



House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Richfield, MN

www.hoplc.org - 612-866-8471

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 Teach Me

Peter's question to Jesus demonstrates an openness to learning from Jesus. What questions do you have about your faith? Who do you turn to for answers? The answer Peter receives is not concrete, is it sufficient? 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, March 10, 2024

[Worship Bulletin-Click Here](#)



ReFuel Worship Service

Sunday, March 10, 2024



Last Lenten Meal Next Week

We are looking forward to being "inwardly fed to outwardly feed" as we enjoy Lenten Soup Suppers with our collaboration partners from Woodlake, Wednesday nights in Lent (Feb. 21 - Mar 20). With encouragement from our Creation Care Team, we are attempting to make Lenten Suppers 95% trash/recycle free and only produce organic waste. Many thanks to all of you for the extra work clearing/sorting your trays after dinner and our supper volunteers from HOP and WL who will be doing extra dishes to make this happen. Contact Cara Wright at 612-866-8471 ext. 3 or cwright@hoplc.org if you have questions.



Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Supper: 5:30-6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

- March 20: Broccoli / Cheese Soup, variety of sandwiches, fancy dessert

Lent 2024: God Colors Outside the Lines

Lenten Service and Suppers hosted at House of Prayer

God has a remarkable way of breaking through the confines of culture, society, and even the institutional church. This Lent, we are called to take a second, third, even fourth look at things – to witness the divine artistry that goes beyond our expectations. In the midst of diverse perspectives, we may not all agree or see the same thing, and perhaps that's the beauty of it. Maybe we were never intended to! Let's embrace God's masterpiece of coloring outside the lines and learn to love the richness it brings to our faith journey.

Wednesday Nights in Lent

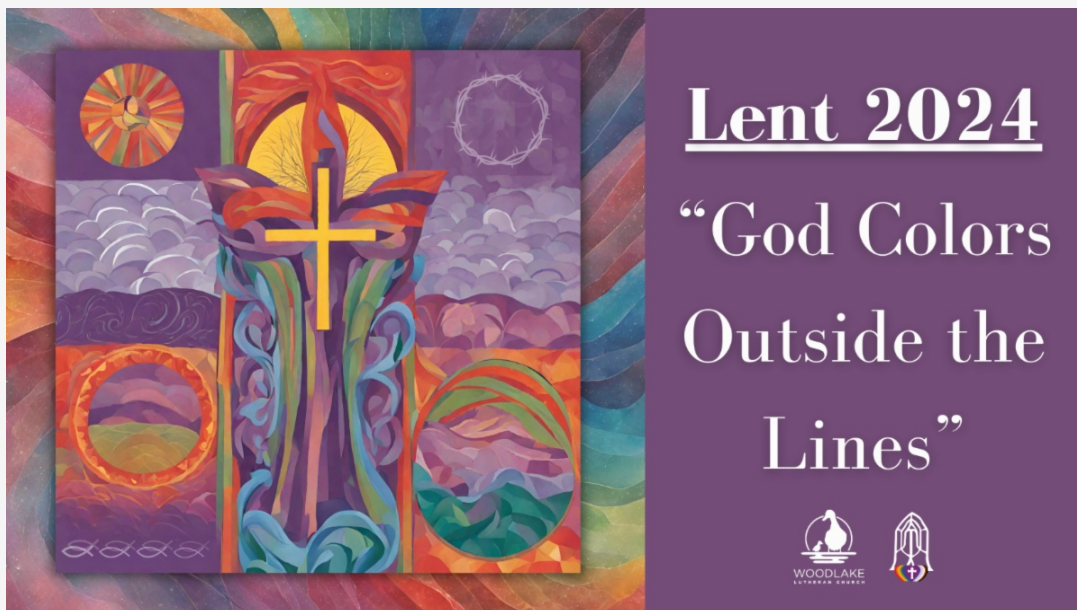
Feb 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, 20 (HOP Fellowship Hall)

5:30-6:00 Dinner

6:00-6:30 Guided Conversation/Art

6:30-7:00 Holden Evening Prayer

Feel free to park in the south parking lot and entry through the double silver doors. For questions about Wednesday nights in Lent, please contact Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org or Roselyn Hanson Weber at rhansonweber@hoplc.org.



Holy Week - March 24-31

As we approach the sacred time of Holy Week, we extend a heartfelt invitation to join us for this deeply meaningful journey.

- Palm Sunday: Marching alongside Jesus into Jerusalem, we reflect on humility and triumph.

- Maundy Thursday: Gathering at the table of fellowship with our Richfield Collaboration Church friends (Woodlake, Oak Grove, and Tapestry), we commemorate the Last Supper and the call to love one another.
- Good Friday: Standing at the foot of the cross with Peter, we contemplate the ultimate sacrifice and the promise of redemption.
- Easter Sunday: Celebrating the joyous resurrection, we embrace the hope and renewal found in Christ.

Join us as we engage in worship, reflection, and community, deepening our understanding of this sacred time. Come to Holy Week Worship events and invite friends and neighbors to join us!

Contact Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org / 612-866-8471 ext. 2, with any questions.



House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Reconciling In
Christ
Congregation

7625 Chicago Ave, Richfield
hoplc.org

Join Us For Holy Week Worship!

