



House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Richfield, MN

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House of Prayer is a gathering of God's people who value welcoming, relationships, compassionate community, and openness.

Welcoming

Relationships

Compassion

Openness

Community E-News

Here's an update about what is happening at House of Prayer!

Sunday Worship

Sharing all things

The early church shared all things so that everyone's needs were met. What are we called to share, individually and congregationally, to experience the fullness of God's plan for us? Letting go frees us to be who God intends us to be.

For questions regarding worship, please contact Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org, or at 612-866-8471, ext. 2.

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP LIVESTREAM

9:30 am Liturgical Worship Service

11:00 am ReFuel Coffeehouse Worship

HOP's YouTube Channel

[House of Prayer Lutheran-Richfield](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWGuAMVXeYe5BuxQWhkVWDA)

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Recordings will also be posted later in the week on HOP website at <https://hoplc.org/recordings>

Click Here for This Week's Bulletin

Liturgical Worship Service

Sunday, April 7, 2024

[Worship Bulletin-Click Here](#)

ReFuel Worship Service

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Come Join Us!

New Member Orientation This Sunday

Have you been visiting House of Prayer and want to become a Member? Curious what being a member even means? Maybe you know someone who wants to learn more about who we are at House of Prayer? Join Pastor Eric for a "New Member Conversation" on **Sunday, April 14, from 1-3 pm in the Conference Room**. We'll share a light lunch, get to know one another, and consider how God is calling us to be church together. Please RSVP to Pastor Eric at 612.866.8471, ext 2, or eluedtke@hoplc.org.

Creation Care – "Think Before You Throw"

The HOP Creation Care Team kicked off our "Think Before You Throw" campaign on Sunday, April 7. Pastor Eric Luedtke started both worship services with a "Blessing of the Bins" which we are very grateful to receive through a Hennepin County Recycling Grant. Watch for more signage, educational articles in our weekly E-News and monthly newsletter, Earth Day table display, and meet members of our team posted near the bins to help folks sort! Please contact Cara Wright, Director of Administration, at 612-866-8471 ext. 3 / cwright@hoplc.org, if you have any questions. From our Mission Statement: **"We recognize our place in creation and our responsibility as stewards both for the present day and for the future."**

Recycling Q/A Follow Up: Thanks for all the great questions! See the recycling guide below for more information. Here's what we learned:

DO NOT PUT RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS. PUT DIRECTLY IN BIN.

- HOP collects recycling in bags to transport to the dumpster then empties the bag.

PAPER

- Shiny mail? YES. Mail, magazines, phone books, receipts are recyclable.
- Shredded Paper? YES. Put in a paper bag and close it.
- Boxes need to be flattened - YES. [Pizza boxes are NOT recyclable, they are organic/compost).

PLASTICS

- Which numbers are recyclable? Plastic containers have a number in a triangle stamped on the bottom: #1, #2, #5 = YES; black plastic, #6 = NO
- HOP clear punch cups? YES (#1)
- Saran wrap / plastic bags? NO
- Soap pumps? NO [Soap containers, YES]

GLASS

- Jar/bottle covers? NO
- Household glass (e.g.) drinking glasses, cookware, windows? NO

Public Electronics Recycling Event

Make electronics and small appliance recycling easy this Earth Day. **The entire community is invited to stop by Edina Community Lutheran Church's east parking lot on Saturday, April 20th between 10am-2pm with your electronics and small appliances to be recycled at this public event.** Many accepted items are free. Check Electronics Recycling of Minnesota's website for a full list of accepted items and fees. <https://ecyclemn.com/>

Simpson Shelter

Tuesday, April 16th is our evening to cook and serve the evening meal at Simpson Shelter. We meet at the church at 5:00 pm and carpool. We'd love to have you join us! If you have any questions, contact Leanne Hyde at maramom62@gmail.com, or Steve Pierson at stevepierson56@hotmail.com.

Happy Birthday & Thank You

What a great way to celebrate a memorable birthday! Many thanks to Shirley Moen, Chuck Carlson, and family to spending a Saturday morning at HOP helping clear weeds and begin planting the green space in the parking lot islands. It was Shirley's birthday request that her family join her for a service project for her birthday and

HOP was the happy recipient! Thank You! If you would like to pitch in around HOP, please contact Cara Wright at cwright@hoplc.org / 612-866-8471 ext. 3.

Christian Park Clean-ups - HOP/WL/RALY

As part of our commitment to service, we do a fall and spring clean-up of Christian Park. This year, there are two opportunities to clean up the park on **April 21st, at 12pm and May 8th at 6:30pm (with RALY)**. Please join us as we clear out the trash of winter and get ready for the greenery and abundance of Spring! If you have any questions, please contact Kim Houle at wifeofadrummerguy@gmail.com or Pastor Neal at ncannon@woodlakechurch.org.

