



# 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 The Ministry of Presence

The 23rd Psalm is well-worn, memorized, and used to comfort many who struggle. The action of the Lord in the Psalm is not to convince with words, but guide with actions. The Lord says nothing but shows care. We too are called to show God's love through our actions. For questions regarding worship, please contact Pastor Eric at [eluedtke@hoplc.org](mailto: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

Sunday, April 14, 2024

[Worship Bulletin-Click Here](#)



### ReFuel Worship Service

Sunday, April 14, 2024





## Welcome Pastor Korla!

Join us this Sunday at 9:30 am or 11:00 am to welcome our new Minister of Congregational Care, Pastor Korla Masters! We are very excited to have Pastor Korla lead the visitation ministry, develop frameworks, and equip church members to continue caring for one another. Pastor Korla came on board Tuesday, April 16th and can be reached at [kmasters@hoplc.org](mailto:kmasters@hoplc.org), or 612-866-8471, ext. 5.

And yes, there will be cake, and it will be chocolate.

## Creation Care Sunday Trash Talk - Cake!?

Sunday, April 21, is 'Welcome Pastor Korla Sunday', so what do we do when we have cake??

1. Specially purchased paper plates (Chinet brand) are BPI certified and compostable (same as coffee cups/sleeves)
2. Colored Napkins – Per Rachel Lindholm, Richfield Sustainability Specialist, all napkins are compostable unless they have glitter or metallic foil on/in them. Color and printing do not matter! Napkins, paper towels, egg cartons, and pizza boxes do not need to be BPI-certified (and you usually will not find any certification on those products anyway).
3. Leftover Cake/excess frosting (hahaha!) – Organics (as if there will be any!)
4. Name tags (go in the trash)

For questions about the Creation Care Team, contact Cara Wright at [cwright@hoplc.org](mailto:cwright@hoplc.org) / 6812-866-8471 ext. 3.

**CARE for CREATION**  
The Sustainability Dept.

### Think Before you Throw

- COMPOST**
  - 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
- RECYCLE**
  - 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
- TRASH**
  - 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

## Creation Care – Earth Day

On April 22 we celebrate Earth Day in the United States and in nearly 193 countries around the world. The theme chosen for this year is **Planet vs. Plastics**, and organizers are asking all to be mindful of plastic waste, and do what they can to reduce their usage of single-use plastics. Put simply, single-use plastics are goods that are made primarily from fossil fuel-based chemicals

(petrochemicals) and are meant to be disposed of right after use—often, in mere minutes. Single-use plastics are most commonly used for packaging and service ware, such as bottles, wrappers, straws, and bags. 91% of plastics are not recycled at all.

**60X40**  
60% Reduction Of Plastic Production By 2040

- Health Awareness**  
Plastics are a danger to humanity and all living creatures, disrupting the delicate balance of life on Earth.
- Demand Change**  
Rapidly phase out all single use plastics, urgently push for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution, and call for an end to fast fashion.
- Innovative Solutions**  
Investing in innovative technologies and materials to build a plastic-free world.

**Visit our table display in the Narthex on Sunday, April 28, between services.** Here are some easy ideas to get you started:

- \* Carry a reusable water bottle (and bring your own coffee cup to HOP)
- \* Bring reusable totes or last trip's paper bags when shopping (pick up a HOP reusable bag on the 28th-while supplies last!)
- \* Avoid plastic or Styrofoam clam-shell take out/take home containers
- \* Request that your favorite restaurants use non-plastic straws, stirrers, bags
- \* Don't use plastic wrap (silicone bowl covers are available)

*Psalm 24:1-2 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.*

Please contact a member of the Creation Care Team if you have any questions, or want to join us in making House of Prayer as "trashless" as possible. Members include



**Public Electronics Recycling Event**  
Make electronics and small appliance recycling easy this Earth Day. **The entire community is invited to stop by Edina Community Lutheran Church's east parking lot on Saturday, April 20th between 10am-2pm with your electronics and small appliances to be recycled at this public event.** Many accepted items are free. Check Electronics Recycling of Minnesota's website for a full list of accepted items and fees. <https://ecyclemn.com/>

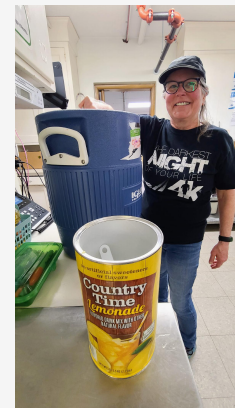
### Christian Park Clean-ups - HOP/WL/RALY

As part of our commitment to service, we do a fall and spring clean-up of Christian Park. This year, there are two opportunities to clean up the park on **April 21st, at 12pm and May 8th at 6:30pm (with RALY)**. Please join us as we clear out the trash of winter and get ready for the greenery and abundance of Spring! If you have any questions, please contact Kim Houle at [wifeofadrummerguy@gmail.com](mailto:wifeofadrummerguy@gmail.com) or Pastor Neal at [ncannon@woodlakechurch.org](mailto:ncannon@woodlakechurch.org).



