



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.

August 2025

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Ah, those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer with hot days and warm, endless nights. For most of us the heat is inconvenient, but for the homeless and low income it can be downright dangerous.

While we can hope that the extreme heat is almost over it can pose significant health risks for homeless individuals due to limited access to cooling options and potential vulnerability to heat-related illnesses. Public cooling centers, like those in libraries, recreation centers, and Salvation Army locations, often offer a safe space for those without air conditioning. During extreme heat events, access to cool spaces is essential. Those without home air conditioning face greater health risks, especially residents of hotter upper floors in multi-story buildings or substandard housing with poor insulation. Unhoused individuals, those sleeping in cars, are particularly vulnerable to heat-related illnesses and death.

However, through awareness, community support, and ongoing efforts by dedicated organizations, it is possible to help protect this vulnerable population, both directly and indirectly:

- Provide water and essential items: Offer frozen or cold bottled water, reusable water bottles, sunscreen, hats, bandanas (which can be soaked in water for cooling), and lip balm.
- Create "heat kits": Fill bags with essentials like lip balm, sunscreen, socks, a handkerchief, and a gift certificate to a restaurant with cold drinks.
- Offer umbrellas: Umbrellas provide shade and can significantly reduce the impact of the sun.
- If you see someone struggling, offer assistance and, if necessary, contact 911 for medical emergencies or 311 for non-emergencies but situations where help is needed. You can also connect them with local outreach services like The Salvation Army or the Outreach Center.
- Financial contributions and in-kind donations of needed items like water, sunscreen, clothing, and toiletries are always appreciated.

I John 3: 17-18: If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

DINNER SCHEDULE - AUGUST

- August 3 St. Paul's Church**
Slow Cooker Chicken, Tacos, chips, salad, fruit, dessert
- August 10 Our Savior's Church**
Pulled Pork Sandwiches, corn, fruit, dessert
- August 17 Our Redeemer Church**
Brats/Hot Dogs, Chips, salad, fruit, dessert
- August 24 Good Hope Church**
Chicken Salad Sandwiches, salad, fruit, dessert
- August 31 Veteran's Park**
Maid-Rite Sandwiches, chips fruit, dessert

Volunteers

Just a reminder:

Don't forget to sign the volunteer Attendance sheets at each event. This documentation helps us when Requesting grants or donations. And **THANKS** for all you do!

Want to volunteer at one of these events?
Contact Charity @ (218) 409-2606 or
Kathy @ (218) 262-6270.



CofH has 2 lots – filled with tomatoes, lettuce, peas, etc. which are used for our weekly dinners.

Greetings from the Donations Team!

Donations tend to slow down in the summer so that which comes in is greatly appreciated! Financial support is the most useful as we can then respond quickly to urgent needs. I was able to do just that. With a donation from Walmart, I was able to purchase 2 tents for the Outreach Center to distribute per their request. Thank you Walmart! And as always, thank you to the churches, congregations and individual donors for your continued support. You have made many lives better with your gifts! If you wish to make a monetary donation, please visit:



<https://www.communityofhope216.org/donate-now/>

JULY 2025

Total Meals Served: 256

To Go Boxes: 116

TOTAL: 372

Thanks so much to all of you that have helped out!

Needs List: Tents, tarps, bug spray, women's underwear, socks, bras/sport bras—would be appreciated.

August Prayer

By Robin Brady

August makes me think about the “dog days” of summer. While we appreciate that it is summer, with the ability to wear shorts and sandals, it is also easy (despite our long, very cold winters) to complain about the heat and at times, the humidity. In the winter the tables turn and we often complain about the ice and the cold.

Complaining. I am, as are many of us, sometimes guilty of that. As I contemplate this, I am reminded that this is what the Israelites did constantly as God led them out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. And it was their complaining and their lack of thankfulness for God’s deliverance, provision, and care for them that made the trip much longer than it needed to be, and for many of them, excluded them from the privilege of finally entering the Promised Land at all. (For example, see, Numbers chapter 14).

In the New Testament, we are still warned against murmuring and complaining. When we frequently see life through these kinds of eyes, it certainly makes for a miserable way of living. We are instructed to be thankful, indeed, to give thanks for everything. Confessing and repenting when we fall into the mode of murmuring and complaining as well as expressing thanks should be constant, regular parts of our prayer life.

We are instructed, when we face trials of many kinds to rejoice (this includes those *really* hot days, and as we have experienced lately, dangerously bad air quality and lots of rain that have put a damper on our summer fun). Why should we rejoice? The Bible says, because going through tough things brings growth in us: James chapter 1, verses 2-4: Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (NIV)

Will you join me in the journey of saying “no” to murmuring and complaining and instead expressing thanks and praise to the Lord who has blessed us with every good thing, including forgiveness and redemption from death through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus our Lord.

This month consider praying Psalm 103 to the Lord, thanking Him for all His goodness and blessings. Here is a verse from that Psalm, praying it to the Lord, to get you started: May all that I am praise you Lord, may I never forget the good things you do for me! (NLT)



**KINGDOM BUILDERS
MINISTRIES PRESENTS:**

Summer Nights

**JUNE 20
JULY 11
AUGUST 22**

6-9pm

WORSHIP LEAD BY THE
MNTC MEN'S CHOIR

8/22!

Adult & Teen Challenge
Minnesota

**JOIN US FOR
3 GATHERINGS
OUTDOORS THIS
SUMMER!**

**Veterans Park
732 Ave B, Cloquet**

Wood City Music Festival
The Wood City Worship Festival
will be taking a break this year
but will be back in 2026.

In the meantime, enjoy the
Summer Nights in the Park,
Friday, August 22 from 6pm-
9pm. Worship will be led by the
Minnesota Adult and Teen
Challenge Choir – join with
them and others in lifting up the
name of Jesus together in unity
and joy!



Bring a lawn chair,
your favorite people
and a heart ready to worship!

ONLINE DONATIONS



Just a reminder - you can make monetary donations on the Community of Hope website. Every dollar helps us further our missions and supports the goals of Community of Hope. Our work is only possible through caring people like you. Visit <https://www.communityofhope216.org/donate-now/> for more information or to make a donation. And thank you so much for your continued support!

**Don't forget
to "Like" us
on Facebook!**

The office is currently unstaffed for the summer. Please call (218) 600-6520 if you need assistance.

Next Board Meeting – August 25, 2025 @ CofH office.



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Community of Hope

1st Annual Car Show Fundraiser

Saturday, August 9th, 2025

1:00PM to 6:00PM

Esko Athletic Field/Sport Complex



- **Car Show Entry \$10.00**
- **BBQ**
- **Item Raffle**
- **Esko Fun Days Events**



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