



Wednesday, May 20
 Youth Bible Study 2:45-3:45
 Snacks provided



ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 17th 2026

GATHERING

Music to Prepare us
 Opening Song
 Procession
 Welcome / Greeting
 Hymn Song
 Prayer of the Day
 Greet Someone New
 *Children's Time

THE WORD

Acts 1:6-14
 Song to greet the Reading
 John 14:15-21
 Sermon
 Song of the Day
 Apostle's Creed
 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.

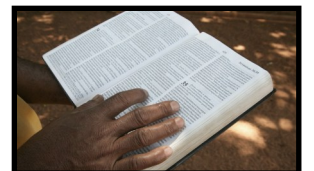
We are called by Jesus to love God and one another, serving everyone with no strings attached. At River of Hope, we welcome people of every ethnicity, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, marital status, political perspective, physical and mental ability, or socioeconomic position. 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 17:1-11

1When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) was finished speaking to his followers, he lifted his eyes to the spirit-world above and sent his voice to the Great Spirit.
 "O Great Father," he prayed, "it is time for you to bring honor to your Son, so he may bring honor to you. 2You have put all human beings under the care of your Son, so he can give them the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony. 3This life comes from knowing you, the only true and Great Spirit, and from knowing the Chosen One, Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the one you have sent into this world.
 4"I have brought you honor on earth by finishing the work you sent me to do. 5It is now time, my Father, for you to honor me with the beauty I shared at your side before you created all things.
 6"I have shown who you truly are to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours and you trusted me with them, and they have walked in your ways. 7They now know that everything I have comes from you. 8The message you gave to me I have given to them. They have welcomed the truth about who I am and trust that you sent me. 9These are the ones I now pray for. I am not praying for the ones who walk in the ways of the world, but for the ones you gave to me, for they belong to you. 10My followers bring honor to me. They are a gift from you, a gift we share together.
 11"Since I am returning to you, I will no longer be in the world, but my followers will still be here. O Father of all that is holy, watch over them with the loving care that we share with one another. In this way, they will also share the love that makes us one.

Daily Bible Readings - For the week of: May 18-23

Mon. May 18 Peter 4:1-6
 Tue. May 19 1 Peter 4:7-11
 Wed. May 20 John 3:31-36
 Thur. May 21 Acts 2:1-11
 Fri. May 22 Romans 8:14-17
 Sat. May 23 Matthew 5:1-12



Watering Can for the Month of May
The Reel Hope Project
 Creating videos of kids in foster care who are waiting to be adopted. They use the videos to help find by forever family.



Average Monthly Attendance for March = 93
 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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Greetings River of Hopeful People!



From The Desk of Pastor Hans

River of Hopeful people! Here is a radio devotion that aired recently:

Greetings this is Hans Peterson, an ELCA pastor serving at River of Hope Lutheran which worships in the Event Center in here in Hutchinson. Many churches observe a season called Lent - a word that comes from an Old English word meaning "springtime". Lent always begins forty days before Easter. We are well beyond Easter but still at the end of spring.

There is a biblical passage read every year at the beginning of Lent: Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. After fasting for those days Jesus is tempted. In Matthew 4 it says that the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread" (vs. 4).

Sometimes we might be fooled to believe that our self-worth lies in doing something. Obviously changing stones into bread isn't something you or I are going to be tempted to do. But certainly, I can relate to being tempted to find worth in a display of power. For example, I might feel valuable because I won a race...or completed this project...or got this promotion.

Jesus, on the other hand, responds, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God'" (Matthew 4:3-4). Jesus declares that our ultimate worth is more than showing off our power or ability to do something. Ultimately, it is by the grace of God that we are given life and breath. The ever-present God leads us through life whether we know it or not. We are invited to rely on the spiritual power that comes from a God who leads us through each day - as this next song that I wrote says: <https://dakotaroadmusic.com/track/907070/secure-in-your-arms>



LIFT UP IN PRAYER



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

Prayers for Prayers: for Linda Cox and Linda Erickson; for comfort for the families of Tim Halstrom, Elaine Quale, Darren Eide, Thomas Hargreave and 10-year old Mael; for grandson Beau as he continues his recovery; for Gwenn's son, Ross; for Linda starting treatments for cancer; for Alissa's friend & family who had twins born at 34 weeks; for Judy; for Judy's brother Ted; for niece Michelle; for all who are newly married, help them deepen their love for one another, strengthen their patience and understanding and forgiveness for one another, and grant them wisdom and grace; for my dad's diagnosis of leukemia; for my son Thomas who was just laid off and pray for a new line of work; for all the folks living without documentation and are struggling to find work and to take care of their families; for Holly; that the escalation in Iran cease and that peace may prevail; for Erin and Mona in hospice; for brother Phillip; for all battling addiction, including a friend who recently entered rehab; for the women of ELCA; for Sammi dealing with inflammation and pain; for Ruth having tooth pain.



Mark Your Calendars!



<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
5/19	Laundry Love	9am-6pm	Royal Wash House	Jerry Lindberg
5/20	Mission Trip Mtg.	7:30pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
5/31	Senior Recognition	Worship	Event Center	Pastor Hans
6/7	New Member Sunday	Worship	Event Center	Pastor Hans
6/11	Cashwise Food Stand	11:00am-6 or 7:00pm	Cashwise	DeWayne Olson
6/12	Cashwise Food Stand	11:00am- 6 or 7:00pm	Cashwise	Kevin Kleindl
6/13	Cashwise Food Stand	11:00am- 6 or 7:00pm	Cashwise	Sue Peters
6/15	We Go Out Mtg.	11:00- 12:30am	18076 668th St	(Darwin MN) / Leslie
6/16	Laundry Love	9:00am- 6:00pm	Royal Washhouse	Jerry Lindberg
6/21- 6/26	Camp of the Cross	9:00am	North Dakota	Pastor Hans

River of Hope wishes to acknowledge and honor the *Wahpekute* (pronounced - "wah-PEH-koo-tay") people upon whose ancestral homelands