



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Detroit Servant Trip

We are thrilled to announce that our synod's next servant trip will be to **Detroit, Michigan**. We're going to Detroit for many reasons. Especially after the economic downturn, Detroit is a city that is struggling. We hope to be a part of the bringing of hope to the city and its people. Detroit is a part of the Southeast Michigan (SEMI) Synod. Our SEPA Synod and the SEMI Synod are partner synods in the ELCA. We hope this trip will be the first of many opportunities to build relationships with our brothers and sisters of SEMI.



The trip will be **July 1-10, 2011** and is open to **youth in grades 9-12** (in the 2010-2011 school year) and their adult leaders. Space is **limited to 80 people** for this trip. Congregations are allowed to register one adult (age 21 and older) and up to nine youth for a total of ten people from each congregation. The synod will provide additional adult staff persons so that the final ratio is approximately one adult to nine youth. **Registration for the Detroit servant trip opens October 1, 2010.** Space is limited and filled on a first come, first serve basis. Previous servant trips have filled within a week, so do not waste time in getting your group's information together!

The cost of the trip is **\$550 per person**. This includes transportation, food, lodging and program expenses.

We will be traveling to Detroit by charter buses. The buses will depart the morning of July 1 and arrive in Detroit early evening. We will depart Detroit the evening of July 9 arriving to SEPA Synod late morning of July 10.

Five of our days in Detroit will be spent serving at various local agencies. In the evenings we will have time for cultural learning, group activities, small group time and devotions. We will have two and a half days "off" to do sight seeing, meet up with youth in Detroit for activities and learn about the history, future and culture of Detroit. While in Detroit we will be basing ourselves out of a local congregation (and sleeping on their floors!).

While this is primarily a youth servant trip, there are several spots on the trip reserved for the following situations: 1) If a congregation wishes to send an additional adult beyond the one per group restriction, 2) if an adult from a congregation who is not sending youth on the trip wishes to attend, or 3) if a young adult who has finished high school but is not yet 21 wishes to attend. Adults wishing to join us on the servant trip in one of these capacities are asked to fill out the adult application form and send it in between October 1st and November 1st. Those selected will be notified by the middle of November.

There are several pre-trip requirements that all participants need to fulfill. Please make sure that all your participants are able to meet all of these requirements.

- **Pre-trip events:** There will be two MANDATORY pre-trip meetings: Sunday, January 2 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 5th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Parents/guardians of youth participants are asked to attend the June meeting.
- **Payments:** A \$150 non-refundable deposit per person is due with your registration. Another \$250 per person is due December 1, 2010 and the remainder of the fee is due May 1, 2011. Please send one check from your congregation for the entire amount when each payment is due.

- We will be constructing a trip **covenant**. Every adult and youth will be expected to follow this. One item it will include is **no tobacco or alcohol**, so please make sure your youth and adults know this before signing on for the servant trip!

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to serving with many of you next summer!

In Christ,

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