



## **Wednesday, February 4th**

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

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

(Stewardship Serves)



**Confirmation 6:30-8:00pm**

### Watering Can for the Month of February

Erin's Kids

For ongoing support for Camps, Headwaters, and other Youth Ministries

Average Monthly Attendance for January = 77  
1st-3rd Quarter Income = \$269,539  
1st -3rd Quarter Expenditures = \$256,745



**SCAN ME**  
Give Now: Watering Can



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Give Now: River of Hope

### 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

**February 1st 2026**

#### GATHERING

Music to Prepare us

Opening Song

Welcome / Litany

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Greet Someone New

#### THE WORD

Micah 6:1-8

\* Children's Time

Matthew 5:1-12

Reflection

Song of the Day

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 handcuffs 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.

## **Matthew 5:1-12**

(Matthew) Gift from Creator Tells the Good Story 5

1When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) saw this great crowd, he went back up into the mountainside and sat down to teach the people. His followers came to him there, 2so he took a deep breath, opened his mouth, and began to share his wisdom with them and teach them how to see Creator's good road.

#### BLESSINGS OF THE GOOD ROAD

3"Creator's blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits. The good road from above is theirs to walk.

4"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk a trail of tears, for he will wipe the tears from their eyes and comfort them.

5"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner. The earth, land, and sky will welcome them and always be their home.

6"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who hunger and thirst for wrongs to be made right again. They will eat and drink until they are full.

7"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are merciful and kind to others. Their kindness will find its way back to them—full circle.

8"Creator's blessing rests on the pure of heart. They are the ones who will see the Great Spirit.

9"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who make peace. It will be said of them, 'They are the children of the Great Spirit!'

10"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are hunted down and mistreated for doing what is right, for they are walking the good road from above.

11"Others will lie about you, speak against you, and look down on you with scorn and contempt, all because you walk the road with me. This is a sign that Creator's blessing is resting on you. 12So let your hearts be glad and jump for joy, for you will be honored in the spirit-world above. You are like the prophets of old, who were treated in the same way by your ancestors.

### Daily Bible Readings - For the week of February 2-7

Mon. Feb. 2 Ruth 1:1-18

Tue. Feb. 3 Ruth 2:1-16

Wed. Feb. 4 Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22

Thur. Feb. 5 Deuteronomy 4:1-14

Fri. Feb. 6 Isaiah 29:1-12

Sat. Feb. 7 Isaiah 29:13-16



# Greetings River of Hopeful People!



Greetings River of Hopeful People,

God's peace be yours on this day. It has been a full week! We had a great turnout for both the anti-racism workshop and concert on Wednesday. This past year, with our 15-year anniversary, we had a chance to celebrate where we have been. Yesterday, over 20 table members met to consider where we are now and where we want to be in the years to come. Please pray for your faith community at River of Hope as you continue to pray for peace in our country and for peace in our state.

If you haven't seen it yet, here is a joint pastoral message addressing immigration activity from Bishop Curry and the six Minnesota ELCA bishops addressing immigration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GX5LslgUyI0>

You can also find it with a google search by typing "We will not grow weary Bishop Curry YouTube." I was expecting it to be simply informational, but it turned into part of my morning devotion.

Here is an MPR article that gives me hope:

<https://www.npr.org/2026/01/13/nx-s1-5674680/how-minnesota-faith-communities-are-resisting-aggressive-immigration-operations>

Pastor Hans

## LIFT UP IN PRAYER



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

Prayers: for peace; for healing for mom Aggie and Brother Phillip; for peaceful protests to continue against the tyranny going on in our state; for healing and comfort for the family of Jen and Paul, Kevin, Ken Bipes, Sarah Govig, Randy Rusch and Betty Chos who all died recently; for Pete; for Ruby; for Craig; for Mohammed; for my second knee replacement in January; for Sue; for Arlyn who is home now after surgery self-administering antibiotics for an infection in his foot; for continued healing for Beau; for Sara; for Dale; for Carol; for Judy; for Ava; for Merlin.

## Mark Your Calendars!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
2/4	Headwaters	5:00-6:00pm	Event Center	Katie Weisenburger
2/4	Supper for All	6:00-6:30pm	Event Center	Stewardship Table
2/4	Confirmation	6:30-8:00pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
2/4	Youth Mission Trip Mtg	7:50-8:30pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
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2/8	God Forum	9:30-10:30am	Event Center	Heidi Morlock
2/11	Women's Study Bible	9:30-11:00am	Event Center	Gwenn Smeby
2/13	Men's Bible Study	9:00-10:00am	Event Center	Dave Pedersen
2/14	All You Need Is Love	6:00-7:30pm	Event Center	Sara N / Sara S
2/17	Laundry Love	9:00am-6:00pm	Royal Wash House	Jerry Lindberg
2/18	Ash Wednesday	6:00-7:00pm	New Journey UCC	Jim Nelson
2/19	55+ Diners Club	5:30pm	El Loro Mexican	Phyllis Lindstrand

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.