



JUNE 2026

WELCOME TO THE
**COMPASSION
BEAT**
we're so glad you're here!

The Compassionate Way Presents Worship in the Park

This summer, The Compassionate Way invites the community to gather for Worship in the Park — a relaxed and welcoming outdoor worship experience open to anyone who wants to experience God's love in a meaningful and informal setting.

Worship in the Park is specially designed with families and children in mind. Wiggly children are not only welcome — they are celebrated! The playground setting provides a comfortable space where children can move, play, and participate naturally while families enjoy a time of worship, connection, and community.

Gatherings will take place on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 5:30–6:15 p.m. at the Stoneybrook Mobile Home Park playground. Participants are encouraged to bring a camp chair or blanket to sit on during the service.

Whether you are looking for a church home, exploring faith, or simply hoping to connect with others in a peaceful outdoor setting, everyone is welcome. For additional information, please contact Candace Adams at 320-905-5453. Join us on June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, and August 6 and 20!



Hear Our Missionary

- First Presbyterian Church, St. Cloud on Sunday June 7 at 10:00 a.m.
- First Presbyterian Church, Brewster on July 26 at 8:00 a.m.
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Worthington on July 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone deserves clean underwear and socks!

Imagine taking a walk outdoors in the rain. By the time you return home, your shoes and socks are soaked through. Most of us would simply change into a dry pair of socks without thinking twice.

But imagine not having a second pair of socks.



For many individuals experiencing homelessness or living in poverty, something as simple as clean socks or underwear can make an enormous difference. These basic necessities are often among the most urgently needed items.

Through Blessing Drops, The Compassionate Way seeks to meet these everyday needs with dignity and compassion. Whenever possible, we purchase items on deep clearance, allowing donated dollars to stretch even further. Recently, we were blessed to find products discounted 70–90% off regular prices, enabling us to help many more people.

Men's and women's socks, underwear, bras, jogging pants, sweatshirts, and laundry soap were donated to Lighthouse Beginnings to support individuals attending the day center or living in recovery housing. Similar items were also shared with Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge.

Baby bottles, sippy cups, and feeding spoons were donated to Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center to help support young families and new mothers.

Our friends at Creekside Community received socks, undergarments, bowls, kitchen containers, wooden spoons, and utensils to assist individuals and families with everyday living needs.

Children's underwear, slippers, and cozy socks were shared with Relationship Safety Alliance, including individuals connected with Alex & Brandon Child Safety Center.

And because compassion also includes joy, some of our senior friends at Good Samaritan Society – Woodland will soon have the opportunity to win stuffed animals to brighten their days and remind them they are remembered and loved.

Every clearance rack purchase becomes an opportunity to share hope, dignity, and compassion with our neighbors. Thank you for helping us continue this work and reminding others that even small items can make a big difference.



Fostering Compassion

We hosted three connection and compassion gatherings in May. Two were at Stoneybrook Mobile Home Park. It was delightful to witness neighbors chatting with one another. They were eager to connect. The residents are a wonderful array of children, youth, and adults. There are families, couples, and single adults.

It was great to see so many of the children, who have previously attended our compassion camps. One child arrived a half hour early to assist us with set up and stayed until we had packed up and were driving away. She is a picture of compassion.

We are so thankful for the opportunity that has been afforded to us by The Initiative Foundation to provide food for these events. It is a blessing to expand our compassion outreach.

Gathering for an hour doesn't seem like it would make a huge difference, but to the person who yearns to have meaningful conversations with others it makes a significant difference. At one of our gatherings we focused on compassion as an act of telling someone they matter. This was inspired by a woman who reached out to her high school teacher 50 years after she graduated to let her know the impact she made in her life. A simple gesture that made a huge difference on both of their lives.

We have more opportunities in June. Our theme will be grow compassion – how to plant seeds of compassion anywhere! We will meet at Lake Area Presbyterian Church on Thursday, June 11 at 5:30.

To attend please register two days prior to the gathering; this ensures we will have enough food. You may call or text Candace Adams at 320-905-5453.



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Spreading the Mission

On May 6, the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church of Luverne hosted an Ecumenical Coffee. It was a beautiful gathering filled with warm and welcoming people. The fellowship hall was lovingly decorated, delicious coffee cakes, fruit, and beverages were served, and the program was thoughtful prepared.

They also collected items for Blessing Baskets! There were so many wonderful donations, including journals, drink packets, water bottles, mugs, and handmade heat and ice bags. Other donated supplies included pens and pencils, bar soap, travel-size toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, cozy socks, and much more.



Invite Our Missionary to Speak to Your Church or Organization

We need more individuals to know and support this ministry endeavor.

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