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**2012 SUMMER IMMERSION
MINISTRY**

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Jesus has called each of us to follow him. To follow Christ is to become fully immersed—to leave your normal life and spend intentional, 24/7 time in Scripture, prayer, faith community, and serving others. Our summer trips are week long faith immersions where you will practice following Jesus so you can come home and continue a life-changing relationship with Him.

Consider this week your springboard into a year of living faithfully as Jesus’ disciple. Our hope is that you return home to serve others, read your Bible, pray, worship, and talk about faith with your family and friends.

You will face new challenges and grow in your relationship with Christ, caring adults, and friends. You will spend time outside of your comfort zone to find Jesus already present in places you least expected. Your life and the lives of those you serve will be transformed with the love of Christ.



So come on! Curl your toes over the diving board and get ready to plunge into the life God has invited you.

*As a way to grow in faith while serving others before your trip, we encourage you to attend any of these ServeTogether events:
Saturday, October 15th, January 14th, March 17th, 9am-11am

Other opportunities for you to serve alongside your family and friends include (but are not limited to) the Children in Need Garage Sale, Our Daily Bread Food Shelf, and Community Meals. Check www.sotv.org for more ongoing opportunities.

We look forward to following Christ with you!
~Pastor Randy, Katie, Erin, Brandon, and Barb

MINNEAPOLIS IMMERSION
YOUTH COMPLETING GRADES 6-8
June 10-13, 2012
COST: \$245.00
LIMIT: 18 YOUTH AND 4 ADULTS
MINIMUM: 9 YOUTH AND 2 ADULTS



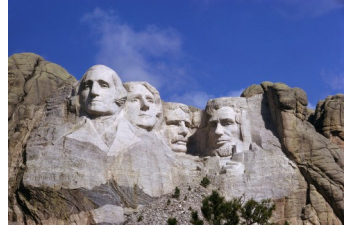
Why travel hundreds of miles when there is a great need in our own backyard! In this Urban Immersion Service Retreat participants will learn about the causes of poverty and serve in homeless shelters, food shelves, domestic violence programs, and affordable housing projects while staying in the Russ Ewald Center for Urban Service in Minneapolis. Participants will return home with a greater understanding of poverty in the metro area while working to better our community.



YOUTHWORKS: QUAD CITIES
YOUTH COMPLETING GRADES: 6-8
July 8-13, 2012
COST: \$375.00
LIMIT: 27 YOUTH AND 6 ADULTS

The Quad Cities region, including Davenport, Bettendorf, Moline and Rock Island is located on the Iowa/Illinois border. Today, the Quad Cities has a population of 400,000. In recent years, the region has suffered the effects of downsizing at local factories leading to high unemployment and poverty. Students may spend all week at one service site or switch between sites during the week. You may serve at children's programs, elderly centers, soup kitchens, or thrift stores. Evening activities may include a prayer walk through the city or a trip to the water park. During this week you will be challenged to walk alongside God's people as you build caring relationships.

YOUTHWORKS: RAPID CITY
YOUTH COMPLETING GRADES 6-8
JULY 28-AUGUST 3, 2012
COST: \$395.00
LIMIT: 27 YOUTH AND 6 ADULTS



Rapid City, South Dakota is a place of adventure and awe-inspiring beauty. As the gateway to the Black Hills, many tourists pass through on their way to Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park, and Mt. Rushmore. However, the beautiful backdrop of the city does little to cover their financial struggles. About 12.7 percent of the population lives below the poverty line and there are over 1,000 homeless individuals in the state. Depending on program needs, students could be seeing the face of Jesus in others by serving unselfishly at homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and elderly and children centers that seek to address the very basic needs of Rapid City's residents.

YOUTHWORKS: LAKE TRAVERSE
YOUTH COMPLETING GRADE 9
JULY 8-13, 2012
COST: \$400.00
LIMIT: 27 YOUTH AND 6 ADULTS



The Lake Traverse Reservation covers an area of over 400 square miles within six counties in South Dakota. The Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux tribe has a population of 10,408. The original reservation was greatly reduced to its present size through subsequent homestead acts to provide land for non-native settlers. You will serve on the reservation, particularly in the community of Sisseton. This Native American community struggles with poverty and unemployment. The current unemployment rate is 59 percent on the reservation. The need for jobs will only continue to grow as nearly 30 percent of the population is under age 18. Come to serve by helping with Kid's Club or doing home improvement in the name of Jesus Christ while learning from tribal members.

