



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!



Jesus Sought Me

When Jesus calls his disciples, he doesn't call trained Rabbis, instead, he picks a few fishermen while they are cleaning their nets and they learn as they go. Too often we make excuses for why we can't do it instead of dropping our nets and following Jesus. For questions regarding worship, please get in touch with Pastor Eric at 612-866-8471 or

eluedtke@hoplc.org.

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>

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Bulletin

Liturgical Worship Service

Sunday, February 11, 2024

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ReFuel Worship Service

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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. Watch for a special email sharing more about her in the coming days. Please hold Pastor Korla in

your prayers as her current ministry draws to a close and she prepares to join us in mid-April. 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.

Ash Wednesday Worship

"Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen" Contact Pastor Eric at 612-866-8471, ext. 2, or eluedtke@hoplc.com with any worship related questions.

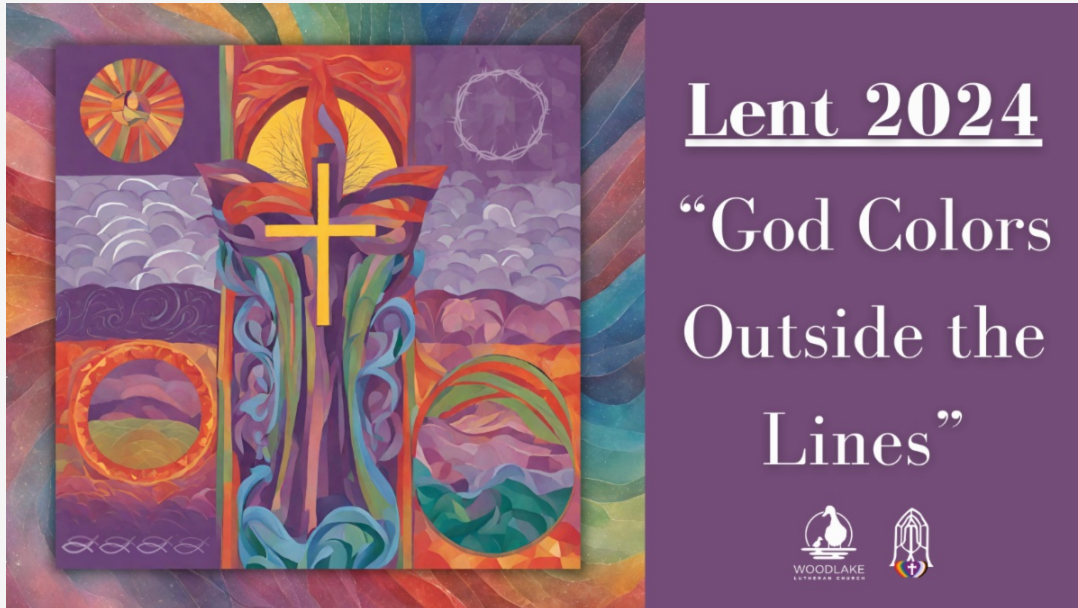


Lent 2024: God Colors Outside the Lines Lenten Service and Suppers hosted at House of Prayer

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.



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. **Choir rehearsals on 2/7 and 2/21 will be at Woodlake.**



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

Lenten Meal Serving Volunteers

We are looking forward to being "inwardly fed to outwardly feed" as we enjoy Lenten Soup Suppers with our collaboration partners from Woodlake each Wednesday night in Lent (Feb. 21 - Mar 20). We will need volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up from **4:45-6:30 pm** each week. **Sign up at the Information Desk** on Sundays or contact Cara Wright at 612-866-8471 ext. 3 or cwright@hoplc.org if you can help.



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

- February 21: Wild Rice Soup, variety sandwiches, fancy dessert
- February 28: Venezuelan Chicken Vegetable Soup from Tapestry
- March 6: Chicken Noodle Soup, variety sandwiches, fancy dessert
- March 13: Broccoli Cheese Soup, variety sandwiches, fancy dessert
- March 20: Potato/Ham Soup, variety sandwiches, fancy dessert



Josh Countryman Honored With Inclusive Educator Award

Josh Countryman Inclusive Educator Award

We have a kind, caring, and inclusive leader in our Josh Countryman, who faithfully leads worship in ReFuel every Sunday. Josh was awarded an "Inclusive Educator Award" because he invites, includes, and thinks of, the kids with special needs at Two Rivers High School, where he works as a Choir Director. **If you want to read more about the award and why he was chosen, [click on this link](#)** to read the article. **Kudos to you Josh!** Way to go living out our values of Compassion, Welcoming, Relationships, and Openness!

