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

Creating Connections One Conversation at a Time



There is something beautiful that happens when people gather around a table for food and fellowship. We are grateful for the grant we received from the Initiative Foundation, which has enabled us to offer Connection and Compassion gatherings.

Each gathering provides a welcoming space and opportunity to connect with others. Thought-provoking questions are shared to spark meaningful

conversations, with each month focusing on a different aspect of compassion. In June, we reflected on what it means to plant and grow compassion in our lives and communities.

It was a delightful evening filled with laughter, conversation, and new connections.



Connection & Compassion Gathering

STONEYBROOK MOBILE HOME PARK - PLAYGROUND

We will offer a meal on Thursday, July 9 from 5:30–6:30.

All are welcome!

Cultivating Community at Stoneybrook

June was a full and joy-filled month at Stoneybrook Mobile Home Park. Throughout the month we gathered for Connection and Compassion meals, children's worship experiences, and Compassion Camp. It has been a blessing to witness neighbors coming together and becoming more acquainted with one another. Community is not created overnight, but it is growing one conversation, one meal, and one gathering at a time.

The children have embraced our new worship experiences with great enthusiasm. Each gathering is designed to help them grow in their understanding of who God is and how deeply they are loved by God. They eagerly sing songs, act out Bible stories, offer prayers, and participate in conversations about faith. Their excitement and curiosity are a wonderful reminder that God continues to nurture hearts of every age.

Our Connection and Compassion gatherings continue to bring neighbors around the table for a delicious meal made possible through the generous support of the Initiative Foundation. Sharing a meal is about much more than food. Around the table, conversations begin, friendships develop, laughter is shared, and people experience the simple yet powerful gift of belonging. It has been meaningful to watch individuals who were once strangers become neighbors in the truest sense of the word.

Summer also marks the return of Compassion Camp, one of the highlights of our ministry at Stoneybrook. Our first camp of the season welcomed five first-time attendees. Watching new children participate alongside returning campers was an incredible joy. Through games, activities, Bible stories, crafts, and caring relationships, the children are experiencing Christian community where they are known, valued, and loved.

These opportunities remind us that the church is at its best when it goes where people are. By meeting individuals in their own community, sharing meals, building relationships, and creating spaces where God's love is experienced in tangible ways, we continue to witness the transforming power of compassion. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support as together we seek to be the hands and feet of Christ at Stoneybrook Mobile Home Park.



The Great Giveaway

For some individuals, securing long-term housing can be a difficult journey. After month or even years of uncertainty, finding a place to call home is a significant milestone. Yet many who make this transition have very few personal belongings and lack even the basic household items needed to begin again.

This is where we are privileged to help in a small but meaningful way. One of our valued ministry partners is Lutheran Social Services. Through their PATH program, Projects for Assistance in Transitioning from Homelessness, individuals receive support as they move from homelessness toward stable housing and a brighter future.

Through our Compassion Closet, we come alongside these courageous individuals by providing practical items that help transform an empty living space into a home. Recipients receive bath and kitchen towels, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, paper towels, toilet paper, and other household essentials.

While these items may seem ordinary, they communicate something extraordinary: You are seen. You are valued. You are not alone. Every towel, bottle of cleaner, and roll of paper towels becomes a tangible expression of God's love and compassion. Together with Lutheran Social Services, we are helping individuals take the next step toward stability, dignity, and hope.

We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with such a worthy organization and to share compassion in practical ways with those who need it most.



Shadow our Missionary Leader

Have you ever wondered what a day in the life of our missionary leader looks like? If you want to get an up-close look at The Compassionate Way, reach out to Candace at 320-905-5453 and schedule a time to observe.

LET'S CHAT!

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