**T.I.M. TEAM
YOUTH COMPLETING GRADES 9-11
JUNE 15-22, 2012**

Registration and cost have not been published by Camp Wapo. Students who express interest on sign up night will be given further information as it becomes available.



Affiliated with Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp, TIM (Teens in Mission) Team is a senior high leadership experience focused on the Church. You will experience a full week of action packed training at Wapo while staying at the rustic Ox Lake site and then commit to volunteering at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church for the following year. TIM Team training includes relationship-building activities, Bible studies, campfires, chapels, and a time for planning next year's activities for SOTV. This is a great leadership opportunity for youth to impact their home church while growing in faith.

**MILWAUKEE HABITAT: COLLEGE
JUNE 11-17, 2012
COST: \$340.00 (includes \$100
registration deposit)
AGES: ONE YEAR OUT OF HIGH
SCHOOL - AGE 25**



Min. of 9 registered participants needed by Feb. 1, 2012.

Since 1991, SOTV has sent crews to work with Habitat for Humanity in Milwaukee. This is labor intensive work, but it has been a powerful, rewarding challenge for participants. In the past, participants have been able to work with the future homeowners. Participants may be framing, painting, dry walling, or whatever is needed. This is a great way to connect with other young adults while serving those in need. In the evenings we will explore Milwaukee, dig into the Bible, and enjoy caring conversation.

JOURNEY TO HAITI
YOUTH COMPLETING GRADES 10-12
JULY 12-20, 2012
COST: Approx. \$2,000.00
LIMIT: 15 PARTICIPANTS



Min. of 9 registered participants needed by October 17th.

This is not your normal mission trip. Partnering with Haiti Outreach, participants will experience God already present in the people and culture of Haiti, learn about sustainable community-based development, be immersed in Haitian culture, and serve in small ways that are responsible and promote dignity. Participants will share what they learned upon returning home. Be sure to pick up an information packet and travel application.

YOUTHWORKS: CHICAGO
YOUTH COMPLETING GRADES 9-12
JULY 22-27, 2012
COST: \$390.00
LIMIT: 27 STUDENTS, 6 ADULTS



Chicago is a spectacular city that draws millions of visitors each year. Look beyond the "Windy City's" tourism spotlight, however, and you'll find many residents struggling to make ends meet. Participants will be serving on the city's north side in the heart of the Puerto Rican community. You can help meet the needs of this community by working with children, in soup kitchens, homeless shelters, elderly centers, and thrift stores. Follow Jesus here and you will make a big difference!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 9: Summer Trip Sign-Up Night!

****Bring a parent and \$200.**

9-12 grade registration from 6-7pm.

6-8 grade registration from 7-8pm.

April 1: Parent-Youth Information Night 6:30-8:00pm. Second payment due. \$100.00 or equivalent Fundraising hours.

June 1: Remaining Balance Due.

June 10: Summer Trip Send-Off Service @ 10:30am in the Sanctuary and Table Worship Services.

**DISASTER RELIEF
YOUTH AGES 16-GRADUATED SENIORS
JUNE 23-30, 2012
COST: \$435.00**



This year our Disaster Relief will consist of two projects. Our hope is these two projects can be in the same location (but given the nature of disasters cannot make any promises).

REBUILD—When there is news of storms, floods, or earthquakes, we send adults and youth to help rebuild people's homes and lives. SOTV youth have traveled to the Gulf Coast to work on hurricane-damaged homes, and will do similar work in 2012 in a new location.

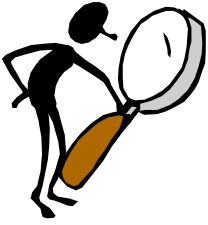
CAMP NOAH—Through Lutheran Social Services, Camp Noah is a fun, safe, and caring day camp for children to process their disaster experience. Participants will help lead small groups, skits, crafts, and games with children. (Minimum 10 adults and 10 students)

ADULT LEADERS

Our young people are our most precious resource! It is our goal to provide them with experiences that build faith, challenge them to think in new ways, allow them to visit new places, and make new friends. This must happen in an environment which is as positive and safe as possible, both physically and emotionally. Most trips are led by a Shepherd of the Valley staff person, as well as volunteers from our congregation.