Luther Park Camp Shower

Luther Park is hosting a **Camp Shower on April 20th** to get ready for summer. And HOP folks are planning to attend! Come join us!!

Let's prep the cabins, restock the summer supplies ([link to Amazon wish list here](#)), and get a taste of summer with fun games and activities! You also have a chance to sponsor a 2024 camper who asked for a subsidy or scholarship. All genders and ages are welcome for the day!

Schedule of Events:

10:00am - Welcome!

10:15am - Volunteer duties assigned

12:15pm - Free will offering lunch

1:30pm - Camp Shower games - including prizes!

Volunteer projects include deep cleaning cabins, designing bulletin boards, making cabin bins, organizing arts and crafts, and so much more!

If you'd like to stay over the night before, carpool, or just plan on attending please let Caity Wright (caitywright13@gmail.com) or Pastor Eric (eluedtke@hoplc.org) know.

Stewardship Sunday

On **Sunday, April 28**, we will mark Stewardship Sunday. We are inviting you to give freely from what God has given you to renew your commitment to God's work through House of Prayer. Pledge cards have been mailed, are available at church, and can be completed online at hoplc.org/give. Please turn in your pledge cards by or on April 28th. Your pledge helps our Leadership Team make informed decisions in the budgeting process. Contact Patti Benson at pbenson@hoplc.org with questions.

LSS Metro Benefit for Youth

Lutheran Social Service (LSS) is having their annual Benefit for Youth that celebrates all the ways that together, we are reaching further to support youth and families with the resources they need to live full and abundant lives. I am hosting a table and would like to have you join me.

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Quincy Hall, Minneapolis

5:30 p.m. Registration and Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

Ticket price \$25

Please let me know if you would like to attend this event. Jean Robbins (952)738-1704, jean7340@gmail.com

Pastor's Bible Study - April 16th

Join us on Tuesdays at 9:30 am for Bible study with Pastor Eric. The following are the verses for next week:

- Acts 4:5-12
- Psalm 23
- 1 John 3:16-24
- John 10:11-18

We will meet via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81815908947>
Meeting ID: 818 1590 8947 Or, you may come to Pastor Eric's office.
Contact Pastor Eric with any comments, insights, or questions at 612-866-8471, ext. 2, or eluedtke@hoplc.org.

Gift Cards for HOP Friendship Fund

Each month, we purchase \$400 (16, \$25 gift cards) from our operating budget (HOP Friendship Fund) and grant funds from the HOP Foundation. The first half of the cards are released on the 1st of each month. On February 1st, all our cards were given to our neighbors in need by 10:20am (20 minutes after the Church Office opened)! The need is that great! We remain hopeful and confident that our work makes a great difference in the world around us.

Please consider donating to the HOP Friendship Fund ([online - Operating Fund](#) with "Friendship Fund in the note field), by check, or by donating gift cards of \$25 to Holiday or Walmart (cards can be dropped off or mailed to the House of Prayer office at 7625 Chicago Avenue South, Richfield, MN 55423.) Let us know if you would like the value of the cards added to your HOP contributions. Please contact the Church Office at 612-866-8471, if you have questions about HOP's Friendship Fund or other resources for neighbors in need.

Summer Registration at Luther Park

It may seem early, but summer is already on our mind. This summer RALY is again teaming up with Luther Park Bible Camp (Danbury, WI) for a summer of fun! Luther Park is an amazing place in God's creation where youth spend a week playing games, singing songs, and experiencing God in creation!

RALY is targeting June 23-28 for our week at camp this summer, as there are slots available for all ages! The cost to attend Luther Park is on a sliding scale, but upon registration RALY provides all youth a 50% scholarship to attend if you use the promo code "HOP Camper." If that still isn't enough, email me and we can work to provide you a full scholarship!

This year, we're asking RALY families to fill out a short registration form to help us communicate with you before/after your week at camp! [Please register here today!](#) If you have any questions, please contact Pr. Neal Cannon (ncannon@woodlakechurch.org).

Time to Register for VBS!

RALY VBS is happening again this summer and we are excited to invite you and your kiddos to join us for another week of games, crafts, Bible stories, songs, and more! The Luther Park staff and adult volunteers will again be joining us for an amazing week of activities. You can register here and we hope you consider inviting a friend this summer!

Below is all the information you need!

