



## FREE SWIM PARTY

Hutch Aquatics Center July 11th, 7:30-9:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME, BRING YOUR FRIENDS!



## 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



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Give Now: Watering Can



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## Simply Giving:

If anyone would like to begin or adjust their  
electronic giving, please contact treasurer  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP July 5th, 2026

### GATHERING

Music to Prepare us

Opening Song

Welcome / Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Greet Someone New

\*Children's Time

### THE WORD

Song to Greet the Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon

Song of the Day

Prayers of 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 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] 16 "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 17 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' 18 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; 19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." 25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

## Daily Bible Readings - For the week of July 6-11

Mon. July 6 Romans 1:18-25

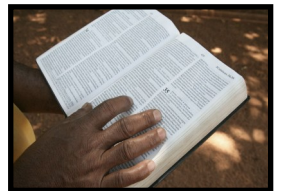
Tue. June 7 Romans 3:1-8

Wed. July 8 John 13:1-17

Thur. July 9 Romans 2:12-16

Fri. July 10 Romans 15:14-21

Sat. July 11 John 12:44-50



# Greetings River of Hopeful People!



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This month marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Recently, our ELCA Bishop, Rev. Yehiel Curry wrote an article titled “America at 250: Holding Gratitude and Humility.” In it he invites us to be grateful for the vision that the declaration casts in relation to equality and freedom for all people. At the same time, he invites us to acknowledge “with contrition and humility...all the ways we have failed to embody that vision.”

He reminds us that “as Lutherans, we know the importance of naming realities for what they are. As citizens, we confess the ways we have not yet realized the vision of the Declaration of Independence and, more importantly, as Christians we confess the ways we have participated in or been complicit in failures to live into the vision God provides. This vision is rooted in creation and redemption. God crafts each person in God’s own image and sends Jesus Christ to redeem us, setting us free to follow Christ’s new commandment to love one another.”

To note where we have room to grow as nation in relation to equality and “freedom for all” need not diminish thankfulness. To name where we have fallen short can happen alongside gratitude. He invites us to hold onto both “gratitude and humility, possibilities and shortcomings...as we hold fast to the most important promise of all: the presence of God with us, the power of the resurrection of Christ, the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit and the ever-unfolding grace of God.”

Pastor Hans

You can google his entire letter or find it here: [https://www.elca.org/news/all-together-in-one-place-2?fbclid=IwY2xjawSwohlleHRuA2FlbQlXMQBicmlkETFRSWR6MG9iQmc4MlkycDhQc3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc0ODIwMDg5MgABHhnlxkHZE3VzsWbeYlGpGmVRMskX7IUJCMdNOgDXJ4UUlJ8FTNwZxY9slcKo\\_aem\\_HwSH0ulEkPS-GI2Z-gMkRA](https://www.elca.org/news/all-together-in-one-place-2?fbclid=IwY2xjawSwohlleHRuA2FlbQlXMQBicmlkETFRSWR6MG9iQmc4MlkycDhQc3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc0ODIwMDg5MgABHhnlxkHZE3VzsWbeYlGpGmVRMskX7IUJCMdNOgDXJ4UUlJ8FTNwZxY9slcKo_aem_HwSH0ulEkPS-GI2Z-gMkRA)



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

Prayers: 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 to be able to return from Munich; for Brother Phillip; for comfort and healing for my sister who fell and broke two ribs; please help my Dad to recover quickly after his prostrate procedure, give him comfort and rest; for the family of Marilyn Laine who passed away; for our dear friend Christy who has liver cancer; for my nephew's adenoid surgery recovery; 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 Erin and Mona in hospice; for continued improvement of Sammi’s inflammation and good management of Uveiti; for David Main, father of Carmon Hamlow’s daughter-in-law who recently had a pacemaker implanted; for those going through extremely difficult times; for son-in-law Matts heart surgery; for honesty and truth telling in Lucerne Switzerland with war negotiations; my mom Aggie who has entered Hospice.



### Mark Your Calendars!



| <u>Date</u> | <u>Activity</u>              | <u>Time</u>       | <u>Location</u>     | <u>Contact</u>                                        |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 7/11        | FREE Swim Party              | 7:30-9:00pm       | Hutch Aquatics      | Angie Bedard<br>16133 Co. Rd 30 SW<br>Cokato MN 55321 |
| 7/18        | Parking Lot Party            | 3:00-4:30pm       | Stockholm Church    | Cokato MN 55321                                       |
| 7/20        | Rootbeer Float Drive<br>THRU | 6:00-7:30pm       | 614 3rd Ave SW      | Angie/Louie Bedard                                    |
| 7/21        | Laundry Love                 | 9:00am-<br>6:00pm | Royal Washhouse     | Jerry Lindberg                                        |
| 8/10-13     | Farmyard Faith VBS           | 5:00-7:30pm       | Vineyard Methodist  | Katie Weisenberger                                    |
| 8/11        | ROH Golf Outing              | 11:00am           | Oakdale Golf Course | Ron Johnson                                           |

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.