



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 In Defense of Doubt

Doubt is not a bad thing, asking hard questions is often what it takes to get to a faithful direction forward. It is the ability to move beyond doubt that propels us forward. The strength of our faith does not come from certainty; it is forged in the furnace of doubt. 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 Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

[Worship Bulletin-Click Here](#)



ReFuel Worship Service Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024



Creation Care – "Think Before You Throw" Sunday This Week

Our Creation Care Team is ready for some "trash talk!" Throughout April, you will notice members from our team posted by the parking lot door and the coffee station bins to assist with "WHAT GOES WHERE!" We are hoping to call attention to which items belong in which bin. Sunday Morning Items:

RECYCLE – BLUE STICKER

Bulletins

Plastic water bottles

ORGANICS – GREEN STICKER

Coffee cups/covers/sleeves

Napkins/wood stir sticks

Any leftover donuts (hahaha!)

TRASH – BLACK STICKER

Creamer containers

Sugar packets

Contact Cara Wright at cwright@hoplc.org / 612-866-8471 with any questions about the Creation Care Team.

From our Mission Statement: **"We recognize our place in creation and our responsibility as stewards both for the present day and for the future."**



Think Before you Throw



- House of Prayer coffee cups, lids, and sleeves
- Paper Towels
- Napkins
- Food Waste
- Bamboo stir sticks
- Tea bags, coffee grounds and filters
- Plants and flowers - remove rubber bands



- Church bulletins and other paper handouts
- Aluminum, steel, and tin cans
- Plastic drink containers
- Glass bottles
- Clean aluminum foil
- Newspaper and office paper
- Cardboard boxes and tissue type boxes
- Clear plastic containers



- Sugar packets and creamer cups
- Plastic utensils and plates
- Plastic cups
- Food serving gloves
- Black plastic containers
- Condiment packages
- To go coffee cups (Starbucks, etc.)
- Candy wrappers and snack packages
- Plastic bags

Interesting side note: The vide below is HOP's contaminated recycling being emptied into the truck. **HOP is regularly charged excess service fees from our trash hauler for contaminated recycling and trash overage fees. Normally, our monthly trash bill is \$245; it was \$860 in March!!**

Let's do better!



New Member Orientation

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 eluedtke@hoplc.org or 612.866.8471 ext 2.

Easter Sunday at HOP

A festive worship celebration of Jesus’ triumph over death. With brass, handbells, and choir we celebrated with Alleluia’s the hope and promise of the resurrection. As Peter witnesses the empty tomb he clings to the hope that Jesus is the Messiah and we cling to the hope that the promise of the resurrection makes a difference in our lives, too.

Thank you to the HOP staff and all worship participants., musicians, and Altar Guild members for making this Holy Week at House of Prayer a special time to celebrate together. Thank you also to all those who contributed toward our Easter garden and/or gave an Easter memorial gift/honorarium.

Contact Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org / 612-866-8471 with questions about worship at HOP.



Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to Andry Jurcich, Kristi Lui, and the RALY kids for putting together the Easter Egg Hunt held on Easter. We had lots of kids from the community, and it seemed everyone was having a great time! If you have questions regarding our Sunday School, please contact Kristi at kline010@umn.edu, or Andry at andryj@invisik.com.



Good Friday Worship

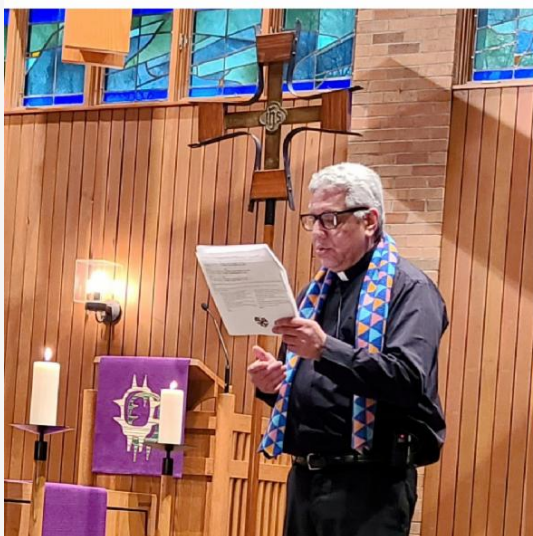
Our Good Friday worship had a different focus this year when we looked at the story of Jesus' trial and crucifixion through the perspective of Peter. Throughout Lent we've imagined our own faith through the ups and downs of Peter's time with Jesus, and this evening we experienced that focused love of Jesus that extends beyond Peter to each of us by name. Please contact Pastor Eric at ehuedtke@hoplc.org, or at 612-866-8471, etc. 2.



Maundy Thursday

We shared a Holy time of worship together (in both English and Spanish) with our collaboration partners across Richfield from Tapestry, Oak Grove, Woodlake and House of Prayer on March 28, Maundy Thursday. A delicious soup supper was provided by Tapestry, music was shared by the Tapestry Band and Collaboration Choir, pastors and lay leaders from all four congregations participated, and Oak Grove Interim Pastor Lee Hallstrom called us into Jesus' challenge to love one another as we celebrated Holy Communion.

Contact Pastor Eric at ehuedtke@hoplc.org with questions about the Richfield Collaboration.



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



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 - April 9th

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

- Acts 3:12-19
- Psalm 133
- 1 John 1:1-2:2
- John 20:19-31



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.

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 (ehuedtke@hoplc.org) know.



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.



Boys and Girls Club

March was positively fun as we tested various science experiments! This month, we made our own marble runs, did an egg drop, and even made a lava lamp. It was fun to see the youth's creativity and engagement with these projects. If you would like to participate as a leader in after-school programming, please email Pr. Neal Cannon (ncannon@woodlakechurch.org).



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.**

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.

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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