



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.

November 2025



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Ahhh, let the festivities begin!

For many of us, this time of year is full of all the preparations and events of the holiday season. There will be the traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner (with all the trimmings, of course!), the putting up of Christmas lights and decorations, shopping trips for just the right gift to give those special someone(s), and time spent with family and friends. But many of those in our community are not so lucky. Have you ever thought how different your life might be if you didn't have someone to spend those holidays with? What would you do? How would you feel?

As we take the time to reflect on all the things that our Good Lord has so graciously given each of us, let us also give Thanks for all He has done through the help of others.

A big Thank you to all of our volunteers, board members, and affiliated churches who have so generously given of their time, finances and moral support. Without your commitment, support and belief in our mission, we would not be able to help those that are in need.

We would like to extend a Welcome and our appreciation to our newest affiliated church, Zion Lutheran, who has joined us in serving our free community meals.

We would also like to note that our newsletter will now be provided on a quarterly basis, with our next issue in January. If there are items you wish to know more about or have suggestions, please let us know!

Please remember those less fortunate during this holiday season. If you can help those in need, please do so – it will warm their heart as well as yours.

“Heavenly Father, let us come before you with deep compassion in our hearts for those that are enduring hardships. Provide them with a refuge and protect them from harm. In your Holy Name. Amen.”

Our sincere thanks and blessings to each of you during this holiday season!

DINNER SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER

Nov. 2	Zion Lutheran Church Pulled Chicken Sandwiches, chips, fruit, dessert
Nov. 9	Our Savior's Church Sloppy Joes, salad, fruit, dessert
Nov. 16	Our Redeemer Church Turkey, mashed potatoes, salad, fruit, dessert
Nov. 23	Good Hope Church Pineapple pulled pork, salad fruit, dessert
Nov. 30	Our Savior's Church Chicken & Broccoli, rice, fruit dessert

Volunteers

Just a reminder:

All volunteers must sign the Volunteer Attendance sheets at each event. This documentation helps us when Requesting grants or donations. And thanks for all you do!

OCTOBER 2025

Served: 175

To Go Boxes: 102

TOTAL: 277

Volunteers are always Welcome! Contact Charity @ (218) 409-2606 or Kathy @ (218) 262-6270.



Volunteer Opportunities

Salvation Army Bellringers – starts in November and runs through Christmas Eve. Sign up at: <https://www.registertoring.com/>

Thanksgiving Day Buffet – Duluth. Visit <https://www.css.edu/administration/thanks-giving-day-buffet/>

Also check out DAV and Zion Lutheran for their Thanksgiving Day dinners.

Thanks! from the Donations Team

This time of the year reminds us of how thankful we are to all of you that have so generously supported our organization and mission. Your donations have greatly helped with our weekly free dinners and other program necessities. Don't know what to purchase? Monetary donations are always accepted and can be made via: <https://www.communityofhope216.org/donate-now/>

And again, thank you for your support!

Needs List: Women's underwear, bras/sport bras, anti-freeze, non-perishable food and tents. Contact the Donations team.

Year-End Giving

It is coming close to year-end - a time when a lot of people chose to make their final tax-deductible contributions. This year, would you please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the Community of Hope? You can give on-line through our website via PayPal or by check. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated and Thank you for your generosity.



"Spread the Warmth" event in Cloquet - **Saturday, December 6, 2025**, at the **CMH Raiter Family Clinic** (417 Skyline Blvd.). You can donate new or gently used winter clothing like coats, hats, mittens, and boots at designated drop-off sites, such as **Little B's** or the **Cloquet Mom's Group table** at their vendor fair, through December 1, 2025.

November Prayer

By Robin Brady

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

Women's Group – Nov, 7th. 6:30pm. Time of worship, message, pie and cider.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes – Nov. 16. Boxes available to pick up. Visit site for more information.

Lead the Way Men's Conference– Nov. 22 6:00am. Meet at the church.

Youth Trampoline Event – Nov. 26 – 6pm-7:30pm at Sky Zone Trampoline Park. Cost: \$24. Pay online.

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

Walking Indoors – Fridays @ 10am. Walk around the inside of the church and beat the weather.

Adopt-A-Child – Our Savior's will be sponsoring 20 children. Visit the giving tree in the narthex.

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

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

Thanksgiving Donations Bags – Nov. 9 and 16th. Grocery bags handed out for food donations.

Shoebox Sunday – Nov. 16. Pick up a box and fill with listed items.

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Nov. 26 @ 6:30pm

Family Night – Nov. 20 @ 6-7pm. Advent activities & crafts for children up to 4th grade.

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

Youth Pie Fundraiser – Visit the youth table in the lobby to order fresh baked pies for Thanksgiving. Single pie - \$15 or two for \$25.

Family Skate Night – Nov 3. at World of Wheels/Superior. Cost: \$9. Call 218-458-5310.

Free Acoustic Worship Concert – Nov. 6 @ 6:30pm. Featuring Love & Outcome and special guests Presence Music.

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

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

Operation Christmas Child – Fill shoeboxes & return by Nov. 16.

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

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

Thanksgiving Service– Nov. 25 @ 6:30pm.

Zion Lutheran Church: 1000 Washington Avenue, Cloquet

Quilters – Tuesdays @ 9am.

Book Club – Nov. 20. 11am. Review of book, *The Last Patient* – David Johnson.

Holiday Bazaar – Dec. 6. 9am-1pm.

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Next Board Meeting
November 24, 2025 @
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Oh, give thanks unto
the LORD, for He is
GOOD. Psalm 136:1

