



Youth Ministry Updates

This summer we have great opportunities for both middle school and high school students. For our Middle School families, we are excited to offer a group trip to Summer Festival Camp. For our Senior High families, we are honored to share the latest update on our mission trip team efforts.



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Summer Festival Camp (July 14-17)

Open to students finishing 6th-9th grade in the 2023-2024 school year.

Cost \$250.

Location – Gustavus Adolphus College

For a week during the summer, teens have the chance to get away from real life, hang out with people from across the Midwest, deepen friendships, and talk about God. Everyday speakers come to share inspiring and challenging stories about real life, God, and where the two intertwine. The days are packed with fun surprises of all kinds. From the music, the movies, the games, the speakers, and club – all with laughter to tears – Summer Festival Camp really has something for everybody. To learn more about SFC visit: <https://summerfestivalcamp.com/>

If your students are interested in attending SFC with Cross Winds Youth or you are interested in serving as an adult leader, please contact Pastor Stina (stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org). Space is limited. Registration available online. Total spaces available are dependent on adult chaperone availability. Registration for all campers will be due by June 1st. Scholarships available upon request.



2024 Senior High Mission Trip Team Has Assembled!

Support the 2024 Senior High Mission Team work as they prepare for their trip to Benton Harbor, MI from July 6th through July 12th. During a week in Benton Harbor, the group will partner with local organizations to serve the city across age and racial divides. In the evenings, they will tour the community and learn about the fine arts revitalization in Benton Harbor from a community friend.

Mission Trip Team Recognition in Worship – Feb 4th

On Sunday, Feb 4th, we will take time in worship to bless and recognize our team as they get ready for their work. Learn more about the trip and who is going!

Partnering with YouthWorks (youthworks.com), our team will be immersed in experiences that seek to restore relationships, love others, and serve communities because Jesus set that example for us. Sample service projects and activities include partnering with local organizations to meet ongoing needs in the community. Students may serve all or part of the week at a food shelf, clothing distribution center, or by assisting with painting, cleaning, or simple repair projects. During a week in Benton Harbor, our group will partner with local organizations to serve the city across age and racial divides. In the evenings, we will tour the community and learn about the fine arts revitalization in Benton Harbor from a community friend. We will also have the opportunity to experience local BBQ, visit a Lake Michigan beach, and explore Benton Harbor's sister city, St. Joseph. YouthWorks has partnered with this community since 2000.

Adult Leaders – Cindy Bailey, Emily Goodermont (Osseo UMC), Randy Goodermont (Osseo UMC), Karmyn Nelson, Grant Nelson, and Cheryl Purkat

Students - Bridget B, Teagan G (Osseo), Emma G, Elliana H (Osseo), Luken L, Elise L, Abby L, Gavin N, Kiara N, Jeremy P, Aubrey S, and Colton S.