

HELPING HANDS DAY 2010

Preparations for our annual Southeastern PA Synod Helping Hands Day, an event of spirited-service and creative-celebration, are well under way! Helping Hands Day is Saturday, April 24th. This is an amazing event where young people and their adult leaders will worship, share, laugh, snack, work, sing, learn and serve God & our neighbors. This year's theme is *God's Work, Our Hands* and our text Psalm 90:17 "*Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands*".

REGISTRATION DATES

Registration opens February 1, 2010. **Registration for Helping Hands Day 2010 will be entirely online.** To register your group, go to www.sepayouth.org and click the link for the service page. Information on how to proceed with registration will be posted there on February 1. **You will not pay online**, but pay the synod via check after you register your group. We have set a firm registration deadline of April 5th. This means all registrations must be received no later than April 5th. We are offering an **early-bird registration fee**. The discounted fee will be **\$10** a person for registrations **submitted by Friday, March 26th**. Anyone registering **after March 26th** will be **\$15** a person.

REGISTRATION FORM

Participants must register by the car load and work site assignments will be made based on those car loads. This is done for two important reasons: 1. Safety First! This way, drivers will only be transporting youth and adults from their congregation 2. This will ensure that each participant has a vehicle to ride in. **Participants may not register without a vehicle to ride in.** Car loads from at least two congregations will be assigned to each site. We assign groups in this manner so that participants may continue the rich tradition of getting to know Lutherans outside of their own congregation.

You will need the following information to register your group - For all participants: Name, T-shirt size, grade. For adult participants this additional information will be needed: Email address, Cell phone number for day of event, a copy of driver's license and insurance coverage for vehicle being used for event.

DRIVERS (Please relay this important information to all who volunteer to be drivers).

Drivers and their vehicles play an important role in the success of this event. According to synod safety policies, all drivers must be at least 21. ***A photocopy of each driver's license and insurance coverage that is effective the day of the event for the vehicle being operated MUST BE SENT IN with Helping Hands Day payment.*** (NOTE: Adults under 21 may register as an adult, but may NOT be a driver for the event.)

Drivers will receive information **via email** about the work site they have been assigned to the week following the close of registration.

If a scheduled driver is unable to provide transportation, your congregation is responsible for securing a replacement, reporting the change to the registrar, and submitting the appropriate information via email before the start of the event.

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SCHEDULE

Car loads should report directly to their assigned work site. Please arrive no later than 10:00 a.m. and stay until approximately 1:00 p.m. At that time all car loads will return to their selected "home base" congregation (Emmanuel, Souderton; Advent, West Chester or Resurrection, Yardley). At the home base, participants will debrief, enjoy lunch and worship. Please do not pack a lunch but feel free to pack a snack to keep your energy up and sustain you through your service work.

OFFERING

An offering will be taken at each home base site. Please stay tuned for more information regarding the offering for this year's Helping Hands Day!

Don't delay! Begin talking to youth in your congregation immediately and register your group as soon as possible! A confirmation letter including additional event information will be sent following receipt of your registration materials. Each participant will need to fill out a medical release and either carry it with them or allow their driver to carry it during the entire event on April 24th. A copy of their medical insurance card is also required to be with the driver or individual. The medical release form can be downloaded at anytime on our web site, www.sepayouth.org.

This is always a fun and meaningful event for youth and adult participants and the organizations we serve. Please make every effort to have your congregation participate in Helping Hands Day 2010!

In Christ,

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