



COMMUNITY OF HOPE

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What Is Prayer?

Simply put, prayer is communication, conversing with God. Not just talking to the Lord -saying what's on your heart, but listening too, being quiet before God. Prayer is talking to God, but it is much more. It's how we connect with the Living God, our Creator.

A classic definition by St. John Damascene (about 700 years after Jesus' time on earth): Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the requesting of good things from God.

Prayer is multifaceted (comes in many forms). For instance, the Bible – both Old and New Testament often shows a pattern of prayer being worship, praise, and thanksgiving to the Lord; sometimes this is followed by asking Him for our needs and desires that line up with his will. We also see prayers of lament - prayers expressing sorrow, pain, or confusion; these recorded prayers end with the person reminding themselves in prayer of God's goodness, faithfulness, power, and other aspects of His nature.

As we spend time in prayer, we grow in relationship with the Lord. We learn not just to ask for him to do things for us and the ones we love, or to intervene in difficult situations, but also to hear Him talk to our hearts and minds. We learn to listen to Him for guidance and direction in life, to show us things that we need to surrender to Him, and ways He wants us to follow Him more closely. We experience His closeness, comfort, and power. We can grow in intimacy with him.

As our pastor says, prayer moves the hand of God and changes the heart of those who pray.

Robin Brady, Prayer Team Leader



Greetings from the donation team. The biggest role we currently have is acting as a conduit between organizations that donate goods, (mostly churches), and facilities that distribute those items to people in need, (primarily the Outreach Center in Cloquet). Our long-term goal would be to have our own facility to act as a store where people could come and get needed items.



We are blessed to have a number of area churches that have allowed us to place collection boxes in their entryways. Those boxes in the churches have lists on them that we update as needs change. We have had great success in collecting lots of hygiene products and currently have a good supply of bar soap, deodorant, body wash, shampoo, things like that. We also have lots of Band-Aids and dental products such as toothbrushes and toothpaste. Clothing items we have accumulated include socks, winter boots and coats. Moving forward as the season changes, we are looking for tents and tarps, bug spray and sunscreen along with bicycle tire tubes (24" and 26"). Also, as some of those in need live in their vehicles, we can always use motor oil (5W-30), windshield wash and anti-freeze.

We have recently approached the churches to request an occasional special offering. That would give us financial resources to allow for the purchase of needed items promptly, rather than wait for collection via the boxes.

If you have donated via these boxes, thank you very much. If you attend one of these churches, please extend our gratitude to those congregations as they have been generous in their support of us.



Thank you,

Tom Ochocki, Donations Team Lead

DINNER SCHEDULE - MAY

Sunday, May 5th dinner will be served from 4pm-5pm at Kingdom Builders, 103 Ave C., Cloquet

Sunday, May 12th dinner will be served from 4pm-5pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 612 12th Street, Cloquet

Sunday, May 19th dinner will be served from 4pm-5pm at Good Hope Church, 55 Armory Rd, Cloquet

Sunday, May 26th dinner will be served from 4pm-5pm at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 102 4th Street, Cloquet



Take-out will be available. All are invited!

Thank you to all those that are participating and volunteering.

NEEDS

Hygiene products for men and women, socks, underwear, blankets, handwarmers, and foot warmers are available at the Outreach Center, 26 10th St. N, Cloquet MN 55720, Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.

**There is an ongoing need for donations of snacks i.e. granola bars and bottles of water. Donations will be accepted at and dispensed from the Outreach Center. Also, see donation needs listed by Donations Team Lead in message above.

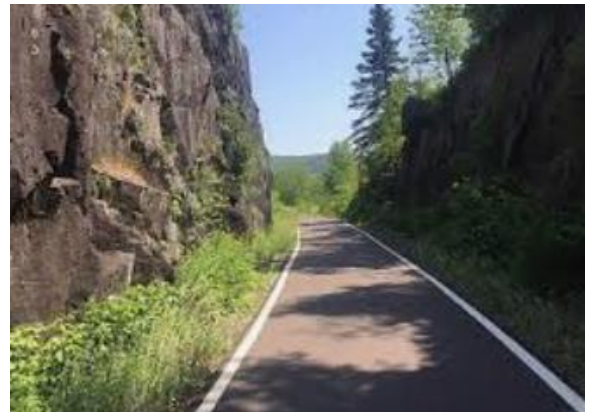
The Salvation Army still has some coats and outwear available. Please call ahead to be sure someone is available. (218)879-5447



AREA CHURCH ACTIVITIES

All are welcome to join any of the following events!

Northwood United Methodist Church 62 Cty Rd 61, Esko, MN 55733. 4:30pm – 5pm every Tuesday:
“Godspeeds” - Gentle Exercise Program We meet at the head of the Munger Trail in Carlton at 4:30 every Tuesday - This is an informal gathering where walkers, runners, bikers, rollerbladers, snowshoers, cross-country skiers, dogs, children, etc. are all welcome! We begin with a short devotional and then move our bodies for 30 minutes. Send the leader an email at barbara.lammi@gmail.com or, even better, text your name and GODSPEED to 218-393-9608 to be put on the regular text reminder list.



Moms in Prayer at Northwood United Methodist Church. Moms in Prayer is a lifeline of support and community for moms and grandmothers. The unity that develops, as well as learning to rely on God through corporate prayer, quickly replaces isolation and loneliness. A deep level of trust and intimacy is formed as prayers are kept in strict confidentiality.
7:15pm- 8:15pm, every Monday while school is in session:. Check us out at www.momsinprayer.org.



Good Hope Church is offering connect and growth groups: Find Your People, Fellowship (men's group). New groups will begin in June. Check out Goodhope.ag for more information.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church 515 Skyline Blvd. Cloquet, MN 55720 (218) 879-3380:



DO YOU LIKE PUZZLES?
CAN YOU TIE A KNOT?
YOU'D BE PERFECT AT QUILTING!

All ladies are welcome and you don't need to know how to sew to participate.

At meetings, we use a needle and yarn to tie together premade quilts and lay out fabric squares into different sized quilts which ladies with sewing skills will assemble at home between meetings.

We have need of more ladies to join us in the making of quilts. Bring a snack to share during fellowship time afterwards.

If you've always wanted to join the Quilting Group, but couldn't make time for a Thursday morning meeting, please contact the church office. We may schedule more meetings if there is interest.

CHRISTIAN PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:

Here is an opportunity to get together with other Christians and pursue your connection with God. All are welcome!



- **Anchor Point Church** 204 8th St Cloquet MN 55720. Prayer Group, Sundays 6:30pm-8pm.
- **Good Hope Church of Cloquet** 55 Armory Rd Cloquet, Mn 55720. Corporate Prayer Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm.
- **Kingdom Builders** 103 Avenue C Cloquet, Mn 55720. Abide Prayer on Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm.
- **Journey Christian Church** 1400 Washington Ave Cloquet, MN 55720. Mountain Moving Prayer Wednesday 6:30pm-8pm

We are truly blessed to have such a great Christian community which reaches out to share all we have to offer. We look forward to visiting with and learning more about you at the events listed above.

God bless!