



COMMUNITY OF HOPE

MISSION:

To demonstrate the abiding word of God through faith and good works and expressing the love of Jesus Christ by providing daily necessities as well as hope for the future to those in need.

May 2025

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MAY GREETINGS TO YOU ALL!

What does the month of May represent in the Bible? May is often seen as a month of grace and favor. Spiritually, it's a time to seek divine favor for the rest of the year. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8, NIV). This is a month to walk in grace.

Have you heard about the Cloquet Outreach Center?



Cloquet Outreach Center

The program started 26 years ago out of need after the Moose Lake Regional Treatment Center closed. Carlton County residents who had chronic homeless issues, disabilities or chemical and mental health issues didn't have anywhere safe to go in the county.

The Outreach Center has been located at 24 10th St. for about 15 years. Before that, the organization, which is part of the Human Development Center, moved to several other locations.

The Outreach Center is a place for those to socialize, seek help if needed and have a good meal twice a week. It's a place that has more of a community center vibe providing more of a community spirit with various weekly activities that are geared for everyone. Here are just a few:

Monday – popcorn and a movie

Tuesday – Bingo @ 1pm after lunch

Wednesday – Game day (Horseracing, Penny Drop, Mexican Train dominoes or whatever people feel like playing)

Thursday – Wii Bowling after lunch. Harm Reduction Sisters from 12pm-3pm

Friday – Variety day – anything from Baked Treat Day, Craft Day (1x/month), Float Day (root beer floats) and much more!

It is also a place where those in need can find necessary items to meet basic needs. They provide items such as hygiene products (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoos, shave products, etc.), underwear, hats, mittens, towels, blankets and many other items – all of which are donated to the center.

The center is mostly peer-driven by a small group of volunteers, and more volunteers are always needed. Lunch meals are provided through donations from Second Harvest, Salvation Army and local food stores and is served from noon to 1pm Tuesday to Thursday. Leftovers are served the following days.

The Center has an annual fundraiser event to help with costs. This year the event will be held on Wednesday May 14 from 4pm-7pm and includes dinner, silent auction, raffle, games and more. The fundraiser is crucial for sustaining the vital services the Outreach Center provides to Carlton County community members. For over 30 years, the Center has been a beacon of hope for many individuals. They offer free meals twice a week, engaging activities and a safe space with a mission to foster a sense of belonging and wellbeing for all that through their doors.

Please consider visiting the Outreach Center during this event to learn more about the services they offer the community or to help with this worthy cause.



YOU'RE INVITED!

OUTREACH CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH

4:00PM - 7:00PM

26 10TH STREET NORTH | CLOQUET, MN

Our fundraiser continuously stands as our cornerstone effort of the year, crucial for sustaining the vital services the Outreach Center provides to Carlton County community members. For over 30 years, the Center has been a beacon of hope for many individuals. We offer free meals twice a week, engaging activities & a safe space with a mission to foster a sense of belonging and wellbeing for all that walk through our doors. All are welcome!



ALL FUNDS STAY LOCAL!
Donate Now

\$10 AT THE DOOR
DINNER | RAFFLE | SILENT AUCTION

For more information: www.hdcnorth.org
218-879-0303

HDC

Spring Greetings from the Donation Team!

He is risen, Halleluia! Many thanks for the donations we received during the Lenten weeks. As warmer weather approaches needs will shift to things like bug spray and sunscreen. Automotive fluids, like oil and windshield wash are always in demand as many homeless are living in their vehicles. I also want to share that we have collected quite a bit of furniture and household items. Tables, a couple of small desks, lamps, bookshelves and kitchen items. Blankets and some small appliances. If you or someone you know is in need of something, please contact me at donations@communityofhope216.org and I can send pictures. Thanks!



COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS

Good Hope Community Church: 55 Armory Road Cloquet

- **Young Adult Weekend** – May 16-18, cost \$200. Information on website
- **Camp Registration** – Various ages. Register by May 11th. See site for more details.
- **Tool Box Talk** – Men's group – meets on Wednesdays through May @ 7pm – Cloquet.
- **Softball** – Summer coed softball against other churches. Games are Monday nights starting June 9th. Must be 16 or older to play.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church: 615 12th Street, Cloquet

- **Lifeline Screening for afib & carotid artery blockage** – May 6; 8am-5:30pm
- **Grief Support** – May 14: 6pm-7:30pm
- **Indivisible Group** – Tuesday, May 13 @ 5:30pm

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church: 4 Elizabeth Avenue, Esko