Who: All kids currently in PreK-5th grade

- Youth in grades 6 and up are invited to apply as a VBS youth leader! Youth leaders may fill out this form to apply to be a leader!
- All young children must be potty-trained to attend VBS

When: July 8-11th

- 5:00-5:30pm - Family Meal
- 5:30-7:30pm - Programming

Where: House of Prayer Lutheran Church (7625 Chicago Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55423)

How Much: Free!

How to Register: Fill out the [form in this link](#) to register!

Contact: Pr. Neal Cannon (ncannon@woodlakechurch.org)

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask! God bless, and hope to see you this summer! If you have any questions, please contact Pr. Neal Cannon (ncannon@woodlakechurch.org).

2024 Summer Stretch

Summer Stretch is an afternoon program focused on fun and fellowship! This program is for students entering 6th grade to 9th grade. It will run the same week as VBS, from July 8th to 11th. Tentative activities include bowling, mystery day, escape room, and vertical endeavors. For questions, please contact Pastor Neal Cannon at ncannon@woodlakechurch.org.

[Register Here Now!](#)

House of Prayer Preschool

Open Positions

Please help us spread the word about our open positions in House of Prayer Preschool. We are looking for a Director/Lead Teacher and at least one Assistant. Summaries of the positions are below, and the full position descriptions are available on our website at <https://hoplc.org/preschool>. For questions or to apply, contact / send a resume and cover letter to Pastor Eric Luedtke at eluedtke@hoplc.org by April 28, 2024.

We would also consider an established, licensed preschool looking for dedicated classroom space as a rental partner.

Preschool Director/Lead Teacher

Join our team at House of Prayer Lutheran Church as our new Preschool Director /Lead Teacher! We are seeking a passionate and experienced individual to lead our preschool program, ensuring the highest standards of care and education for children aged 3-5. Responsibilities include curriculum development, staff management, and fostering a nurturing environment that promotes social, emotional, and intellectual growth. HoPP currently follows the Montessori Method.

The ideal candidate will possess strong leadership skills and experience in early childhood education, meet the requirements of a Teacher through Minnesota DHS, understand and know how to independently implement all DHS Childcare Licensing requirements, and have a commitment to fostering a sense of community within our preschool family.

Preschool Assistant

We are seeking an energetic, caring, and qualified Preschool Assistant to join our classroom on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Enthusiasm measures our being alive and there is plenty of that here at Mount Olivet Adult Day Services.

Programming includes opportunities to hear a poem, sing a song, hug a friend, dance, and play a game; all in one glorious morning or afternoon!

Mount Olivet Day Services serves as a wonderful reprieve for caregivers and is the best place for someone you love, as it has been for 28 years!

Deep down, we all want to be acknowledged, loved and accepted as cheered on and encouraged. To take a chance at making art, reminisce to your favorite music with friends, and enjoy a meal together.

There is a space here for your loved one. For more details contact **Marcus Dahl, Director of Admissions and Marketing, at 612-413-7500.**

2024 Augsburg Confluence

Youth who have completed 9th - 12th grades are invited to participate in this year's Confluence, formerly known as The Augsburg Youth Theology Institute.

Participants will experience a week of discovering who they are and how God is calling them to make our world more just and sustainable for all.

June 23 - 28
Augsburg University, Minneapolis

Together in community, they will engage in vocational discernment through a variety of experiences including daily spiritual practices, small groups led by college mentors, tasty and meaningful meals together, thoughtful conversations with peers and mentors, and experiential learning around the Twin Cities. Register here: [The Confluence Registration](#). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Eric at ehuedtke@hoplc.org/612-866-8471, ext. 2, or Pastor Neal Cannon at ncannon@woodlakechurch.org.

HOP Online Giving - Check It Out
New Easy to Use Website

Enroll in HOP Online Giving, our preferred platform to contribute your recurring gifts in a secure, confidential, and reliable manner. We offer a few options to use this service:

- visit HOP Online Giving at hoplc.org/give to self-enroll or manage your account
- or use the QR code: Use your phone camera to scan the QR code below. Click the pop up to go to HOP Online Giving to self-enroll or manage your account.
- or print a paper enrollment form here: [2023 HOP Online Giving](#), or request one from our financial administrator Patti at pbenson@hoplc.org, 612-682-3158 ext 4.

To ensure your full donation goes to HOP, we suggest using an automatic bank transfer (ACH) which incurs no fee to you or HOP. Or if using a credit card, please consider covering the processing fees. All our gifts come from God and we are called to give back to the church and our world. Your gifts to House of Prayer contribute to our ministry and mission and are always greatly appreciated.

For Help Enrolling: Contact Patti Benson at pbenson@hoplc.org.

Get In Touch With LMT

Feel free to get in touch with anyone on the Leadership Ministry Team for questions or conversation:

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