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Faith Lutheran Youth Middle School & High School News

Why Mission Trips Matter

As we gear up for our summer mission trip this month, I cannot help but be consumed by the thought of the number of communities where we have served over the years at Faith Lutheran Church. From San Francisco, to Mingo County, West Virginia, to Boston, to New Orleans, to Savannah, and even to the booming metropolis of Hutchinson, Minnesota. So many youth have embarked with us in 15 passenger vans, giving up their phones and social lives, to be the hands and feet of Jesus to communities around our world.



There are quite a few reasons that we have taken mission trips as a church for the past 25 years. I just want to list a few. The first reason is that it opens the eyes of teenagers to see that there is need in our world. Their eyes may be opened for the first time to homelessness, hunger, or hurt in communities. The second reason I think that trips are important is it gives youth a chance to live out their faith as they will talk to people who are in a different place. Students have given away Bibles, led someone to Baptism, and walked alongside people in their darkest moments. The third reason I think that mission trips are important is that they foster the body of Christ in a way that I cannot imagine on these lives are memories that will last a lifetime.

As we get ready this summer to go to Denver, Colorado for our trip, please be in fervent prayer for us in these specific ways:

That deep community is fostered among the youth and leaders.

That we hold humble hearts ready to serve and love authentically.

That our faith may deepen as we see God at work in the community and in one another.

Thank you for your support of us on these trips. We could not do this without you!



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