



6 - 8th GRADE MISSION TRIP

RAPID CITY, SD June 29 – July 4, 2025

All Students who are presently in grades 6 - 8 are eligible to participate in our Junior High Mission Trip.

Mission Trip Registration Form

There are limited spots available, so please complete this form and return it to the Next Generation Ministry office as soon as possible. In addition to this form, you will be asked to complete additional insurance, permission and application forms provided by Mission Trip Organization in the spring of 2025. The cost for all families is \$300 which will cover registration and other essentials needed on the trip which can be paid no later than May 15. Submitting this form with your nonrefundable deposit of \$50.00 completes your registration. By signing this form, you agree to participate in all required fundraising obligations.

Participant Information:

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Grade in fall 2024: _____

Email Address: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

School Name: _____

Why Do You Feel Called By God To Serve This Summer?: _____

Parent/ Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

What Does It Mean To Be On A Mission Trip?

A Mission Trip is not something you show up for.

You are part of a team! You are expected to:

- Attend Meetings!**
- Participate in Meetings & Fundraisers!**
- Have Fun!**
- Respect One Another!**
- Shine the Love of Jesus!**

FORWARD Youth Ministry

Mission Trip Fundraising

Fundraising Team Leader:

- Erin Bjork

SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP:

In Order To Attend The 2025 Mission Trip All Participants Must Follow One Of The Three Plans In Order To Raise Adequate Funds For The Mission Trip.

ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE MISSION TRIP Will Pay a Registration Fee: \$50 and A Payment Of \$300. Depending on how fundraising works and donations made to the ministry this price could drop.

Current Fundraisers:

- STEARNS COUNTY Fair Stand: We thank all families for their assistance at this year's fair stand. Your continued assistance and support helps benefit our church and our youth mission trips. This takes place the last week of July.
- Cookie and Lefse Fundraiser: Sunday December 8, 2024 We will need students to sell the cookies and lefse on December 8. Cookie donations will be needed from Mission Trip and SLA families. We will also need students to decorate cookies, and bake lefse on Saturday December 7, 2024. Mission Trip participants **ARE REQUIRED** to help out at this fundraiser.
- Spaghetti Supper: Sunday March 16, 2025. We will need students to serve at the Spaghetti and Lefse fundraiser. Donations like Meat, Carrots, etc will also be needed from Mission Trip and SLA families. (ALL Mission Trip participants **ARE REQUIRED** To help out at this fundraiser.

Soup and Sandwich suppers, WOW dinners, and the Palm Sunday Breakfast are Youth fundraisers but their funds go to various elements of our youth ministry and not just

mission trips. So Cookie and Lefse, and Spaghetti Supper are Exclusively Mission Trip Fundraisers.

Potential Fundraising Opportunities:

- Coborns Coupons Sale
- Harry's Pizza Sale
- Walnut Grove Mercantile Fudge Sale

New For 2024 - 2025:

- We want to make mission trips as accessible to our young people as possible. We never want a young person or family to feel that a mission trip is impossible to attend due to money and we thrive to make sure that all students who want to attend can and will attend.
- We are creating a fundraising team which will be led by Erin Bjork. We encourage all parents who are interested in helping with our fundraising efforts to talk to Erin. Any and all ideas are welcome!

WOW Suppers, Soup & Sandwich, and Palm Sunday Breakfast will not count as alternatives to Spaghetti supper or Cookie/Lefse fundraisers to attend by youth trip students.

MISSION TRIP F.A.Q's

1) What group are we using to do our mission trip this summer?

A: For several summers FLC has had luck sending students on mission trips using the ministry YouthWorks which is based out of Golden Valley, MN. They have a reputation for creating experiences for young people in every denomination.

2) What are we doing in our selected community this summer?

A: Rapid City is a Small Urban community and students will be asked to participate in a number of activities including visiting with members in assisted living communities, minor home repairs, working at a food kitchen, and a local Boys and Girls club.

3) Who Can Go On This Mission Trip?

A: All youth in Grades 6 - 8 are invited to participate in this mission trip. FLC reserves the right to ask young people to NOT participate if behavior is a concern.

4) How Are We Getting There This Summer?

A: This summer ALL FLC trips will be driving only, For trips that are longer than 3 hours to drive the new requirement is that there will be two driving adults per vehicle taken. NO adult should be driving for longer than 3 hours at a time in order to make sure that all are well rested and safe to transport students.

5) How much is it going to cost to go on the mission trip this summer?

A: To send a participant on a mission trip from First Lutheran and this includes registration with YouthWorks and transportation to and from site it will cost \$600 per participant. FLC is asking all families

for \$350 per participant to be paid between time of registration and May 2025.

- *The Mission Trip Fundraising Team will be working to offset this cost in whatever way possible.*
- *FLC strongly encourages families to come and talk if this cost is TOO much we have scholarship opportunities available.*

6) Can I bring my friend or friends?

A: If your friend is a member of First Lutheran the invitation is open to ALL members of FLC. If your friend is not a member of FLC they may still fill out a registration form. Once forms are submitted Joe will schedule a 5 minute call with their parents to make sure they are a good fit for our mission trip team.

7) When is the registration deadline?

A: The registration deadline will be November 20, 2024. At this time we are strongly encouraging young people and families to pray about this upcoming summer and to see if this is an opportunity that God is calling them to do.