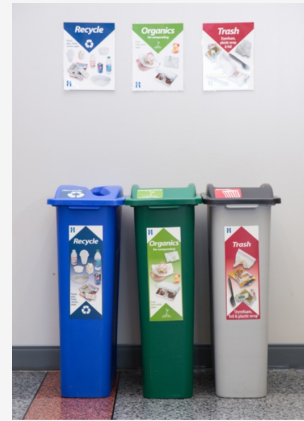
Creation Care Team "Think Before You Throw"

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.
- 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.



Fall Festival 2023 Wrap-up

The Fall Festival team met on February 8th, to review the details of the income received from the Festival; discuss the benefits and drawbacks of the activities that House of Prayer is active in (i.e. bake sale, knitting, silent auction), and discuss a proposal for use of the funds.

In 2023, we brought in a net total of \$3881.38, which is about \$1500 more than in 2022. We are pleased to see that the income is trending up. The Fall Festival Team has been saving the funds over several years, and the plan has been to use them to improve bathroom facilities at the church. The team currently has \$28,730.07 in funds.



At this meeting, a motion was made and approved to support a feasibility study for turning the current library space into a handicapped-accessible bathroom, with the intent to commit \$25,000 in funds from Fall Festival to support the project, if the rest of the money can be raised. If you have any questions regarding the Fall Festival or are interested in future Fall Festival activities, please contact Julie Bonebrake at jbonebrake@yahoo.com.

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.

Pastor's Bible Study - February 20th

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

- Isaiah 41:8-10
- Psalm 22:23-31
- 2 Corinthians 1:8-11
- Matthew 14:22-33



We will meet via Zoom at <https://uso2web.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 (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.

RALY Upcoming Events

- **February 21 - RALY** (Dinner provided) During Lent, RALY will join the bigger congregation in the Color Outside the Lines worship. Please note the time change of 5:30-7:00 pm.
- **February 28 - RALY** (Dinner provided) Color Outside the Lines worship. 5:30-7:00 pm.

RALY

Please contact Pr. Neal Cannon (ncannon@woodlakechurch.org) if you have any questions.

HOP Preschool

Happy Valentine's Week! We exchanged valentines, shared donuts, made suncatchers and talked about how much we love each other! We love that we have the sweetest group of children here! If you have questions about HoPP, please email Nicole at





HOP Sunday School

This week in Sunday School we learned about the parable of the house on the rock from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. To bring the message to life we started our lesson by building houses out of pretzel sticks,

marshmallows and mini chocolate chips. The kids had instructions to build their house no taller than 9". Then we held a contest to see whose house stood up to the heat of the microwave. No one's house lasted more than 15 seconds. This activity led to good discussion about how to build a solid foundation for houses. Then we ate our melted houses while watching a short video version of the bible story and talking about the wise and the foolish builder. You can find the video on Youtube -- just Google Sparkhouse Digital video house on the rock or look under the Sparkhouse Family account. For questions regarding Sunday School, please contact Kristi Liu at klinio10@umn.edu, or Andry Jurcich at andryj@invisik.com.





Concordia Choir Concerts

The world-renowned Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, under the direction of Dr. Michael Culloton, will perform in Central Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 4:00 pm. From the music of J.S. Bach to familiar hymn arrangements, the Concordia Choir will amaze you with their technical mastery and incredible sound. Visit [ConcordiaTickets.com](https://www.concordiatickets.com) for tickets.



Trivia Night with Woodlake!
Tuesday, February 20th, 7:30pm
Protagonist Kitchen and Bar on Lyndale
Woodlake had such a good time with their trivia nights last summer that they're doing it again! Come in out of the cold and join them for some fun and fellowship.



The manager recommended making a reservation to ensure we have a table so let Laurie Franklin - franklinle@msn.com - know if you're interested. Walk-ins are always welcome; we're just looking for a ballpark number. Laurie can also answer any questions you may have.



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.

Mount Olivet Adult Day Services

Know someone who is home a lot taking care of their spouse? They may need a respite, some time to run errands, or just catch up on needed rest. Mount Olivet Adult Day Services is **E X P A N D I N G**. 4 and 6 Hour Spots are immediately available.

WARM and FRIENDLY on the INSIDE

Mount Olivet Adult Day Services

612-413-7500

VEAP

Happy 50th birthday VEAP! In honor of this special milestone, they're inviting our community to contribute to their Birthday Bag Kits as one of their monthly challenges

in 2024. You can either create a bag yourself or contribute individual items (birthday bags typically include cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, birthday plates/napkins, and assorted party favors). Assembling these birthday bags is a wonderful activity for all ages, making a positive impact on our community and spreading joy on this significant occasion. Are you up to the challenge? For questions, please contact Terri Behrends Singer at terri@hr4u.org.



Bloomington-Richfield Grief Support Coalition

Winter 2024 - January 4 through February 22
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
1701 W. Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431
office@stlukesbloomington.org

February 15 Understanding Grief - Mary Marcoux
February 22 Sibling Loss - Maggie Bauer



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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