



March 18th, 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 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.

Average Monthly Attendance for February = 76
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

March 15th 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

Luke 19:8

Sermon

Song of the Day

Lenten Prayers

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.

Luke 19:8

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."



Daily Bible Readings - For the week of March 16-21

Mon. Mar.16 Acts 9:1-20

Tue. Mar.17 Colossians 1:9-14

Wed. Mar.18 Matthew 9:27-34

Thur. Mar.19 Revelation 10:1-11

Fri. Mar.20 Revelation 11:15-19

Sat. Mar.21 Luke 24:44-53



Laundry Love prayers: I've been fighting CPS for my grandson; he's 18 months and has been in Foster Care his whole life. My Foster license is still pending. I am forced to have supervised visits and pay for them. I'm a born-again Christian living for the Lord. I'm trusting in Him. God will be glorified in this!

Greetings River of Hopeful People!



From The Desk of Pastor Hans

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more (Isaiah 2:4).

Greetings River of Hopeful people!

The fourth letter of the Latin word *vocare* leads us to questions around Attentiveness like: Where am I giving my attention? Does

my attention align with my values? Click this link:

https://wp.stolaf.edu/nourishing-vocation/opening_page/vocare-spiritual-practices/

Here you will find spiritual practices including a yellow “begin” button which, if you scroll down, leads you to a “Keep Your Lamps” - a song sung by St. Olaf choir that connects with attentiveness.

As you think about your vocation or call as a US citizen ELCA Bishop Curry reminds us that there are Lutherans in Jordan and the Holy land asking for our prayers and advocacy related to the Iran war. Some of his words are below, you can read his entire letter here: <https://www.elca.org/news/bishop-curry-issues-statement-on-iran-war>

Pastor Hans

“In our Lenten journey, we are reminded of our dependence on God, and we are sustained by hope in the future peace God has promised. As war involving the United States, Israel and Iran intensifies and spreads, we lament how far off that promise seems...

The costs in lives and safety of this failure will be borne by those least able to avoid it — children, families and those without the means to flee. Its deadly toll has been, and will continue to be, paid with the lives of our neighbors, including our siblings in Christ in the Middle East...

As members of the body of Christ, join me in prayerful, hopeful solidarity with our siblings and neighbors who suffer today. Together, we mourn the rush to war and the combatants and noncombatants who have lost their lives. We yearn for creation’s fulfillment in “a new heaven and a new earth” where death and pain “will be no more” (Revelation 21:1, 4). We strive for justice and peace in all the earth, strengthened by faith in the crucified and risen Lord to persist. We trust that, through God who sustains us, our weariness and fear will not overcome us.”

Bishop Curry

LIFT UP IN PRAYER



If you would like a prayer added or taken off the

for healing for Lee Cox recovering from back surgery; for daughter Jill in her medical journey; for good news on my heart ultrasound; thanks for Laura and John continuing to love their neighbors through difficult conversations; in gratitude for Laura who continues to show love to ROH members; bring peace to our world; make your love and spirit clear to all; prayers of thanks for healing my father after his fall; we pray that Beau continues on his journey to learn to walk; for those grieving; for niece Heather who has a new complex diagnosis; for our country and its leaders – may we move to love, mercy, and peace; for our family; to help our leaders work toward true peace; for the Schwab and Moore family as they grieve the loss of Mary; for a good recovery for my sister Lorene after her surgery; for Larry Larson in hospice care and for peace for his family; to help us rest and bring renewal to our bodies and souls; for strength to keep doing the right thing; give us good courage to love as you love; for Maria and Jesus and all those in hiding; for the human race, and future generations; for smooth transitions through hard times; raise up our leaders to stand up to the tyranny in our government; for those living in war ravaged places; to mend broken relationships; for all the service people, and the people embattled in the Iran war; help us see not names and labels (Samaritan, Jew, undocumented, Democrat, Republican, MAGA, Christian) but our neighbors; for world peace; for healing for granddaughter Teagan and great grandson Zaden; for our son’s focus and journey with Bipolar; for our nephews Darren Eide (cancer treatment) and Derrick Schanil (treatment plan at Mayo); for a peaceful end to the war in Iran; for faith, understanding and forgiveness; for our nation’s and world’s leaders to make wise and humane decisions; for peace for all.

Mark Your Calendars!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
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	Stewardship Mtg.	3:30-4:30pm	Event Center	Andy Evenson
3/17	River Table Mtg.	5:00-6:00pm	Zoom	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
3/18	Ringers of Hope	5:30-6:15pm	Event Center	Linda Remical
3/24	Parish Personnel Mtg.	2:00-3:00pm	Event Center	Angie Bedard
3/24	Faith Formation Mtg.	6:30-7:30pm	Event Center	Kris Hartman
	Lenten Soup Supper			
3/25	Service	6:00-7:30pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
3/25	Youth Bible Study	2:45-3:45pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans