

# **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.

#### **June 2025**

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June is a time to focus on service as it helps to bring hope, renewal, and fostering community engagement. As summer approaches, perhaps we can help foster a sense of togetherness and spiritual growth within our community and those we come in contact with on a daily basis. Don't know where to begin? How about joining a church softball team? Many of our partner churches have softball teams and are looking for participants. Like kids? How about helping out at Vacation Bible School. How about sharing your talents? They could be things like sharing your musical ability, organizational skills (help out at a food shelf), teaching skills, playing cribbage or cards at a senior center, offering to take care of a single parent's children so they can go to the store; attend an outdoor community event or hold one in your backyard for your neighbors. Sharing what God has given us can be so rewarding! When we give of ourselves to others it enriches their life in addition to ours!

So, let our service to others be a reflection of God's love and compassion. In this month, let us seek out ways to serve our neighbors, demonstrating the love of Christ in our actions.

# Greetings from the Donation Team!

Thank goodness warmer weather is upon us! Of course, with that come mosquitos and sunshine so **bug spray** and **sunscreen** are needed items. **Automotive fluids**, like **oil** and **windshield wash** are always in demand. The biggest help though is financial donations either through our website or direct to our mail address. I want to share again 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 <a href="mailto:donations@communityofhope216.org">donations@communityofhope216.org</a> and I can send pictures. Thanks!

## Hi COH family!

By Robin Brady

More thoughts this month about how the Bible teaches us to pray. (We've talked about this verse before but let's explore it more fully)

### PHILLIPIANS 4; 6-7 (NLT)

Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Notice the parts we need to do, and the things God does when we do our part.

- We need to PRAY about everything instead of worrying
- We need to TELL God what we need
- We need to THANK HIM for all he has done
- We need to LIVE IN CHRIST JESUS

When we do these things, we Will EXPERENCE GOD'S PEACE, which EXCEEDS anything we can understand. WOW!

When we do these things, HIS PEACE will GUARD our HEARTS and MINDS. (Again WOW)

These are His promises to us. Promises of reward when we do what he instructs in his Word. How to live, how to pray, how to rest in Him and exchange worry and attacks against our minds and hearts for His peace and continued, ongoing presence!

Isn't He wonderful? Isn't life in Christ beautiful? Let's practice living a prayerful, promise filled life in Christ Jesus!

#### **DINNER SCHEDULE - JUNE**

June 1 St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Beef Tacos, chips, fruit
dessert

June 8 Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Chicken and pasta marinara,
salad, fruit, dessert

June 15 Our Redeemer Church
BBQ Pork tenderloin, salad,
fruit, dessert

June 22 Good Hope Church
Brats/hotdogs, chips, salad
fruit, dessert

June 29 Veteran's Park
Sloppy Joes, chips, fruit
dessert

Volunteers are always welcome!

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.

## May 2025 Totals:

Meals Served - 191 To Go Boxes - 96 TOTAL: 287



## **COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS**

### Good Hope Community Church: 55 Armory Road Cloquet

- **Men's Coffee Connect** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 8am-9am (Cloquet). A chance to build relationships with other men.
- Good Hope Cycling Group Sundays from 3pm-6pm (every other week). For adults 16 & up. See website for more details.
- Thursday Burnsday 6pm-7:30pm. Cloquet. Meet at host home for campfire, laughter, connection and conversation.
- **Softball** Summer coed softball against other churches. Games Monday nights starting June 9<sup>th</sup>. Must be 16 or older to play.

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

- Graduate Recognition June 8 during worship service
- Pollinator Worship Sunday June 22 during worship service
- Indivisible Group Tuesday, June 10 @ 3:00pm

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

- Summer Worship Schedule Sundays May 25 August 31: 9:00am service
- June is VBS Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27; 8:30am-11:30. Contact the church for details.
- Help with St. Matthews Gardens June 9 @ 11am in church parking lot. Bring garden tools.
- Church Softball League Looking for additional members. If interested contact: 320-212-0703.

#### 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.
- Lutheran Island Camp Registration is Open for the 2025 Camp Season. Register @ www.islandcamp.org/

## Journey Christian Church: 1400 Washington Avenue, Cloquet

- **Journey Softball** Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church. Practices on Wednesday nights 8:30-9:30 at Pinehurst field.
- Wednesday Night LifeGroup Why do we believe? 6:30pm
- Journey on Wheels Tuesday nights, beginning June 3 @ 6:15pm. 90 minutes rides on the Munger Trail and other trails around Cloquet. Contact 612-458-5310 for more information.



# **NEWS**

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.

**OFFICE HOURS:** 

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

If you, or someone you know is in need of finding resources or help with short-term assistance, visit our office at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Door 3.

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