



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!

Pastor Eric on Vacation

Pastor Eric is on vacation (celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary) from February 22 to March 5. If you have a pastoral care need during this time, please contact the church office (612-866-8471 or office@hoplc.org). Cara or Mary will assist you or connect you with an on-call pastor.



Sunday Worship Praise the Mount

Peter experiences the mountaintop experience when proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah – what is your mountaintop experience? What statement would you make right now about your relationship with Jesus in your life? For questions regarding worship while Pastor Eric is on vacation, please get in touch with Cara Wright at 612-866-8471, ext. 3, or cwright@hoplc.org. We welcome Pastor Sarah Bunge back into the fold for the next couple of weeks, and she will preside over our services.

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, February 25, 2024
[Worship Bulletin-Click Here](#)

ReFuel Worship Service
Sunday, February 25, 2024



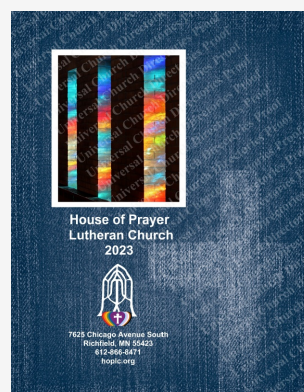
Minister for Congregational Care – Call Extended!

Thanks to all who participated in our special congregational meeting on Sunday, February 11 to vote on our candidate for Minister for Congregational Care. An overwhelming majority of votes were cast to extend a part-time call to Pastor Korla Masters. Pastor Korla is concluding her ministry at Augustana Lutheran Church in Northeast Minneapolis and will begin her ministry at House of Prayer on April 16. We look forward to welcoming her and getting to know her more. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Pastor Eric at 612-866-8471 or eluedtke@hoplc.org, or Caity Wright at caitywright13@gmail.com.

Church Directories Reprinting

We've received our church directories. However, some printing errors need to be corrected, and, as a result, the directories will be re-printed. In the meantime, if you want a directory, you can have one, and those who are pictured will get a new directory when they come in.

If you have additional changes to the directory or are missing photos, please contact Cara Wright at cwright@hoplc.org by this Sunday (3/3)



Wednesday Lenten Worship

Thanks to all who came to our second Wednesday Night Lenten Collaborative Worship Night. We enjoyed getting to know more about our collaboration partners by sitting with someone new at dinner and playing "Mingle Bingo." We ate delicious "Sancocho," a traditional Venezuelan soup, homemade by our friends at Tapestry. We continued our canvas painting project and worshipped together with the words and music of Holden Evening Prayer. For more information about Wednesday Nights in Lent, contact Pastor Micah at mpearson@woodlakechurch.org.



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.



Lent 2024

“God Colors Outside the Lines”



Lenten Choir Opportunity

As part of our special offerings during the upcoming season of Lent, all are invited to come sing with the Combined HOP & Woodlake Lutheran Choir. We will together prepare some beautiful choral music for our Lenten services, strengthening the community we share through the meaningful experience of singing together. Our rehearsals will follow our weekly 6:30 p.m. Lenten Holden Evening Prayer services, meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room at HOP.



WELCOME TO ALL! If any questions, contact Roselyn Hanson Weber, Dir. Liturgical Worship, at rhansonweber@hoplc.org.

Lenten Meals

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 6: Chicken Noodle Soup, variety sandwiches, fancy dessert
- March 13: Broccoli Cheese Soup, variety sandwiches, fancy dessert
- March 20: Potato/Ham Soup, variety of sandwiches, fancy dessert

Creation Care Team "Think Before You Throw"

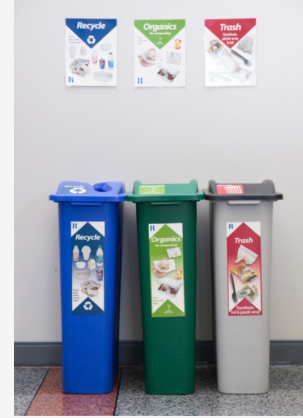
The HOP Creation Care Team met on Monday, Feb. 5 to discuss our first project - "Think Before You Throw."

Watch for:

- New 3-Station recycle/compost/trash bins (hopefully provided by a grant from Hennepin County).
- Efforts to reduce trash to avoid spending more money to increase trash service.

- Streamlined ordering of bags.
- 95% Organic Lenten Suppers.
- Education about what goes where!

If you would like to be part of the group, please contact
 Cara Wright at 612-866-8471 ext. 3 or cwright@hoplc.org.



Gift Cards for HOP Friendship Fund

We broke a record this February 1. 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.



No Pastor's Bible Study - March 5th

Bible Study will not be held on March 5 due to Pastor Eric being on vacation. We will resume the Tuesday Bible study on March 12 at 9:30am.

