



Farmyard Faith VBS
Aug. 10-13, 5:00-7:30pm
Vinyard Methodist Church



Watering Can for the Month of July
2BContinued

To increase awareness of suicide prevention,
mental health & wellness through advocacy,
education and outreach

Average Monthly Attendance for June=82
Jan.-June2026 Income = \$168,973.04
Jan.-June2026 Expenditures = \$158,060.65



SCAN ME
Give Now: Watering Can



Give Now: River of Hope

Simply Giving:

If anyone would like to begin or adjust their
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
July 12th, 2026

GATHERING

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

THE WORD

Song to Greet the Gospel
Matthew 13:1-9
Sermon
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.

Matthew 13:1-9

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 If you have ears, hear!"



Greetings River of Hopeful People!



From The Desk of Pastor Hans

Greetings River of Hopeful people!

Today we welcome Lynn Blue, and his spouse Laura, to River of Hope. Lynn is Dakota and grew up on a Reservation south of Granite Falls, the Upper Sioux Community. This land is also called Pezihutazizi Kapi (the place where they dig for yellow medicine) which has been the homeland of the Dakota Oyate (Nation) for thousands of years. Since it was discouraged, Lynn did not grow up speaking Sioux. However, he grew up hearing it from his paternal grandparents who raised him and who both spoke Sioux. We are honored to have Lynn sing in worship in the language of his ancestors.

Pastor Hans

Daily Bible Readings - For the week of July 13-18

- Mon. July 13 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
- Tue. July 14 Ephesians 4:17—5:2
- Wed. July 15 Matthew 13:10-17
- Thur. July 16 Hebrews 2:1-9
- Fri. July 17 Hebrews 6:13-20
- Sat. July 18 Matthew 7:15-20



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

Prayers: for Heather Goodrich who is back is back at Woodstone and began hospice; for Grandpa Willie who is facing another health challenge; for Amy Richardson who became critically ill on a European Tour and needs healing and financial assistance and is now at Mayo; for Brother Phillip; please help my Dad to recover quickly after his prostrate procedure, give him comfort and rest; for Beau who will begin pre-school this summer to prepare him for the school year, and continued healing; for Alissa’s friend & family who had twins born at 34 weeks; for continued improvement of Sammi’s inflammation and good management of Uveitis; for son-in law Matts heart surgery; my mom Aggie who has entered Hospice; for Shakira who is had surgery on Tuesday; for Isaac who just moved back to Puerto Rico; for our granddaughter Liz who is struggling with the relationship with her Dad; for Diane Neubarth's health issues; for Merlin who is healing and taking medication for Afib



Mark Your Calendars!



<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
7/18	Parking Lot Party	3:00-8:00pm	Stockholm Church	16133 Co. Rd 30 SW Cokato MN 55321
7/20	Rootbeer Float Drive THRU	6:00-7:30pm	614 3rd Ave SW	Angie/Louie Bedard
7/21	Laundry Love	9:00am-6:00pm	Royal Washhouse	Jerry Lindberg
7/22	WAM Table Mtg.	6:00-7:00pm	Event Center	Jim Nelson
7/26	Dueling Pianos	During Worship	Event Center	Jim and Hans
8/10-13	Farmyard Faith VBS	5:00-7:30pm	Vineyard Methodist	Katie Weisenberger
8/11	ROH Golf Outing	11:00am	Oakdale Golf Course	Kay and Tim H.

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.