



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 What Prevents Us?

Eunuchs were considered ritually unclean to worship in the temple, but the story of God's love is so compelling, this court official of the Candace, is compelled to worship and become part of God's family showing that it is often human understanding that prevents us from being all God intends us to be. For questions regarding worship, please contact Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org, or 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 21, 2024

[Worship Bulletin-Click Here](#)



ReFuel Worship Service

Sunday, April 21, 2024



Welcome Pastor Korla!

It was wonderful to have cake and lively conversation as we welcomed Pastor Korla Masters as our Minister for Congregational Care at House of Prayer. At each worship service, we got to hear a little bit about Pastor Korla and many people got to have conversation with her beginning to make connections that we know will grow in the years ahead. In the weeks ahead Pastor Korla will be leading worship, preaching, and we'll celebrate her official Installation on Sunday, June 2. If you want to connect with Pastor Korla, you can call her at 612-866-8471 ext. 5, or by email at kmasters@hople.org.



New Member Welcome Sunday This Week!

This Sunday we welcome two new members to House of Prayer. Carol Farnham and Andy Schulz will officially join our congregation. Carol has been attending our 9:30 worship and Andy regularly attends ReFuel. Join us for worship as we offer a prayer of blessing and get to know these new members. Meet them below:

Carol Farnham



I was born and raised in South Minneapolis. I worked twenty-nine years for the J.C. Penney Company. I am now retired. I enjoy working on 1000-piece jigsaw puzzles and reading historical novels. I also enjoy playing board games and look forward to the Friday afternoon game days.

In 1981 I joined Hope Lutheran Church and was a member there until it closed in 2020. Pastor Eric was our closing pastor at Hope. I started coming to HOP because of Pastor Eric. As I got to know the people of HOP, I felt very welcome. The music, the message, and the warmth of the members are what drew me to this church. For this, I say "Thanks be to God!"

Andrea Myerson Schulz



My name is Andrea Myerson Schulz and I was born in Oshkosh Wisconsin, where I lived for about a month. Living within a naval family afforded me the opportunity to live and travel both domestically and internationally.

I am currently retired after working for the airline industry for much of my professional life. I enjoy gardening, reading, and continuing to feed my gypsy heart with as much traveling as possible.

I am grateful to the Lord (And the Wrights), for helping me find my new church home and I look forward to spending time getting to know and experience HOP.



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.

Earth Day Sunday

On April 22 we celebrated Earth Day in the United States and in nearly 193 countries around the world. The theme chosen for this year is **Planet vs. Plastics**, and organizers are asking all to be mindful of plastic waste, and do what they can to reduce their usage of single-use plastics. Put simply, single-use plastics are goods that are made primarily from fossil

fuel-based chemicals (petrochemicals) and are meant to be disposed of right after use—often, in mere minutes. Single-use plastics are most commonly used for packaging and service ware, such as bottles, wrappers, straws, and bags. 91% of plastics are not recycled at all.



Visit our table display in the Narthex on Sunday, April 28, between services, and join us outside after the 9:30 am service for a "blessing of creation." Here are some easy ideas to get you started:

- * Carry a reusable water bottle (and bring your own coffee cup to HOP)
- * Bring reusable totes or last trip's paper bags when shopping (pick up a HOP reusable bag on the 28th-while supplies last!)
- * Avoid plastic or Styrofoam clam-shell take out/take home containers
- * Request that your favorite restaurants use non-plastic straws, stirrers, bags
- * Don't use plastic wrap (silicone bowl covers are available)

Psalm 24:1-2 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Please contact a member of the Creation Care Team if you have any questions, or want to join us in making House of Prayer as "trashless" as possible. Members include Cara Wright (cwright@hoplc.org), Karen Steenson, Mary Markes, Christine Barneson, Jean Robbins, and Elayne Gilhousen.

Christian Park Clean-ups - HOP/WL/RALY

House of Prayer friends and family spent time together on Sunday, April 21st, to clean up Christian Park. It was a lovely day and those who attended were grateful for the lovely weather. We made some new friends and collected nearly 2 full trash bags of debris – including a pizza box and several tennis balls rescued from the pond.

The water fowl and turtles will benefit greatly. Thank you to our faithful servants – Lida, Amy, Jessica, Quinn, Anna, and Kim.

There will be another opportunity to care for God's creation and tidy up Christian Park with RALY on Wednesday, May 8th, at 6:30 p.m., RALY kids will meet at HOP for dinner first, and then head over to the park.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Houle at wifeofadrumnerguy@gmail.com or Pastor Neal at ncannon@woodlakechurch.org.



Luther Park Camp Shower

It's time to get camp ready for summer! Thanks to Pastor Eric and Scott, Cara, Caity Wright (& about 70 other folks) for heading to Luther Park Camp in Danbury, WI, on Saturday, April 20, to help with clean up, organizing, and painting/maintenance projects. Donations were collected from camp's Amazon Wish List to "shower" Luther Park with items they need (you can still donate by clicking here)! Contact Caity Wright at caitywright13@gmail.com with questions.





Richfield Pack 384 Bear Den

Carnival

Tuesday, April 30 ~ 6:30PM – 8:00PM

WOODLAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH - RICHFIELD, MN

FREE ADMISSION

Tickets will be sold for food, games, and attractions!

BUY
4 FOR \$1

BUY
25 FOR \$5



Come One, Come All!

MUSIC Sunday



Music Sunday

For the 9:30 service on Sunday, May 5, the HOP musicians will gather for Music Sunday, in celebration of God's glorious gift of music. The HOP Winds and Hand Bell Choir will play a variety of instrumental music, including hymn settings for the organ, instruments, and the congregation.

The combined HOP Adult Choir & Woodlake Choir will lead the singing, as well as offer special music for the festival

day. A highlight of the service music will be our earlier commissioned arrangement by Mark Sedio of the hymn, How Shall I Sing That Majesty, combining all the ensembles and congregation. All are invited to join us for this special worship experience filled with wonderful music. Come help us make a joyful noise to the Lord!

If you have any questions, or want to sing with the choir, please contact Roselyn Hanson Weber @rhansonweber@hoplc.org, or 612-866-8471, ext. 7.

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 30th

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

- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17



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.



2024 Richfield Garden Club Plant and Gardener's Garage Sale



FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024



3 PM – 7 PM
9 AM – 3 PM
10 AM – 3 PM



Sale location is 7027 and 7033 Park Ave S, Richfield

Featuring Annuals, Vegetables, Herbs, Hanging Baskets, Perennials, and Native Plants

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Sunday School

This past week in Sunday School we celebrated Earth Day by doing some things to take care of God's creation. We planted herb and flower seeds in eggshells. When sprouted, kids can plant the shells directly in a pot or a garden. We also used special trash "grabbers" to pick up



trash on the Park Ave. side of church. We got 2 1/2 bags full!

If you want to join us, be here at 10:30 am! Bring a friend if you want! And if you have any questions about Sunday School, contact Kristi Liu at kline010@umn.edu, or Andry Jurcich at andryj@invisik.com.



House of Prayer Preschool

Hello from HoPP! Last week, Pastor Eric read us the book "You Are Wonderfully Made," which was written by a friend of his. We love reading books, and are working hard on learning our letters! For questions regarding HoPP, please contact Nicole Olson at nolson@hoplc.org.





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!](#)



WARM and FRIENDLY on the INSIDE

Mount Olivet Adult Day Services

612-413-7500

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.**

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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