



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!



THIS SUNDAY'S WORSHIP
10:00 am at Woodlake Lutheran
2120 W 76th St, Richfield

We Will! And we ask God to help and guide us.

In the valley of dry bones, Ezekiel witnesses God's power to bring life from death. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit inspires thousands to become followers of Jesus. Today in our shared worship with Woodlake, we celebrate the joy of saying "We Will" to the adventure of faith God is leading us on, and we know we can't take that journey without God's help and guidance. We will also be celebrating Confirmation for 3 of our youth. For questions about worship, please contact Pastor Eric at 612-866-8471, ext. 2, or ehuedtke@hoplc.org.

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP LIVESTREAM

Livestream Link for Woodlake Lutheran Church:
[Bluegrass/Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday](#)

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, May 12, 2024
[Worship Bulletin-Click Here](#)



ReFuel Worship Service
Sunday, May 12, 2024



Pentecost/Confirmation/Bluegrass Festival Worship

Sunday, May 19th, 10:00 am at Woodlake

On Sunday, May 19, Woodlake and House of Prayer will be celebrating Pentecost as well as our combined Confirmation ministry with a lively bluegrass service. The **service will begin at 10:00 am in the sanctuary at Woodlake Lutheran Church** (2120 W 76th St, Richfield), and will be followed by a **potluck in the Fellowship Hall**. Please bring a dish to share (being mindful that there are limited outlets available for crock pots) and enjoy a time of festive fellowship; dessert will be provided. Please contact Cara Wright if you can help set up / clean up the potluck. Dishes and utensils will also be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own disposal goods if you wish. **There will be no worship services at House of Prayer on May 19.** If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org/612-866-8471, ext. 2.



Treehouse Women of Hope Benefit

A group of House of Prayer women and friends, hosted by Gretchen Swenson, came together on Friday, May 10, 2024, for the 21st annual Women of Hope benefit at the CW Marriott in Bloomington. Treehouse is "on a mission to end hopelessness among teens." They offer a "safe, grace-based environment and one-on-one mentoring that helps teens build resiliency, form relationships, establish positive coping skills and actively plan for their futures." We celebrated a day of building community, supporting each other, lifting up our teens, and leaned into an understanding of what being "lovable, capable, and worthwhile" really means. For more information about Treehouse, contact Gretchen Swenson at gswenson67@gmail.com.



Mobile WIC Clinic at HOP

HOP is welcoming the mobile WIC Clinic in our parking lot on the first and third Thursdays of the month. WIC provides education, and support for women with infants and children up to age 5. If you know anybody that could benefit from this service, send them our way. If you have any questions, please contact Cara Wright at cwright@hoplc.org/612-866-8471, ext. 3.



Mobile clinic for the WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program

Dates and times:
First and third Thursdays in May, June, July, and August 2024, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location:
House of Prayer Church - parking lot
7625 Chicago Ave S.
Richfield, MN 55423

By appointment only.
Call 952-563-8993 for an appointment.

The Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program provides nutrition education, breast/chestfeeding counseling and support, and food benefits for eligible people who are pregnant, postpartum or have children up to five years of age.

Services will be provided in the Bloomington Public Health Mobile Health Hub - look for our colorful trailer in the House of Prayer parking lot!



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Queer Affirming Bible Study - Hosted by Woodlake Wednesdays in June, @6pm cookout, @7pm Bible Study

Hosted at a member's yard which is located within 3 blocks of the church
Does your heart feel affirming of LGBT+ Christians, but you don't always know how to participate in conversations on the topic? This Bible study is led from the perspective of affirming LGBT+ Christians. All members are invited, with all of your curiosity, questions, and need for discernment. The basics of LGBT+ affirming theology will be explored and unpacked, but the members of RAFT also wish to push beyond mere welcoming, into true belonging and community in the church. **RSVP required** (even if you're only partially certain about attending). Location details will be communicated via email (or phone for those without an email address). RSVP sheets for each session will be on the welcome desk or you can send an email to jessgodfrey8885@gmail.com.



Pastor's Bible Study - May 21st

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

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Psalm 29
- Romans 8:12-17
- John 3:1-7



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.



Funeral Lunch Volunteers / Dishwashers Needed

Come be part of HOP's Funeral Lunch Crew! It's a great group of dedicated volunteers that do an amazing job ministering to families by providing warm hospitality and delicious food in a difficult time. Since all food is catered, our team is responsible for set up, serving, and clean up. We are especially in need of a few other folks to run the dishwasher (it's not hard and training is provided).