### Simpson Housing Meals

This past Tuesday, April 16, HOP's Simpson team prepared and served the evening meal at Simpson Housing. We served BBQ Ribs, Cornbread, Baked Beans, Salad, Quiche, Lemon Bites, and Lemonade. Once every month during the school year, we prepare and serve a meal at Simpson. We'd love more volunteers! We always meet at House of Prayer and carpool, and we have a lot of fun! If you have any questions or want more information about [Simpson Housing Services](#) and how we connect with them, contact Leanne Hyde at [maramom62@gmail.com](mailto:maramom62@gmail.com), or Steve Pierson at [stevepierson56@hotmail.com](mailto:stevepierson56@hotmail.com).



### Luther Park Camp Shower This Saturday

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. **Contact Pastor Eric TODAY OR TOMORROW at 612-504-9152 if you would like a ride!**

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!

Contact Caity Wright ([caitywright13@gmail.com](mailto:caitywright13@gmail.com)) or Pastor Eric ([eluedtke@hoplc.org](mailto:eluedtke@hoplc.org)) with any questions.



**Stewardship Sunday**  
On **Sunday, April 28**, we will mark Stewardship Sunday. We are inviting you to give freely from what God has given you to renew your commitment to God's work through House of Prayer. Pledge cards have been mailed, are available at church,

and can be completed online at [hoplc.org/give](https://hoplc.org/give). Please turn in your pledge cards by or on April 28th. Your pledge helps our Leadership Team make informed decisions in the budgeting process. Contact Patti Benson at [pbenson@hoplc.org](mailto:pbenson@hoplc.org) with questions.

### 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](mailto:jean7340@gmail.com)

### Pastor's Bible Study - April 23rd

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

- Acts 8:26-40
- Psalm 22:25-31
- 1 John 4:7-21
- John 15:1-8



**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](mailto:eluedtke@hoplc.org).

### Music Sunday

For the 9:30 service on Sunday, May 5, the HOP



musicians will gather for Music Sunday, in celebration of God's glorious gift of music. The HOP Winds and Hand Bell Choir will play a variety of instrumental music, including hymn settings for the organ, instruments, and the congregation.

**The combined HOP Adult Choir & Woodlake Choir will lead the singing, as well as offer special music for the festival day.** A highlight of the service music will be our earlier commissioned arrangement by Mark Sedio

of the hymn, How Shall I Sing That Majesty, combining all the ensembles and congregation. All are invited to join us for this special worship experience filled with wonderful music. Come help us make a joyful noise to the Lord!

If you have any questions, or want to sing with the choir, please contact Roselyn Hanson Weber @rhansonweber@hoplc.org., or 612-866-8471, ext. 7.



### 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.

### Sunday School

Last week in Sunday School, we talked about the woman at the well, and Jesus being the living water. We also made clay wells to symbolize the meaning.



This Sunday is our Earth Day Celebration! We will be doing an activity related to Earth Day. This activity may be inside or outside, depending upon the weather.

If you want to join us, be here at 10:30 am! Bring a friend if you want! And if you have any questions about Sunday School, contact Kristi Liu at [kline010@umn.edu](mailto:kline010@umn.edu), or Andry Jurcich at [andryj@invisik.com](mailto:andryj@invisik.com).



### House of Prayer Preschool

Hello from HoPP! Last week, Pastor Eric read us the book "You Are Wonderfully Made," which was written by a friend of his. We love reading books, and are working hard on learning our letters! For questions regarding HoPP, please contact Nicole Olson at [nolson@hoplc.org](mailto:nolson@hoplc.org).



### RALY Service Night at HOP

Aren't we lucky? RALY did their April service project at House of Prayer;

weeding and planting daffodils in our parking lot islands. Thank you RALY kids, Steve Pierson, and Pastor Neal for taking on the spring spruce-up. **NO RALY TONIGHT!** But next week, we are going to Moose Mountain to play some mini-golf! There will be no meal that night. The cost is \$15, and scholarships are available, if needed. Bring a friend, and meet at House of Prayer at 6 pm. We will all head out together and return to House of Prayer for parental pick-up at 8 pm. If you have any questions or need a scholarship, please contact Pastor Neal Cannon at [ncannon@woodlakechurch.org](mailto:ncannon@woodlakechurch.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ncannon@woodlakechurch.org).

[Register Here Now!](#)



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## 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.**

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**For Help Enrolling:** Contact Patti Benson at [pbenson@hoplc.org](mailto: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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