



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!



Easter Sunday Worship

Not All Who Wander Are Lost: I Hope

After denying Jesus, we might expect Peter to stay away, but upon hearing the news from the women, Peter ran to the tomb to investigate for himself. Could it be that Jesus is alive? Peter hopes so! For questions regarding worship, please contact Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org, or at 612-866-8471, ext. 2.

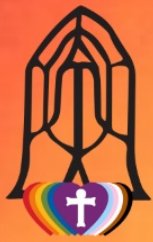
This Week is Holy Week

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

- Maundy Thursday - 7pm at Oak Grove (Dinner at 5:30p) 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. Livestream Link: <https://www.facebook.com/OakGroveLutheran>
- Good Friday - 7pm at House of Prayer: Standing at the foot of the cross with Peter, we contemplate the ultimate sacrifice and the promise of redemption. Livestream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/@houseofprayerlutheran-rich9999/streams>
- Easter Sunday - 9:30a / 11a at House of Prayer: Celebrating the joyous resurrection, we embrace the hope and renewal found in Christ. Livestream Link for both services: <https://www.youtube.com/@houseofprayerlutheran-rich9999/streams>

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

House of Prayer Lutheran-Richfield, MN

@houseofprayerlutheran-rich9999

**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

Liturgical Worship Service

Sunday, March 24, 2024

[Worship Bulletin-Click Here](#)



ReFuel Worship Service

Sunday, March 24, 2024



Palm Sunday

Holy Week kicked off with Palm Sunday. We waved Palm branches and sang songs of loudest praise as we again heard the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to, "Hosannas!" But it's hard to hold that event in celebration knowing that it leads to Holy Week and Jesus' suffering, so we named that roller-coaster ride of our faith as we prepare for what is to come. Please contact Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org, or 612-866-8471, ext. 2 with questions.



Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday

Come and bring a friend on Sunday, March 31, at 10:30 am for a FREE Easter Egg

Hunt at HOP! Candy was put into Easter Eggs by RALY youth! If you have any questions, please contact Andry Jurcich at andryj@invisik.com.

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!



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 2nd

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

- Acts 4:32-35
- 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.

Sunday School

Last week in Sunday School we celebrated Palm Sunday with some palm-themed crafts. The kids had fun coloring Hosanna headbands, making scratch art palm leaves, beading cross necklaces, and racing their donkeys into Jerusalem.



We will see everyone this Sunday for the Easter egg hunt. Bring a friend!

For questions about Sunday School, please contact Kristi Lui at kline010@umn.edu or Andry Jurcich at andryj@invisik.com.



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 (eluedtke@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.



Simpson Housing Meals

Our Simpson Housing Meal for March was beef stew, salad, cornbread, brownies, and quiche for our vegetarian option. Thanks to this month's cooking crew of Leanne and Jenna Hyde, Jean and Charlie Robbins, Sue Holton, Cara and Scott Wright, and

Steve Pierson.

Each month, HOP serves a delicious and nutritious meal to approximately 50 guests of Simpson Housing on 33rd & Pillsbury in Minneapolis. We meet at HOP at 5p to carpool to Zion Lutheran.

Upcoming dates to serve at Simpson are:

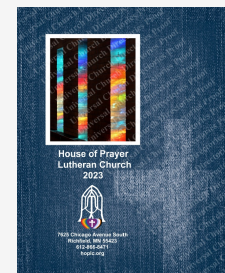
- April 16
- May 14
- June 11

All are welcome to join us for this fun, community building, opportunity to serve. No previous experience needed! Contact Leanne Hyde at maramom62@gmail.com with the date you'd like to serve.



Reprinted Church Directories Pick Up Sunday

The reprinted 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 have any questions, contact Cara Wright at cwright@hoplc.org, or 612-866-8471, ext. 3.



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.

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

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

Feel free to get in touch with anyone on the Leadership Ministry Team for questions or conversation:

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