

## Who:

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- Individuals: **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders** – based on what grade you are in this school year, '23-'24
- 4 Congregations: Peace Community United Church of Christ, St. Paul's Lutheran in Waldo, Emmanuel Lutheran, and Good Hope Lutheran.

## What: **Junior High Community Service Mission Trip**

- Projects could include working with children at a day camp, serving at a food bank or homeless shelter, leading a Vacation Bible School, improving the homes of people in need, assisting the elderly, tutoring struggling kids, working with disabled children, facilitating a sports camp, and/or serving churches and other human service organizations in different ways. If there are any minor repair projects, we may ask your group to bring a few small hand tools and paint brushes.
- We will work at the same site (or at the most 2) so we can build meaningful relationships.

## Where: **Nashville, Tennessee**

## When: **Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Leave Peace Community United Church of Christ: Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7 a.m.
- Return to Peace Community United Church of Christ: Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2-3 p.m.

(We will text or call parents/guardians when we are close to home)

## How:

- We will travel to and from Nashville, our site where we are assigned, and excursions around the city via **personal car**.
- Complete the Pre-Registration Form on-line at <https://forms.gle/p35GBEzasMcsWUvU7> or fill out the hard copy in this packet and return to your pastor.
- Complete the registration form/emergency medical form. These will go live online mid-winter [www.youthworks.com](http://www.youthworks.com)
- \$50 deposit due by **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. The rest of the cost will be paid by your local congregation.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What does the trip cost?

- The fee is \$298 per person. Other than the down payment, this will be covered by your local church.
- Individual Costs:
  - Down Payment: \$50
  - Lunch going down: \$15 - suggested
  - Dinner Out (Tues.):\$20 - suggested
  - Spending Money: \$20
    - Roughly \$105 total
- *If cost is an issue, please speak to your pastor, we can provide assistance.*

### What are the Important dates?

- Sunday, **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**: This is the **final day to sign up to go on the trip**. There will be a google document that you can complete on-line.
- Sunday, **January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**: This is the last day to cancel your spot for the trip without having to lose the \$50 non-refundable deposit.
- Sunday, **January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**: \$50 deposit due per person. Due to Christmas we moved the date out.
- Sunday, **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**: Last day to cancel your space on the trip. No refund of your \$50 deposit.
- Sunday, **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**: All forms must be completed.
- Sunday, **July 21<sup>st</sup>-Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**: The Mission Trip

### What do I need to bring?

- Deodorant, Toothpaste/Toothbrush, shampoo, towel(s)and wash cloth.
- Pack plenty of t-shirts, longer shorts, capris or pants, and closed-toe shoes.
- Bring a swimsuit. Females please bring a one-piece swimsuit in case you are assigned to a project site teaching a resident how to swim.
- **Many of our partner organizations don't allow volunteers to wear spaghetti straps, shirts that reveal the midriff, short shorts or flip flops. And, of course, no clothing with offensive language or images.**
- You will need tennis shoes for the work site/kitchen work. You may bring flip flops for the evening.
- Twin air mattress/bedding for sleeping
- There will be theme days. Bring fun stuff for those days at camp.
- The churches will provide snacks but youth are welcome to bring their own.
- Fan (optional)
- Cell phone (if you have one and are allowed to bring them). We may or may not have cell service.

### Will our group be working together?

- Not necessarily, but we are going to request that.

## **What will a typical day look like (Monday-Thursday)?**

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
<b>6:45 AM</b> Rise and shine	<b>12:00 PM</b> On-site lunch and devotions	<b>5:30 PM</b> Dinner
<b>7:00 AM</b> Hot breakfast	<b>3:30 PM</b> Return to camp	<b>7:30 PM</b> Evening worship
<b>8:00 AM</b> Depart for projects		<b>9:00 PM</b> Youth group devotions
		<b>11:00 PM</b> Lights out

## **What about devotions/reflection times?**

There will be 4 opportunities throughout the day. A 90 second devotion before breakfast, a youth works devotional booklet at our work site, evening worship, time for our group to reflect on the day.

## **Where will we stay?**

Most groups will stay at a local church. Some will be air conditioned, and others will not. Showers will be available there.

## **What are hospitality tasks?**

Basically, they are chores. Each group will take turns preparing a meal, cleaning up after a meal, cleaning restrooms/showers, and other tasks to keep the space clean.

## **Will there be free time and will we do anything fun?**

Free Time: It looks like 9:30-10:30 each night.