Adult leaders will be selected by the staff based on a demonstrated ability to interact in a positive way with young people, and the number needed per trip. If you are interested in serving as an adult leader, please complete an application and submit it to Brandon Newton. Applications are available at trip sign up and in the youth/children's ministry office.

Qualified adults will be subject to background checks and must attend six hours of training in First Aid, CPR, Youth Leadership, and Van safety. Participation in these summer events in a leadership role is one of the highest responsibilities and privileges of youth ministry at Shepherd of the Valley.



THE FINE PRINT: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Registration for summer trips opens Sunday, October 9. High school students register from 6-7pm; middle school students register from 7-8pm. The registration time will be done on a seniority basis: Seniors will register first followed by Juniors, Sophomores, etc. Middle School will be conducted the same way. All grades for trips refer to the student's grade during the 2011-2012 school year. A spot on a trip is held for a student when they have turned in a completed form signed by a parent and a \$200.00 deposit, or upon scholarship approval (see below). A second payment or equivalent fundraising hours is due by Sunday, April 3, 2011. There will be a waiting list established for each trip as needed. All trips have a minimum number of participants needed. If this minimum number is not reached the trip will be cancelled.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

*A \$200.00 deposit per person, per trip is due at registration. This deposit may be refunded only if a student cancels from participation *and a full-paying replacement is found.*

*An additional \$100.00 or equivalent fundraising hours is due April 1, 2012. If this payment is not made, a student could be asked to forfeit their spot.

*The balance of the cost of the trip or proof of equivalent fundraising hours is due June 1, 2012.

*The April and June payments can be made online with a credit card at www.sotv.org.

CANCELLATIONS

If cancellation of your spot on a trip is necessary:

*Payments are refundable only if the student's spot on the trip is filled by another paying student. If there is someone on the waiting list for that trip, the first person on the list will have the opportunity to take that person's spot. If there is no waiting list, it is the responsibility of the person who cancelled to find their own replacement or lose all money paid.

*Upon cancellation, fundraising hours are forfeited.

Please note: This policy is necessary because of lost opportunities to other students and Shepherd of the Valley's financial commitment to pay fees to other organizations for all students registered.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Our congregation does not want to exclude anyone from participation in summer trips because of cost. A limited number of scholarships are available for up to 50% of the trip cost. The recipient will be expected to pay or earn the other 50% of the cost of the trip by participating in fundraising activities.

THE FINE PRINT: FUNDRAISING

The purposes of fundraising are:

*To promote congregational support for youth ministry and missions

*To raise money to cover the cost of trips

*To build community among participants

This year there are several fundraising opportunities for youth to participate. They include: Wednesday Night Pizza and Snack sales, the Ash Wednesday Soup Dinner, the Holiday boutique, and grocery bagging (must be in High School to bag groceries).

It is the responsibility of the participants to schedule fundraising hours.

All attempts will be made to provide opportunity for all families requesting hours.

Please contact the following people for more information on fundraising:

- Wednesday Night Pizza & Snack Sales: Jeanne Mikulski 952-423-5417
- Grocery Bagging: Jodi Aamot 651-322-4810
- Ash Wednesday Soup Supper: Jane Dahlgren 952-423-5339 or Julie Opheim 952-891-4561
- Holiday Boutique: We will need a parent to take a leadership role for this fundraiser. Please see Erin Swenson-Hatzung if you are interested.

The youth participant will earn one full hour of credit for each hour of fundraising. Parents who help with fundraising efforts will receive credit toward the student's trip. Please contact Erin Swenson-Hatzung to sign up for parent fundraising opportunities.

Please note: The Fundraising Program is only for Summer Trips listed on previous pages of this booklet. Students may not fundraise for other events or for WAPO related programs listed on the last page of this booklet.