This is a supportive fellowship opportunity for HOP folks to serve (& they always make time for coffee/treats). Please contact Cara Wright at cwright@hoplc.org / 612-866-8471 ext. 3 if you can help!

Twins Game with Woodlake!

On Sunday, July 7, 2024, HOP and Woodlake will join to attend a Twins Game! The cost is \$43. You can either write a check to Woodlake (put Twins game in the memo line) or pay on their website at www.woodlakechurch.org. There is also a sign-up sheet at the welcome desk, and Wayne Schmieg is asking that everyone register, regardless of which church you attend. Please sign up by June 15th if you want to go. Contact Wayne Schmieg at wayneschmieg@msn.com if you have any questions.

Take Me out to the Ball Game!

What: Twins Game

When: Sun July 7 1:10 PM



- Join Woodlake and House of Prayer baseball fans at Target Field! Opponent: Houston Astros
- Cost: \$43
- Make checks payable to Woodlake Lutheran Church (put "Twins game" in memo) or pay online at the [Woodlake website](#).
- Contact: Wayne Schmieg:
 - wschmieg@msn.com
 - 612-267-7424



HOUSE OF PRAYER



WOODLAKE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Richfield Gardener's Club Plant Sale THIS WEEKEND

It's almost time to plant! Come check out the Plant Sale sponsored by Richfield Gardener's Club. Stop by 7027 & 7033 Park Ave. in Richfield, Friday-Sunday, May 17-19. Contact Elayne Gilhousen at gilem3@msn.com with any questions.

**2024 Richfield Garden Club
Plant and Gardener's Garage Sale**

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024 3 PM – 7 PM
 SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 9AM – 3PM
 SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 10AM – 3PM

Sale location is 7027 and 7033 Park Ave S, Richfield

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

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HOP Welcomed Stetson University Choir

The Stetson University Concert Choir, directed by Timothy Peter (former Luther College faculty member), flew in from Florida on Monday afternoon and stopped at HOP for a rehearsal. They were preparing for a concert at Normandale Lutheran Church the next evening.

The director and singers appreciated being able to use our sanctuary and loved singing in its fantastic acoustic. They also appreciated our welcoming signs and mentioned at their concert how important it was for them to read that ALL ARE WELCOME upon their arrival to Minnesota. It was the first time for all but one of the 54 singers to travel here, making it a very special opportunity to be a place of WELCOME for these young adults! If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Roselyn Hanson Weber at rhansonweber@hoplc.org.



Sunday School

This week in Sunday School we read “Love is...” in our Spark bibles (based on 1st Corinthians 13). We talked about how we show God’s love to others including our family, friends, classmates, and even to people we don’t know. We played a game and blew giant bubbles outside to reinforce the idea of love bubbling up all around us. **There will be no Sunday school on the 19th, or the 26th.**



