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.

Fall 2026





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As we enter the Fall Season, we are often reminded and encouraged to be *thankful*. However, thankfulness or being thankful should be part of our lives no matter what the season.

As members of the Community of Hope, we are especially thankful for all the blessings and support our organization has received which have allowed us to help so many in our community.

Here are just a few examples:

- We were able to provide Nicole with much needed food, clothing assistance and general resources
- Delanie was able to receive a bed, table and chair
- We were able to provide Laura with a couch and dishes.
- Many others received food at our weekly dinners and necessary clothing items.

For most of us, this might not seem like much, but to those that are struggling, it seems like the world.

We are still in need of many more volunteers for our weekly meals or to provide assistance with posting notices, etc. If you would like to help, please contact one of our board members or visit our website, under Volunteers, and complete an application. We would love to have you join us!

A true community is built on a foundation of mutual support and shared hope. When we lift each other up, share what we have, and extend a helping hand without judgment, we reflect the very best of who we can be. Thank you to everyone who continues to pour love, time, and care into serving our neighbors and ensuring no one walks alone.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... encouraging one another." – *Hebrews 10:24-25*

Fall is a season of change—change in the air, in the colors of the trees, in the clothes we wear, and in our routines as people return to school and our tasks shift from mowing lawns to raking leaves.

As we trade shorts and sandals for jeans and sweaters, and put away lawnmowers in favor of rakes, it may also be the right season to take stock of whether our **prayer routines** need adjustment.

Perhaps the busyness of Minnesota summers—with their quick burst of sunshine, outdoor activities, and the rush to squeeze in as much as possible—has caused our time with the Lord in prayer to slip by the wayside. If so, this is a timely moment to pause and consider the shape of our prayer life. Making a plan to bring time with the Lord back into priority, and adjusting our routines so prayer becomes a regular part of the rhythm of the rest of the year, is both wise and spiritually grounding. And there is no better time than the present.

Scripture urges us to pray continually (Colossians 4:2), to pray always (Ephesians 6:18), and even to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Regular prayer strengthens faith, aligns us with God's will, and builds spiritual resilience. It allows us to rely on God's guidance and grace, deepens our relationship with Him, and helps us experience His peace in every situation.

As we enter this Fall season, let's be intentional about making regular time with the Lord in prayer a steady part of our routine.

COMMUNITY OF HOPE – 2nd ANNUAL CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER!

We had our successful 2nd Annual Car Show in Esko and raised over $1200 to help our community with needs! We couldn't have done it without our amazing volunteers, sponsors and community involvement. Next year's car show and raffle will be bigger and better than ever! Hope to see you on the blacktop!

Blessings,

Sue Butkiewicz
Fundraising Lead Coordinator
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Happy Fall from the Community of Hope Donation Team!

As this issue goes to press, our fall drive is wrapping up so I am anticipating lots of great items of daily need. Over the summer we were able to furnish the Brightwater Outreach Center with many items and they were very thankful for that. In doing so we kind of depleted our stock of regular hygiene products, so the fall drive was meant to replenish those items. Some of the items needed are:

- Full size bottles of shampoo, and conditioner
- Body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, large body wipes
- Smaller size dish soap and laundry detergent
- Men's and women's medium sized underwear
- T-shirts and sweatshirts, tarps and tents
- Honey Oat granola bars. (Avoid peanut butter due to allergies)



And, as always financial support is greatly appreciated via our website donations@communityofhope216.org or your church. Thank you in advance for your help and have a great fall!

The meals and venues for October have been set:

The meat for this month's dinners is provided by Super One Foods.

October 4:	**Good Hope Church**
	Teriyaki Chicken/Rice
	Salad, Dessert
October 11:	**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**
	Chicken Wild Rice Soup
	Fry Bread/Salad/Dessert
October 18:	**Our Redeemer Church**
	Deli Sandwiches
	Chips/Salad/Dessert
October 25:	**Zion Lutheran Church**
	Pigs in a Blanket
	Fruit/Salad/Dessert



FOR INFORMATION ON FUTURE MEALS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE UNDER "CALENDAR"

Please call 218-600-6520 if you need assistance.

BOARD MEETINGS ARE TYPICALLY THE 4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

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