Palm Sunday - March 24

9:30am Liturgical & 11am Coffeehouse

Maundy Thursday - March 28 (7pm)

Collaboration Worship at Oak Grove Lutheran

Good Friday - March 29 (7pm)

Easter Sunday - March 31

9:30am Festive Liturgical &
11am Coffeehouse

Livestream on YouTube

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Easter Festival Choir Invitation

The Adult Choir extends a special EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR Invitation to anyone who would like to join us for our 9:30 am Liturgical Easter Service. All are

encouraged to join the Easter Festival Choir rehearsal on Wednesday 3/27, 7-8:30 p.m. Come and add your voice to the festive tones of the choir, organ and brass as we celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday morning, March 31st.

WELCOME ALL! For questions, please contact Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship, at rhansonweber@hoplc.org.



Easter Garden

This Easter, consider a special gift to HOP by sponsoring a flower for the Easter Garden or making a donation to:

- Facilities Fund (extra building projects; unanticipated maintenance)
- General Operating Fund (all HOP ministries)

Sponsorship forms are available on Sunday mornings. You can also give online at hoplc.org/give. Dedications received by Sunday, March 24, will be included in the Easter bulletin. For questions, contact Cara Wright at cwright@hoplc.org / 612-866-8471 (ext. 3).



Easter Egg Hunt & Candy Donation

Come and bring a friend on Sunday, March 31, at 10:30am for a FREE Easter Egg Hunt at HOP! Anyone who would like to **donate candy** for the Egg Hunt, please purchase and drop off candy in the main offices by **March 20th**. Candy will be put into Easter Eggs by RALY youth! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Neal Cannon at ncannon@woodlakechurch.org.

House of Prayer Lutheran Sunday School & Youth Group



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 10:30AM
7625 Chicago Ave S | Richfield, MN



Find a special RALY Golden Ticket egg to win cool prizes!

Join us rain or shine!

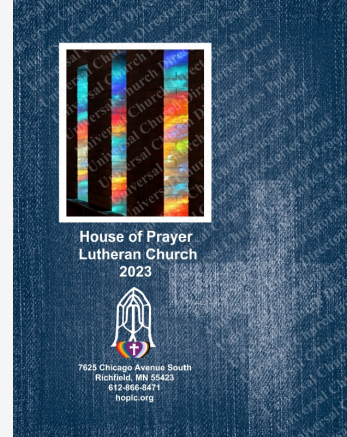


Simpson Shelter Meal Next Week

Tuesday, March 19th is our night to prepare food for the residents of Simpson Shelter. We will meet at the church at 5:00 pm and carpool to the shelter from the church. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Leanne Hyde (maramom62@gmail.com) or Steve Pierson at stevepierson56@hotmail.com.

Corrected Church Directories Pick Up Sunday

The corrected directories are here! If you are pictured in the Directory, you can pick one up on Sunday, or at the office between 10 and 4, Monday-Thursday. If you want the new Directory, but did not have your picture taken, the cost is \$10. If you have any questions, contact Cara Wright at cwright@hoplc.org, or 612-866-8471, ext. 3.



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.

Pastor's Bible Study - March 19th

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

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 146
- Acts 16:20-29
- John 12:12-16



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.

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



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 story, 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!](#)



HOP Preschool

Hello from HoPP! We've been enjoying having our parents and grandparents be guest readers in our room! The children enjoy introducing their friends. If you have questions about HoPP, please email Nicole at nolson@hoplc.org.



HOP Sunday School

This week in Sunday School our story was the parable of the Sower. We used some props to tell the parable, acting out how the sower planted seeds on the path, in the rocks, and in the thorns before planting them in good soil. He just kept planting! We wondered about many things including which character we might be in the story. Then we ate seeds, and we did an art project with a variety of art materials including seeds. **Please note: There will be no Sunday School this Sunday, March 17, 2024, due to Spring break.** For questions regarding Sunday School, please contact Kristi Liu at kline010@umn.edu, or Andry Jurcich at andryj@invisik.com.



VEAP Adds Match to Food and Fund Drive

For the third year in a row, Minnesota saw the highest number of visitors to food shelves, and so did VEAP! In 2023 VEAP provided over six million pounds of food to 25,000 individuals, including children and seniors.



Join us as we strive to break another record, raising \$300,000 and collecting 100,000 pounds of food during the March Food and Fund Drive. This will provide food for nearly 1 million meals! Please help us reach our goal of providing food for 1,000,000 meals with a donation today. **A donation of \$100 will provide food for 300 meals. Your gift will also be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$75,000 thanks to generous friends of VEAP.** That's 600 meals for a donation of \$100!

The need for emergency food assistance has never been higher.

Will you help us in the fight against hunger with a gift to VEAP this season?

Financial gifts allow us to respond the most flexibly to changing needs. Every \$30 donated allows us to feed an individual for an entire month (a total of 90 meals!). Please consider [donating](#) in support of this critical drive. For questions, please contact Terri Behrends Singer at terri@hr4u.org.

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 eluedtke@hoplc.org/612-866-8471, ext. 2, or Pastor Neal Cannon at ncannon@woodlakechurch.org.

NLC Choir Plans Gala

Join the National Lutheran Choir's (NLC) Board of Directors, singers, and staff for its 2024 Gala. Under the theme "New Dreams," all will celebrate and show support for the mission of the National Lutheran Choir.

Sunday, April 7; 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Quincy Hall
1325 Quincy Street NE, Minneapolis

Come to hear about NLC's dreams and plans for next season from Artistic Director Jennaya Robison, enjoy complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres, hear a performance by the choir, and more! This is a "pay-as-you-will" event, with an approximate value of \$75 per person.

[Register here](#) by March 24th



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

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