



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 I'm Fixed Upon It

Jesus is fixed on his calling, Peter is fixed on what he thinks is Jesus calling. How do we resolve the two? What is our foundation when our faith is tested? For questions regarding worship, please contact Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org, or at 612-866-8471, ext. 2.

Spring Forward!

Daylight Savings time starts this weekend, so don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday evening before you go to bed.

Fun Facts: The sun won't set before 7:00 pm again until October 7th!



Right now, we are gaining 3 minutes of light every day.

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 3, 2024

[Worship Bulletin-Click Here](#)



ReFuel Worship Service

Sunday, March 3, 2024



Wednesday Lenten Worship

SURPRISE! God Colors Outside the Lines

Hearing the story of Zechariah in Lent might feel a little surprising, but that was the theme of the night for our Lent worship on Wednesday evening. Pastor Eric led Woodlake and House of Prayer members with questions that led to lively conversation. Of course, there was fantastic soup and sandwiches and the evening culminated in worship with Holden Evening Prayer.

Join us next Wednesday as Pastor Micah Pearson leads us into the unexpected story of Mary, a young girl who becomes mother to the Messiah. For questions regarding Lenten worship, please contact Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org, or 612-866-8471, ext. 2.



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@hopc.org if you have questions.



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

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

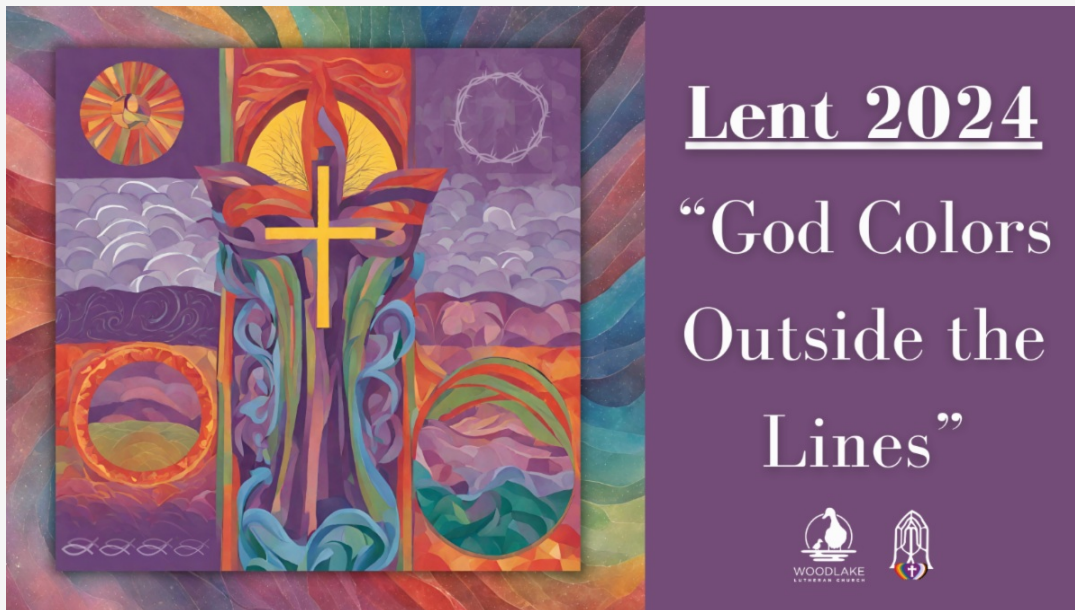
Feb 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, 20 (HOP Fellowship Hall)

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.



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).



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

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 12th

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

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm 119:9-16
- 1 Timothy 4:6-11
- Matthew 18:15-22



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 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).



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).

HOP Preschool

Hello from HoPP! We've started to get ready for St. Patrick's Day, making lucky shamrocks and coloring rainbows. We can't wait to celebrate in a few weeks. If you have questions about HoPP, please email Nicole at nolson@hoplc.org.



If you love to work in the garden, come to Sunday School this week to learn about the parable of the sower! We will do art projects with seeds, eat a few seeds, and possibly spend some time on the playground, depending on the weather. All are welcome! For questions regarding Sunday School, please contact Kristi Liu at kline010@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

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Houle (612) 558-0634 or
wifeofadrumnerguy@gmail.com.





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 wifeofadrummerguy@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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