



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.

September 2025



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Hard to believe that summer is about over and school has begun. Where did the time go? Seems like just yesterday we were planting seeds and now we are about ready to begin the harvest.

Beyond the physical act, the Bible uses seeds metaphorically to teach us about moral accountability, where actions (sown seeds) determine future outcomes (harvests) and to illustrate the nature of the Kingdom of God.

As those of us who care about the well-being of our fellow human beings, we are called to “work the ground” and “scatter good seed” wherever we are. Although we may not see the results ourselves, we need to trust that all we are doing will not be in vain.

During the month of September we will be collecting Hand Warmers to be handed out at the Operation Community Connect Resource Event that will be held on October 7, 2025 at the Cloquet Armory. As winter approaches, hand warmers are a *must have* for many individuals that experience homelessness.

Please consider a donation of hand warmers for this worthy cause. Donations can be dropped off at any of our community partner churches or you can contact our Donations Team Lead, Tom Ochocki @ donations@communityofhope216.org who will be glad to help you out.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up”.
Galatians 6:9



DINNER SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER

Sept. 7	No Dinner
Sept. 14	Our Savior's Church Pulled Ham, Crockpot Potatoes salad, fruit, dessert
Sept. 21	Our Redeemer Church Pulled Pork Sandwiches, salad, fruit, dessert
Sept. 28	Good Hope Church Crockpot Chicken Dump on rice, 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!

AUGUST 2025

Served: 246

To Go Boxes: 132

TOTAL: 378

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

Happy September from the Donations Team!

A big thank you to those who donated and attended our fundraiser at the Esko Fun Days event! It was well attended and we raised needed support so we can continue to provide for those in need. As fall approaches we will shift our requests to items such as hand warmers, gloves and other cold weather gear. Please support via your church or directly to Community of Hope. Contact us if you want to have items picked up.

Monetary donations can be made via:

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

Needs List:

Tents, women's
underwear,
socks, bras/sport
bras—would be
greatly
appreciated!



CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER EVENT

Our first car show fundraiser event was a huge success and raised over \$1000 to help support our mission! We had over 35 car entrants, great grilled hamburgers and hotdogs (donated by Walmart), raffles and prizes and lots of fun, fun, fun!



My sincere thanks to all those that helped make this possible – from obtaining donations, posting flyers, organizing, grilling, clean-up and so many other items. We could not have done this without you!

Blessings,
Sue Butkiewicz, Fundraiser Team Lead

September Prayer

By Robin Brady

PRAYER FOR
THE MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER

This week I was reminded about right relationships with others, things that hinder our relationship with God and that can hinder answers to our prayers. I found myself in need of healing and realized I needed to forgive others and even to forgive myself for "attitudes" toward a couple of people in my life.

The verses that stuck out to me include the following:

If we sin because of anger toward someone or when we stand before God (to worship and pray, and even give offerings like tithes) and we remember someone has something against us, we are told to leave our gift at the altar and as much as it's in our power go and reconcile with that person THEN come back and offer our gift to God. (Matthew 5:22-24)

James 5:14-16

Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

These verses (and others in the Bible) remind us of the importance of seeking forgiveness -whether that means forgiving others or asking others to forgive us. Sometimes it may mean forgiving ourselves too, remembering that when we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

These verses also remind us of how much the Lord values right relationships between His children. He is serious about how He expects us to care for one another, pray for one another, and keep our hearts clean before Him when it comes to relationships.

Is there anything you need to make right today? Is there someone in your circle of relationships who needs prayer? Someone who you need to forgive (even if they "don't deserve it")? Someone you need to ask to forgive you? If so ask the Lord to forgive you and clean you up. Ask Him to help you and then, do what needs to be done to make things right with others. When you do, your relationship with the Lord will be so much sweeter and your healing will come!



COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS



[Good Hope Community Church](#): 55 Armory Road Cloquet

Youth Group – Wednesdays @ 7-8:30pm.

Holy Spirit Night – Sept. 14 – 28 (Sundays, 6:30-9:00pm.) See site for more details.

Light of the World Movie Showing – Sept. 27 – 11am. Tickets \$8/person. Register at site.

Good Hope's Group Book Fair– Various dates in September. Chance to learn more about groups offered and purchase necessary materials.

[Our Savior's Lutheran Church](#): 615 12th Street, Cloquet

Rally Sunday – Sept. 7. 10:45-Noon.

Silly Sock Sunday & Potluck– Sept. 28. Wear your wildest socks to church, Prizes awarded. Potluck after.

GWOH T-shirts – Wear your gold GWOH t-shirt every Sunday through September. Sept. 14 – assemble GWOH kits.

Book Club – 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7pm in the Fireside Room.

[St. Matthew's Lutheran Church](#): 4 Elizabeth Avenue, Esko

Rally Sunday – Sept. 7. Register your child. Games, BBQ, and Ice Cream Social – 11am.

Two Services – Beginning Sept. 14. 8am & 10:30am.

Men's Weekly Bible Study – Begins Tuesday, Sept. 9 @ 7am

Fall Rummage Sale – Sept 18-20. Donations can be dropped off starting Sept 14. Contact the church for details.

Roadside Cleanup – Sept. 28. After 10:30 worship service. Hwy 61 towards Widdes. Bring gloves.

[Our Redeemer Lutheran Church](#): 515 Skyline Blvd, Cloquet

Rally Sunday – Sept. 14. Services & Fellowship will be held outside. Picnic lunch to follow.

Ladies Bible Study – Wednesdays @ 7pm.

Men's Bible Study– Wednesdays @ 7pm.

[Journey Christian Church](#): 1400 Washington Avenue, Cloquet

Ladies' Bible Study – Beginning Sept. 9 @ 1:00pm.

Wednesday Night LifeGroups – 6:30pm – 7:45pm.

[St. Paul's Lutheran Church](#): 1705 Wilson Avenue, Cloquet

Family Nights – Wednesdays beginning Sept. 10 @ 6:30pm.

Wee Care Sewers – First Thursday of the month @ 10am.

Book Club – third Monday of the month @ 9am.

Marriage & Merriment – Sept. 21 @ 6pm. Pre-registration required.

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Next Board Meeting
September 22, 2025
@ CofH office.