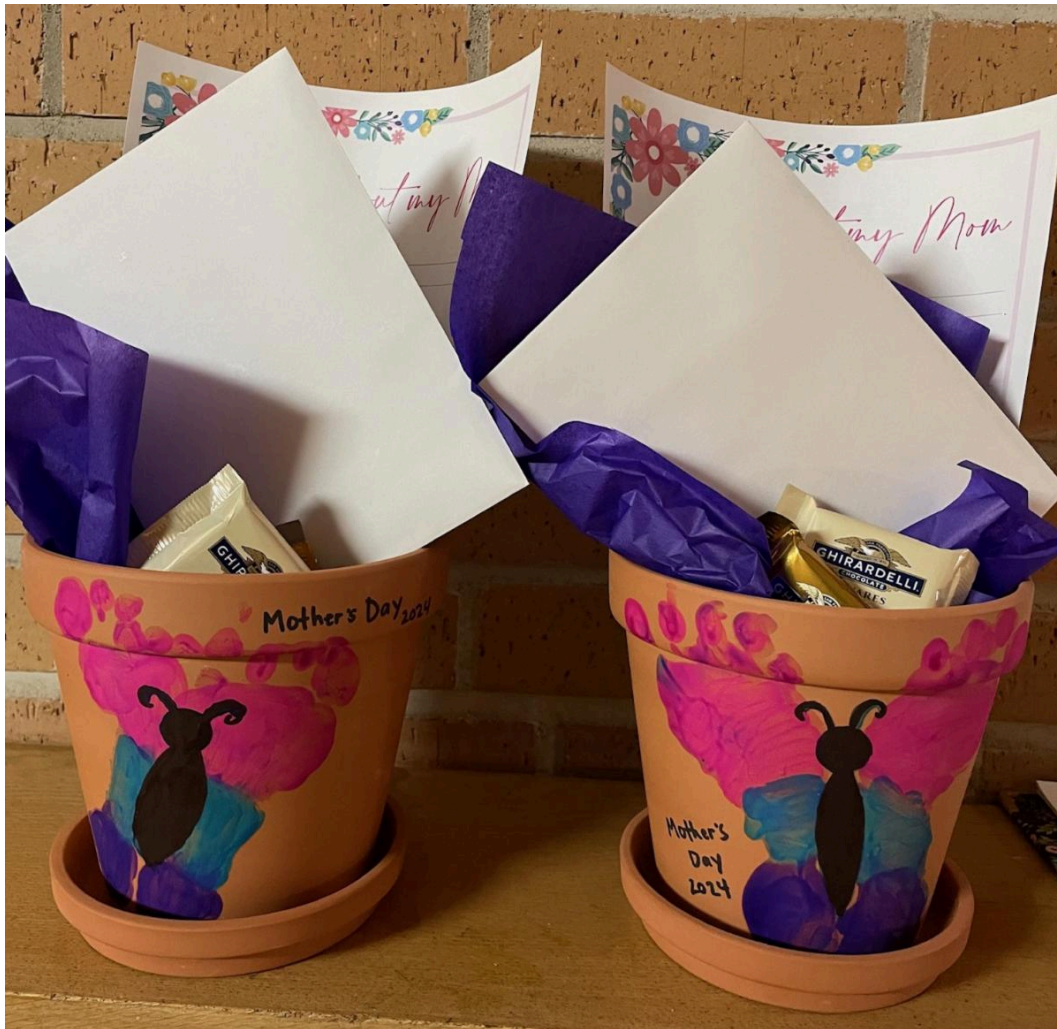
If you want to join us, be here at 10:30 am! Bring a friend if you want! And if you have any questions about Sunday School, contact Kristi Liu at klineo10@umn.edu, or Andy Jurich at andryj@invisik.com.



House of Prayer Preschool

Hello from HoPP! We celebrated Mother's Day by making footprint butterfly flowerpots for our moms. We hope you had a great Mother's Day! 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!

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!](#)



Academy for Faith, Ethics, and Science

Do you know a **high school student eager to be a change-maker in their world**? Perhaps someone who is captivated by the wonders of science and curious about the potential synergy between faith and STEM disciplines? We have an exciting opportunity that's tailor-made for them!

The Gustavus Academy for Faith, Science, and Ethics is a unique experience crafted to empower and inspire the young minds in your congregation. This summer, we're calling on students who have completed 9th through 12th grade by the summer of 2024 to embark on a week-long transformative journey alongside top scientists and theologians.

The Gustavus Academy isn't your average summer program – we're a dynamic community of change-makers-in-the-making that is dedicated to collaboratively exploring the intersection of faith and science. Here's why your students won't want to miss out:

- **Exciting Hands-On Learning:** From talks from experienced experts to in-person lab experiences this opportunity offers thrilling hands-on learning
- **Unleash Curiosity and Creativity:** We're all about fostering a culture of wonder and curiosity. Your students will have the space to ask questions, explore new ideas, and unleash their creative potential.
- **Building a More Beautiful Future:** Beyond learning, our program is about growing in thought. Students will discover firsthand how faith and science can collaborate to shape our understanding of the world.

And, we also love fun!

[Click Here to Register](#)



VEAP 50th Anniversary Summer Celebration

Summer Celebration registration open! Join us for a fun evening outdoors! VEAP's 50th Anniversary Summer Celebration is happening the evening of Thursday, June 11th, behind our building in the parking lot.

This event is free and open to all, featuring food trucks, music, craft beer, wine, and family-friendly activities and games. Come celebrate with us!

While not required, RSVPs will help us plan a fantastic event!

Reserve your Spot!



Mount Olivet

Adult Day Services

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!

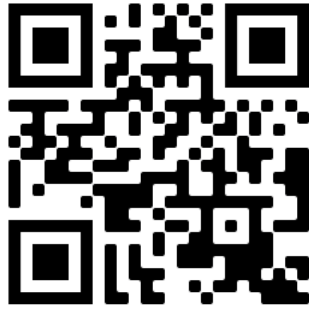
Mount Olivet Day Services serves as a wonderful reprieve for caregivers and is the best place for someone you love, as it has been for 28 years!

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.**

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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