



March 4th, 2026

Headwaters 5:00-6:00pm

Soup/Supper for All 6:00-6:45pm

Lenten Service 6:45-7:30pm



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



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 1st 2026

GATHERING

Music to Prepare us

Opening Song

Welcome / Litany

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Greet Someone New

*Children's time

THE WORD

Song to greet the reading

Acts 9:1-20

Guest Speaker

Reflection

Lenten Prayers

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.

Acts 9:1-20

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; [a] so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." 11 The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision [b] a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; 16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." 17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul [c] and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul Preaches in Damascus For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Daily Bible Readings - For the week of March 2-7

Mon. Mar. 2 Hebrews 3:1-6

Thur. Mar. 5 Colossians 1:15-23

Tue. Mar. 3 Romans 4:6-13

Fri. Mar. 6 Ephesians 2:11-22

Wed. Mar. 4 John 7:53-8:11

Sat. Mar. 7 John 4:1-6

Greetings River of Hopeful People!



From The Desk of Pastor Hans

Greetings River of Hopeful people!

The word vocation comes from the Latin vocare meaning to call. As you reflect on your own different “callings” (as family member, volunteer, professional, etc.) consider the second letter (“O”) in word “VOCARE” and it’s corresponding spiritual practice to reflect on Openness: To what am I being asked to be open? How do I respond? These practices are to help you discern and embrace your multiple vocations so that you can more intentionally live life on purpose for the common good.

Here is a meditation on Openness that you can read online: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/462119481/> or pick up at the table as you leave the Event Center.

This week consider listening to the St. Olaf choir sing Open Your Ears O Faithful People here: https://wp.stolaf.edu/nourishing-vocation/opening_page/vocare-spiritual-practices/sing-vocare-2/

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 healing for Gwenn’s Smeby’s son Ross as he recovers from brain surgery; for Deb H. newly diagnosed with breast cancer and beginning treatment; for my Dad Jim as he struggles with multiple health issues; for my mom Patti as she recovers from a fall on the ice; for the Schroeder family at Ruby’s passing; for all who feel “less than” or “othered”; God bless and keep Beau in his recovery Journey; prayers for Carmon Hamlow who had a birthday this week; for Ava as she continues treatment and recovering from Leukemia; praying for understanding for all; for successful cancer surgery; to let all people see the love we have for God through our eyes; for my heart health that my heart monitor and ultra sound comes back normal; more compassion from our leaders; for safe travelers during this cold snowy season; for Mike’s mental health and financial stability; for those with food and financial insecurity; for those in need of love, friendship, and acceptance; for my children to find their way in the world; for world peace, for our leader to show kindness and love for our neighbors; to help me to see Christ in others; for appreciation from Annie’s sisters watching her dance and for her future dances; for my mental health to get better; for bringing families back together who have been separated unfairly during to government tyranny; for Jill, Sam and Grace for healing; strengthen all to know that we can be the good that we want to see in this world; for Bob Schroeder, Roger and Janine at the loss of their wife, and mother Ruby, peace be with them; healing for Erica with recurring illnesses; for our country and our leaders; for continued healing both physically and mentally, hold us in your arms and keep us in your love; for dogs treatment for autoimmune disease, good health for self, for our country democracy to be upheld; for Beckham who is being treated at Children’s Hospital in Mpls; for RSV, rhinovirus, enterovirus, and pneumonia; for those who doubt their abilities and strengthen them in seeing their gifts and knowing God made them perfectly; for all people who were blessed by our home church in St. Paul which is closing after 110 years; for Scott and Ally having their baby induced early, to ease fears and anxiety and prayers for a healthy baby; for our nation; Lord, give me patience; for grace; for a full term delivery and health for us and our baby; for D.E’s upcoming surgery for appendix cancer and recovery; for world peace; for our country and leaders; may love and justice prevail; help us all to be courageous in our actions with God’s help to work for peace; for our first baby on the way; for all to be mindful; God bless our new grandson Damien who was born Jan. 15th; be with all those who are struggling with addiction; renew and restore us all; for peace in our homes, hearts, neighborhoods and country; help open hearts to caring for everyone; for continuing hope, and courage in knowing that every soul and voice matters.

Mark Your Calendars!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
3/4	Headwaters	5:00-6:00pm	Event Center	Katie Weisenberger
	Lenten Soup Supper			
3/4	Service	6:00-7:30pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
	Women of Hope Bible			
3/11	Study	9:30-11:00am	Event Center	Gwenn S. / Portia B.
	Lenten Soup Supper			
3/11	Service	6:00-7:30pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
3/13	Men’s Bible Study	9:00-10:00am	TBD	Dave Pedersen
3/16	Gathering Table mtg.	9:30-10:30am	Event Center	Gwenn Smeby
3/17	Laundry Love	9:00am-6:00pm	Royal Wash House	Jerry Lindberg
3/17	River Table Mtg.	5:00-6:00pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
3/18	Headwaters	5:00-6:00pm	Event Center	Katie Weisenberger
	Lenten Soup Supper			
3/18	Service	6:00-7:30pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans