

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.

October 2025

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Fall or autumn, can mean different things to different people but generally it represents a season of change – letting go, comfort, and a sense of stability. It's an opportunity to release burdens and welcome a fresh, new start. It is also a time of the year filled with beautiful imagery, changing leaves, and the coming of cooler weather. It's not called "sweater weather" for nothing!

The Bible tells us that the fall season is also a time of thanksgiving and a season of praise. A time to share the love of Jesus with others by sharing the gifts he has so graciously given us.

One terrific way this is being done is by the United Way through their Operation Community Connect Resource Event that will take place on October 7 at the Cloquet Armory from 10am-2pm. This is a one-day resource fair designed to connect residents with various community services, support systems and resources. Attendees will have access to many things such as: human services, employment resources, flu shots, hair cuts, winter clothing, a free meal and many other services. The Community of Hope will also be there providing resources and items (such as hand warmers) to help those in need.

If you would like to help the United Way at the event, contact the United Way website to sign up. You can also donate hand warmers to the Community of Hope by October 5.

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.

And thank you for your consideration!

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.". Proverbs 19:17, NIV

DINNER SCHEDULE - OCTOBER

Oct. 5 Good Hope Church
Chili, salad, fruit, dessert

Oct. 12 Our Savior's Church

Chicken Marinara over pasta,

salad, fruit, dessert

Oct. 19 Our Redeemer Church

Taco Bar, fruit, dessert

Oct. 26 Good Hope Church

Crockpot Ham and Pasta Alfredo, salad, 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!

SEPT. 2025 Served: 129 To Go Boxes: 93 TOTAL: 222

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

Greetings from The Donation Team



As winter approaches we can use any men's and women's mittens and gloves. Motor oil, (5W30), is always in need along with windshield washer fluid. Financial donations are also greatly appreciated. It's easy to do via our website. Thank you for your continued support! https://www.communityofhope216.org/donate-now/

Needs List:
Women's
underwear, socks,
bras/sport bras



Well, our community garden plot is just about retired for the season. The last of the tomatoes and onions were picked and what is left will be for the bees to enjoy. Thank you to all that helped make this garden a success. It's nice to be able to have fresh produce for our weekly meals!





October Prayer By Robin Brady



What do you think of when October is here? I think of corn stalks, hay bales, pumpkins, squash, and fresh apples. That is to say, I think of harvest time.

When I think of harvest time, I also think about the bible, which has a lot to say about the subject. Lately thinking about harvest, I have particularly been thinking about Galatians chapter 6. Though the entire chapter is well worth taking time to read, ponder, and apply to our lives, I tend to particularly think about verses 8&9: "Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. but those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time, we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

What does that have to do with prayer, you may ask. Well, I will let God's word also help to answer that question:

1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to "never stop praying". Earlier in this letter that Paul wrote, he said (1 Thessalonians 1:2) "We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly."

Paul told the Roman church (Romans 1:9): "God knows how often I pray for you. Day and night I bring you and your needs in prayer to God, whom I serve with all my heart by spreading the Good News about his son."

Paul also told the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 15:58) "So my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless."

Sometimes the work of plowing up the ground , planting and watering the seeds we sow in prayer can seem useless, like there is never going to be a harvest from our labors. But God says don't stop doing what pleases the Lord -praying for others to know His everlasting life; and praying for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Because at just the right time, the harvest WILL come. We have the promise that our prayers are not useless. Pray on my friends, and be enthusiastic, as surely as the seasons change, the harvest is coming!



Interested in joining our Prayer Group? They meet the 2nd and 4th Friday's of the month at Robin's house. Contact (218) 393-7100 for details.

COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS

Good Hope Community Church: 55 Armory Road Cloquet

Fellaship Men's Breakfast - Oct. 4; 8-10am.

Family Skate Night – Oct. 6; 5-7:30pm. World of Wheels, Superior

Men's Toolbox Talk - Wednesdays Oct 8-22. 7pm..

MN Youth Convention - Oct. 16-18: Rochester MN. Cost \$150. Deadline- Oct. 5

Mom's Group – Oct. 27; 9-10:30am



Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction - Oct. 5 4:30pm.

Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk - Oct 11, 9am-11:30am. Meet at Carlton High School.

Bonfire at OSLC - Oct. 12 @ 3pm. Fellowship, hot cocoa or cider, storytelling and music.

Trunk or Treat - Oct. 25 2pm-3:30pm. In the OSLC Parking Lot. Dress up in costume! S'mores, candy...

Lutefisk, Salmon & Meatball Dinner – Nov. 1. Contact the church for information

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

Harvest Roast Beef Dinner - Oct. 8; 4pm-7pm. Purchase tickets in advance - contact the church - (218) 879-3510

LWML Sunday - Oct. 12. Bake Sale with proceeds going towards LWML missions.

Trunk or Treat – Oct. 31 5:30-6:30pm. Youth will be holding a fundraiser dinner.

T3 (totally terrific Tuesday) – 3:30-5pm. For youth in grades 7-12

Men's Bible Study - Tuesdays @ 7am.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church: 515 Skyline Blvd, Cloquet

Ladies Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 7pm.

Men's Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 7pm.

Journey Christian Church: 1400 Washington Avenue, Cloquet

New Life Group - Beginning Oct. 1 @ 6:30-7:45pm in the Fireside Room. Topic - The Bait of Satan.

Family Dinner Night – Oct. 1 5:15-6:15pm.

Heart to Heart - Oct. 4 from 9:30-11:30am @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church. For women of all ages - friendship &

fellowship. Contact Annette Mills @ annettie75@msn.com

MN Adult & Teen Challenge Weekend - Oct 5 & 6.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church: 1705 Wilson Avenue, Cloquet

Heart to Heart - Oct. 4 from 9:30-11:30am, Contact Annette Mills @ annettie75@msn.com

Paper Crafting Day with Leslie - Oct. 6 @ 9am. Contact the church for availability.



We hope you are finding our newsletter both interesting and informative. If so, send us an email telling us what you like or don't like, or what you would like to see more of by clicking the link below.

The office is open Saturdays 10am-2pm. (218) 600-6520 if you need assistance.

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Next Board Meeting October 27, 2025 @ CofH office.

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