FUNDRAISING REFUNDS

The minimum out-of-pocket cost of any trip is \$50. Participants may fundraise throughout the year to cover cash or check payments, but \$50 of the original deposit is never refunded. No one can ever be refunded more than the amount of cash or check payments made to the church. It is not assumed that you will want a refund, it must be requested from Barb in the Youth Office (952-985-7351) before your summer trip departs.

THE FINE PRINT: DRESS CODE

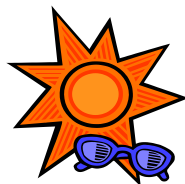
As we travel to different communities and meet new people, the way we are dressed says a lot about our group, so it is important to have a dress code. What does not seem like bad clothing to you may be offensive to someone else, especially in other parts of the country. Remember, we represent Christ in the communities to which we travel and serve. The "prohibited" clothing items often work against, not for, our efforts to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. This distracting apparel can be disrespectful and damaging to our long-term relationship within a community.

Out of respect for each other and the people we meet:

- Wear a shirt at all times, except when swimming or showering.
 - No tank tops, sleeveless shirts, or stomachs showing
 - Mid-Thigh or longer shorts. You will bend, twist, sit, climb, etc. Short shorts will only get shorter with these activities. A good measure is to let your arms fall to your side - if your fingers touch skin, bring a longer pair of shorts.
 - No wearing or buying clothing with questionable or immoral messages or that promotes alcohol, chemical, tobacco, or any other product illegal for use by minors.
 - No body modification allowed on the trip: i.e., tattoos, piercings, dyeing hair etc.
 - Girls should wear one piece swimsuits or unaltered tankinis.
- No bikinis.**
- Everyone should wear shoes at all times except when in a van, plane, bus, on the beach or in your sleeping quarters.
 - We discourage (but do not prohibit) school logos.

Thank you for your cooperation! We don't want to be the "clothing police" and we know that you don't want us to be either. We ask you to respect this policy and follow it so there are no problems. If you have questions about this policy, please feel free to contact the youth staff and we will be happy to answer them for you.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:



SUMMER STRETCH 2012

Summer Stretch is a weekly opportunity (on Tuesdays) for youth completing grades 5-8 to have fun serving their community in the morning, and enjoying recreation in the afternoon. Past service and recreation sites include: Augustana Care Center, Water Park of America, Feed My Starving Children, Grand Slam, and Plymouth Christian Youth Center. At the end of the summer all of the churches who have participated in Summer Stretch come together to have a celebration day at ValleyFair! Watch for more information in the Spring.

GO TO CAMP! JUNE 17-22

LUTHER DELL is on Boy Lake, 3½ hours north of Apple Valley. 6th-9th graders enjoy unique faith enriching activities while 10th-12th grade students take part in the ROOTS program - an exciting week of deep growth in faith and leadership development led by SOTV and Luther Dell staff.



OX LAKE for 7th-9th graders is a group of International Villages in thick forests just 6 miles from WAPO. Camp counselors and staff from overseas lead cultural and faith experiences you will never forget.

JOURNEY OF THE CROSS for 7th-9th graders is an unforgettable week of biking, hiking, horseback riding, canoeing, campfires, and worship experiences while encountering Jesus each day.

WAPOGASSET main site camp is on Lake Wapogasset near Amery, WI, just 80 miles from SOTV. 4th-5th graders spend the week experiencing the love of Jesus with 200+ other campers and stay in cabin groups with college age counselors. Third grade weekend is June 15-17.

Camp registration materials will be made available in February 2011. Remember when paying for camp all payments should be made out to Camp WAPO. For more information about WAPO check out their website at www.campwapo.org

TUNGAMALENGA, TANZANIA, AUGUST 2012

Karibu! Come on this adventure of a lifetime as members of SOTV visit our partner congregation in Tungamalenga, Tanzania. This remote part of Tanzania will stretch you physically, emotionally, and nourish you spiritually in many ways. Walk "shoulder to shoulder" with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we work together to support ministries of evangelism, education, economic development, and healthcare in the region. Applications are at the Welcome Center and are due December 1. This trip is open to high school students accompanied by a parent. Estimated cost is \$4,000.

JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST 2012

(Trip dates are subject to change)

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