Movie Night/Lip Sync Battle

Tuesday evening: Dinner out/Walk around the city

Friday (before we leave): Some local attraction (TBD)

## **What about adult leaders?**

- Must be at least 21.
- Have a background check. Group Mission Trips requires a digital pastor signature on our Screening and Verification Form for every 18+ participant in order for them to attend the mission trip. The church will cover the cost. We will use Clear Investigative Advantage. Their basic background checks start at just \$12.

**Pre-Registration Form**  
**(Due by Dember 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Can be completed online: <https://forms.gle/p35GBEzasMcsWUvU7>

This trip will be Sunday, July 21st-Friday, July 26th, 2024. We will be traveling to Nashville, Tennessee by car.

It is a joint effort between Peace Community United Church of Christ, St. Paul's Lutheran (Waldo), Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Marion), and Good Hope Lutheran Church (Bucyrus)

**This is a "Pre-Registration Form" indicates the youth listed below are serious about participating, but there is an opportunity to cancel by January 15th (refund \$50 deposit) or Sunday, March 15th (forfeit deposit)**

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Youth Attend:**

\_\_\_ Emmanuel Lutheran Church                      \_\_\_ Good Hope Lutheran Church

\_\_\_ Peace Community United Church of Christ    \_\_\_ St. Paul's Lutheran, Waldo

**Youth Participants**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I understand a \$50 deposit is due by Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>,2024

\_\_\_ I am aware of important dates:

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**If you are a detail person or a leader, please read this. All others, it is optional.**

## **Community Service Mission Trips**

Week of Hope are community service mission trips for youth. Students come alongside seasoned local ministries and nonprofits to make a lasting difference through meaningful community service. They'll learn Christ-like empathy and compassion for others as they meet the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of disadvantaged children, youth, and adults.

As students serve in the name of Jesus, they'll develop friendships with the people they serve, with other teams, with their own youth group, and, most importantly, with Jesus.

Our community service mission trips are smaller-sized gatherings (less than 100 participants). Whether you're out serving, enjoying a family-style meal, or wrapping up the day at evening program, the intimate environment at each Week of Hope location allows you to build strong relationships that last beyond your week at camp.

Each service project is the result of a partnership we build with organizations, ministries, and individuals who live, work, and serve in each community. Projects might include providing meals to the homeless, tutoring struggling children from low-income families, helping to lead a day camp for kids, working with disabled children, or sharing stories with a lonely elderly person in an assisted-living facility. Our hope is that you walk away knowing more about what our partners do year-round, and your role in the big picture.

The fun doesn't stop after your day of service. The party continues with themed days, movie nights, lip-sync battles, bedtime stories, group games, and much more!

During a community service mission trip, participants generally stay at a local church that is full of fun and energy throughout the week as they engage in indoor and outdoor games, share meals together, and participate in worship and teaching in morning and evening programs.

## Detailed Schedule

### **Sunday**

3–4 p.m. Check-in  
4:30 p.m. Adult meeting  
5:30 p.m. Dinner gathering  
6:30 p.m. Kick-off program. Meet your crew and get project assignments  
8:00 p.m. Evening program. Youth group devotions  
11 p.m. Lights-out

### **Monday**

6:30 a.m. Breakfast crew begins  
6:45 a.m. Wake-up call  
7–7:45 a.m. Breakfast and pack lunches  
8:45–3 p.m. Serve at project sites. Lunch and crew devotions  
3:30 p.m. Return to lodging facility. Camp store is open  
5 p.m. Dinner crew begins  
5:30 p.m. Dinner gathering  
6:30 p.m. Hospitality tasks  
7:00 p.m. Evening program team practice  
8:00 p.m. Evening program. Youth group devotions  
10:30 p.m. Bedtime stories (optional)  
11 p.m. Lights-out

### **Tuesday**

6:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Same as Monday  
3:30 p.m. Check-in at lodging facility. Free time: dinner and devotions on your own  
8:00 p.m. Lodging facility is back open  
8:30 p.m. Movie night (optional)  
10:30 p.m. Bedtime stories (optional)  
11 p.m. Lights-out

### **Wednesday**

6:30 a.m.–11 p.m. Same as Monday

### **Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Breakfast crew begins.  
6:45 a.m. Wake-up call  
7–7:45 a.m. Breakfast and pack lunches  
8:45–3 p.m. Serve at project sites. Lunch and crew devotions  
3:30 p.m. Return to lodging facility. Camp store is open  
5 p.m. Dinner crew begins  
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6:30 p.m. Hospitality tasks  
7:00 p.m. Evening program team practice  
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9:30 p.m. Lip-Sync battle  
11 p.m. Lights-out

### **Friday**

7–8 a.m. Breakfast  
7–9 a.m. Room check-out. Groups depart