Luther Park Annual Report

As Luther Park begins the 66th year of ministry, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to your congregations for fostering the meaningful partnerships that have played a pivotal role in Luther Park's story. [The 2023 annual report for congregations is attached here for your information.](#) Some exciting news and notes:



- Madison Main began as Associate Director as of Jan. 1, 2024. She brings experience as former camp staff, a lot of passion and skills that will help her oversee retreats, summer camp and on-site operations.
- Luther Park's Annual Meeting will be held at Elim Lutheran in Robbinsdale on Sunday, March 17 from 1:30-3:00pm. All are invited to attend. Kindly RSVP to Leah to confirm attendance.
- [Summer 2024 camp opportunities](#) are available for people of all ages-including families, grandparents, and extended families.
- [Staff hiring](#) is underway for Summer 2024. Please send recommendations our way.
- [Retreat dates](#) for Summer/Fall/Winter are filling up. Get in touch now to book your spot.

Luther Park remains committed to being a dedicated partner and resource for your

congregations. We are eager to connect and continue this partnership with you!

God's Peace to you,

Leah Pletscher
Executive Director

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).



CAMP AT LUTHER PARK THIS SUMMER



Camper week for House of Prayer and Woodlake at Luther Park is targeted for June 23rd - June 28th, 2024.

- Grades 1st - 4th (Sunday, June 23rd - Wednesday, June 26th, 2024)
Half Week in the Cabins
- Grades 3rd - 6th (Sunday, June 23rd - Friday, June 28th, 2024)
Full Week in the Cabins
- Grades 4th - 12th (Sunday, June 23rd - Friday, June 28th, 2024)
Full Week BEGINNER Horse Camp
- Grades 7th-12th (Sunday, June 23rd - Friday, June 28th, 2024)
Full Week in the Treehouses

Grades 9th - 12th are encouraged to do the High School Leadership Training on Thursday, June 15th - Sunday, June 18th. Then, they are invited to come back as a "jr. counselor" (or an LT, as we call them at Luther Park) and volunteer with a cabin during the week of June 23rd - June 28th, 2024.

House of Prayer and Woodlake families can type in the discount code "HOP Camper" and get a 50% scholarship on whatever tier your family chooses! (Courtesy of fundraising done by the churches)



Grand Camp at Luther Park is Sunday, July 14th - Wednesday, July 17th, 2024. This camp is a fun way for Grandparents and Grandchildren to spend some planned time together doing all the fun and meaningful activities of camp together!

VBS with Luther Park staff is July 7-12th, 2024. This is the week that Luther Park staff come to Woodlake and bring all the fun camp activities with them. Registration is done on the House of Prayer and Woodlake website. *More information is coming!*



To find out more about each program and to register please visit our website: www.lutherparkdanbury.com.

Contact camp with questions by email, camp@lutherpark.com or 715-200-7023.

HOP Preschool

This week in preschool we had a Sharing Day, where children can bring something from home to show their friends. It's fun to hear what they say! If you have questions about HoPP, please email Nicole at nolson@hoplc.org.





HOP Sunday School

In Sunday School this week we learned the story of Jesus Calming the Storm. We watched the funny Holy Moly video (find it on YouTube) and read it in our Spark Bible to make sure kids knew the story well. Then

we went fishing for parts of the story so we could retell it. We followed up by painting our own interpretation of the story while eating goldfish. Lots of laughter! For questions regarding Sunday School, please contact Kristi Liu at klini010@umn.edu, or Andry Jurcich at andryj@invisik.com.





Richfield Disability Advocacy Partnership

Please join the Richfield Disability Advocacy Partnership (R-DAP) for a listening session with our policymakers.

This is an opportunity for people with disabilities, their families, and advocates to express concerns, and tell their stories to the people with the power to make changes.

The following policymakers will be in attendance for you to talk to:

- State Senator Melissa Wiklund
- State Rep Michael Howard
- Hennepin County Commissioner Debbie Goettel
- Richfield Mayor Mary Supple

Date: March 7, 2024
Time: 7 pm to 8:30 pm
Location: Richfield Public School Boardroom
401 70th St W,
Door # 26, District Office Entrance
Richfield, MN 55423

Overflow Parking in the south side lot,
Door #4, Flagpole Entrance
ASL, Closed Captioning, and Spanish Translation
will be provided, along with snacks.

If you cannot attend you can submit questions ahead of time to Judy Moe
richfelddisabilityap@gmail.com, 612-386-2638





Richfield 4th of July Celebration

Plans are underway for RALY youth (along with HOP and Woodlake) to enter a float in the 2024 parade that will take place on July 4th. If you can assist with the concept and design of our float, please contact Kim Houle (612) 558-0634 or wifeofadrumnerguy@gmail.com to join the fun.

VEAP March Food & Fund Drive

With warmer days ahead of us (hopefully!), VEAP is pleased to officially kick off our annual springtime March Food & Fund Drive!



This statewide campaign is the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, bringing together thousands of people to help stock nearly 300 food shelves across Minnesota. Now through April 6, we'll be encouraging drives and donations of all sizes!

The need is still very real in our community and with your support again this year, more than 200 families visiting VEAP a day will receive the food they need to put meals on their tables.

With your help we are confident we can reach our BIG and BOLD goal of raising \$300,000 and 100,000 pounds of food during the March Food and Fund Drive. This will provide food for nearly 1 million meals!

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 [*making a donation*](#) in support of this critical drive. For questions, please contact Terri Behrends Singer at terri@hr4u.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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Community Engagement: Kim Houle - wifeofadrumnerguy@gmail.com



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