



Confirmands Meeting
October 7, 7:00-7:45pm

Headwaters
October 7, 5:00-6:00

Supper for All 6:00-6:30
(Food Provided by Parish Personnel)

Confirmation 7:00-8:00pm

Watering Can for the Month of September
Lutheran World Relief
Working with partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering.

Average Monthly Attendance for August=65
Jan.-Present Income = \$224,606.90
Jan.- Present Expenditures = \$217,817.01



Simply Giving:

If anyone would like to begin or adjust their electronic giving, please contact treasurer Arlyn DeBruyckere: 320-282-0184

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 27th,
2026

GATHERING

Music to Prepare us

Opening Song

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Greeting

Kyrie / This is the Feast

Prayer of the Day

Greet Someone New

*Children's Time

THE WORD

Psalms 25:1-9

Song to greet the Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Sermon

Prayers of the People

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 21:28-32

23 When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' 26 But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

28 "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."



Greetings River of Hopeful People!



This week Heidi and pastor Hans said goodbye to River of Hope filled with so much gratitude for their time here. If you were not worship last Sunday, you can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVwXGYu33K4>

Here are words from Heidi: I would like to give my heart-felt thanks to the River of Hope community for welcoming and embracing us these past five years. Over the course of our married life together, Hans would occasionally say that he may be called to be a pastor, and my standard response was that I was not called to be a pastor’s wife. ROH was the best first-time call experience that I can imagine. I felt accepted for who I am and what I was able to give to the community, living at a distance. I appreciate all your support, love, inclusiveness, bold proclamations, and radical acceptance. I truly felt that I belonged at River of Hope, and I will miss this community dearly. ROH is a beacon of light in Hutchinson, and I thank God for all of you. Much love and peace, Heidi

When asked one of his favorite verses from scripture and why Pastor Hans said, “Mark 1:11 helps me when life is uncertain: “You are my beloved child; with you I am well-pleased.” These words that Jesus heard at his baptism are for me too. I might be anxious. I might have just messed something up. I might feel guilty. But the waters of my baptism also remind me that I’m God’s child and deeply loved.” Please send your favorite verse and a couple sentences why to lisa@riverofhopehutchinson.org

Daily Bible Readings - For the week of Sept.28-Oct 3

- Mon. Sept.28 Philippians 1:3-14
- Tue. Sept.29 Philippians 1:15-21
- Wed. Sept.30 Matthew 9:2-8
- Thur. Oct. 1 Colossians 2:16-23
- Fri. Oct. 2 Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a
- Sat. Oct. 3 John 7:40-52



Supply preachers on the horizon:
Sept 27 Pastor Linda Pedersen
Oct 4 and 11 Pastor Josh Nelson
Oct 18 Pastor Kerri Meyer
Oct 25 Pastor Linda Pedersen
(Confirmation Sunday)

LIFT UP IN PRAYER



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

Prayers for everyone fighting depression no matter what level; for the family of Sutton Junkermeier who passed away recently at the age of 27; for the family of Carmen Hamlow whose Aunt Betty who passed away last Saturday; for Christine and Chris Schmit after Chris' stroke; for comfort and support to help Carol Flessland as she receives hospice care; for friend Becky whose husband Rod passed away unexpectedly; for the families of Mabel Nelson and Dan Dohse; for Mary Jane Nielsen; for Russ Borgendale; for healing and comfort for Jim, Susie Nelson’s dad, in his ongoing struggle with prostate cancer and sepsis; for Beau; for Alissa’s friend & family who had twins born at 34 weeks; for Hans and Heidi, continue to bless their lives; for Good Shepard Lutheran Church in PA, as they begin a new journey in their new location; the family of Mary Richardson, for Roxanne’s husband Duane who is going through some heart health issues; all school districts facing financial hardships and political distractions from the charge of educating children; for a routine shoulder replacement surgery recovery for my mom.

Mark Your Calendars!

Date	Activity	Time	Location	Contact
9/28	Pizza/Movie “The Samaritans”	5:30pm- 7:30pm	Event Center	New Journey UCC
10/6	River Table Mtg.	5:00-6:00pm	Event Center	Jim Schaefer
10/6	Faith Formation Table Mtg.	6:30-7:30pm	Event Center	Kris Hartman
10/7	Headwaters	5:00-6:00pm	Event Center	Katie Weisenberger
10/7	Supper for All	6:00-6:30pm	Event Center	Parish Personnel
10/7	Worship Service	6:30-7:30pm	Event Center	Jim Nelson
10/7	Confirmation	7:00-8:00pm	Event Center	Anjie Alton
10-7	Confirmands Mtg.	7:00-7:45pm	Event Center	Jim N / Linda P.
10-9	Men’s Bible Study	9:00-10:30am	Cashwise Caribou	Dave Pederson

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.