- **Summer Worship Schedule** – Sundays May 25 – August 31: 9:00am service
- **Senior Class of 2025 Recognition Sunday** – May 18th at both services
- **Youth Gathering (Endure)** – May 18th @ 6:00pm
- **Book Discussion Group** – Thursday, May 15 @ 1:00pm. "*Where Rivers Part: A Story of My Mother's Life*" by Kao Kalia Yang.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church: 515 Skyline Blvd, Cloquet

- **Summer Worship Schedule** – beginning May 11 (no Sunday School/Adult Bible Class)
- **Epic Australian Adventure** – June 16-20; pre-registration required. Visit website for details.
- **Annual Celebration of Women** – May 8 @ 6pm/ Cold Salad Potluck. Bring your favorite salad to share.
- **Lutheran Island Camp** – Registration is Open for the 2025 Camp Season. Register @ www.islandcamp.org/

Journey Christian Church: 1400 Washington Avenue, Cloquet

- **Ladies' Bible Study** – May 6 @ 1:00pm.
- **Wednesday Night LifeGroups** – May 7, 6:30pm
- **Grief Share Recovery** – May 12 @ 5pm.
- **Youth Movie Night** – May 12, 7pm-9:30pm
- **Quilters Sale** – Quilting Overstock Sale. May 22, 4pm-7pm and May 23, 9am-5pm
- **Grad Weekend** – May 24-25
- **Youth End of School Year Party** – May 30



Prayer Thoughts for May

by Robin Brady

Life these days, especially in our modern society is full of noise, hustle and bustle, and filling our lives with busy input like scrolling, TV, and other forms of entertainment or the latest news. The truth is, most of us have a hard time with not filling our brains with “input”. Even when we try to settle our brains and our hearts it is difficult to quiet the noise of our minds reminding us of “this” and being distracted by “that”.

For some of us, a walk in the woods or sitting by a fire or a body of water can be helpful for settling our spirits. And I agree that these are good settings for being still and experiencing God (Psalm 19:1-4) Whether in such a setting or in our rooms alone with Him, practicing what God wants us to learn about being still and knowing that He is God is an important aspect of our prayer lives. (Psalm 46:10a ;)



As we have talked about in past prayer articles in the Community of Hope Newsletter, prayer comes in many forms. The Lord doesn't want us to always be talking, asking, even verbalizing praise to Him. Though all of these are good, He also wants us to come before Him, being quiet, being still, taking time to sense Him and listen to what He might want to say to us, or impress on our hearts. He wants us to know Him, to experience Him.

He often speaks in a “still small voice” that takes quietness on our part to hear. (1 Kings 19) Sometimes it takes patience and waiting, not only to sense him or hear from Him but also as Psalm 37 says, to practice trust. “Be still in the presence of the Lord and wait patiently for him to act”. ...don't worry, stop being angry...just wait. This Psalm conveys the idea that when we are quiet and still, He also has the opportunity to grow our trust, settle our fretful spirits and give us peace and perspective.

This month, let's grow in our prayer lives by practicing His presence in the form of being quiet and still before Him.



DINNER SCHEDULE - MAY

- May 4** **Our Redeemer Church**
Deli Tray Sandwiches,
Fruit, dessert
- May 11** **Our Savior's Lutheran Church**
Chicken, salad, fruit, dessert
- May 18** **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**
Chicken Caesar Sandwiches
chips, fruit, dessert
- May 25** **Good Hope Church**
Grilled hamburgers, chips,
fruit, dessert

Volunteers are always welcome! The more hands, the merrier!

If you are able to help out on Sundays please reach out to Charity @ 218-409-2606 or Kathy @ 218-262-6270.

You can also contact the office number @ 218-600-6520

A Big Thank You to those that offer up their time and also to those that have blessed us financially. This could not be made possible without you!



NEWS

Block Parties have tentatively been scheduled the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the months of June, July and August. We are excited for this effort as it does so much to bring communities together. Contact Patti @ 218-590-2194.

CofH 1st Annual Car Show Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, August 9 from 1pm-6pm at the Esko Football Athletic Field. There will be car entries, raffles, BBQ and more. Contact Sue @ 218-349-4798 to volunteer or more information.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING — JUNE 2 @ 6:30PM @ COMMUNITY OF HOPE OFFICE.
HAVE A WONDERFUL MEMORIAL DAY!**

If you are in need, come to our office and we will be available to help with finding resources or help with short-term assistance. If you know anyone who is looking for direction or help, have them stop by at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Door 3. Our office hours are:

OFFICE HOURS:

Saturday 10am-1pm. Or call 218-600-6520.



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