December = 82  
1st-3rd Quarter Income = \$269,539  
1st -3rd Quarter Expenditures = \$256,745



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Give Now: Watering Can



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### 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 January 18th 2026

Second Sunday of  
Epiphany

### GATHERING

Music to Prepare us

Opening Song

Welcome / Liturgy

Prayer of the Day

Greet Someone New

\*Children's Message

### THE WORD

Song to Greet the Gospel

John 1:19-42

Homily

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 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.

## John 1:19-42

29 [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

### Daily Bible Readings - For the week of January 19-24

Mon. Jan. 19 Acts 8:26-40  
Tue. Jan. 20 Hebrews 10:1-4  
Wed. Jan. 21 Matthew 9:14-17  
Thur. Jan. 22 Galatians 1:11-24  
Fri. Jan. 23 Galatians 2:1-10  
Sat. Jan. 24 Luke 5:27-32



# Greetings River of Hopeful People!



Greetings River of Hopeful People,

Here is a part of a letter in which I find some comfort from Rev. Jen Nagel, Bishop of the Minneapolis Synod of the ELCA. You can find the entire letter by searching the internet by typing “Bishop’s Statement on ICE in MN”:

*As I’ve watched the events unfold across the Twin Cities and our state, the killing of Renee Good, and the unaccountable and indiscriminate targeting of immigrant neighbors by ICE and the Department of Homeland Security, the story of Jesus visiting the grave of his friend Lazarus has been ringing in my ears (John 11). The cry of Mary and Martha, “Lord if you had been here...” and the deep grief and weeping of Jesus for his friend feels particularly resonant.*

*I, too, weep for our own cities and communities in the Minneapolis Area Synod and around Minnesota. I weep for Renee Nicole Good and her family, and I weep for all who have been impacted by the chilling actions of ICE in our community — immigrant families fearful and separated and facing impossible decisions, children who have been witness to violence, black and brown neighbors unjustly profiled, congregational leaders and everyday neighbors struggling to respond to an unprecedented crisis....*

*In this moment, we must continue to rely on one another – to stay rooted in the resilience of community, the power of prayer, and the hope of God.*

*We trust that in Jesus, God comes near to us in our joys and sufferings, in the incarnation we proclaim at Epiphany, and the cross we walk toward in Lent. But death does not have the final word. Our story, rooted in Christ, is a resurrection story. We remember that while Jesus wept for his friend Lazarus, he also called him out of the grave, into resurrection life. Beloved ones, the events of these last weeks are not the end of our story. We stand firm in our faith that justice is stronger than injustice, that community is stronger than division, and that love is stronger than cruelty. We have hope that our weeping will be transformed into resurrection, and that, like those at Lazarus’ graveside, we too will “...see the glory of God.” (John 11:40)*

*In Christ,  
Bishop Jen Nagel*

## LIFT UP IN PRAYER



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

Prayers of peace and healing for the broken hearts of family and friends of Sarah Govig as she lost her life to Bi-Polar disease at the age of 28, she leaves behind 2 daughters; for healing for my mom Aggie and niece Michelle; we pray ICE agents take off their masks to build trust not fear among neighbors; for people to rise up against tyranny in our country; the family of Betty Chos who passed away; for Pete; for the life of Sammi who is turned 28; for comfort of family and friends of Jen and Paul who passed recently from chronic illness; peace to us all as we struggle with difficult times in our state and country; of celebration and thanks for the birth of baby girl Romy; for the family of Ken Bipes; for Ruby Schroeder; for Craig; for Mohammed; for the family of Kevin who died unexpectedly; for my second knee replacement in January; for Jill, Sue, and Arlyn recovering from surgery; for continued healing for Beau; for Sara; for Dale; for Carol; for Judy; for Ava; for all those lonely this holiday season; for Merlin having testing at Mayo clinic.

## Mark Your Calendars!

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Activity</u>        | <u>Time</u>    | <u>Location</u>   | <u>Contact</u>     |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1/20        | Laundry Love           | 9:00am-6:00pm  | Royal Wash House  | Jerry Lindberg     |
| 1/20        | Stewardship Table mtg. | 3:30-4:30pm    | Event Center      | Andy Evenson       |
| 1/21        | Gathering Table mtg.   | 9:30-10:30am   | Event Center      | Gwenn Smeby        |
| 1/21        | BINGO                  | 6:00-7:30pm    | Event Center      | Faith Formation    |
| 1/22        | Meals on Wheels        | 10:45-11:15am  | Hutchinson Health | Alan Gislason #5   |
| 1/23        | Meals on Wheels        | 10:45-11:15am  | Hutchinson Health | Mary Royer #1      |
| 1/23        | Men's Bible Study      | 9:00-10:00am   | Event Center      | Dave Pedersen      |
| 1/25        | Micah Meyer Forum      | 9:30-10:30am   | Event Center      | Pastor Hans        |
| 1/28        | Anti Racism Workshop   | 1:00-3:00pm    | Event Center      | Pastor Hans        |
| 1/28        | Headwaters / Pizza     | 5:00-6:15pm    | Event Center      | Katie Weisenburger |
| 1/28        | Agape Concert          | 6:30-7:45pm    | Event Center      | Pastor Hans        |
| 1/30        | All Table Retreat      | 10:00am-2:00pm | Event Center      | Pastor Hans        |

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.