

# HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

*"Equipping and Sending God's People to Make a Christ-like Difference in the World"*

make this a summer to remember!

Hello Holy Cross Parents & Teens,

I want to take this brief opportunity to tell you about our plans for the youth 2012 summer mission trip (includes anyone going into 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades in fall 2012).

**SAN DIEGO 2012**

## **WHERE?**

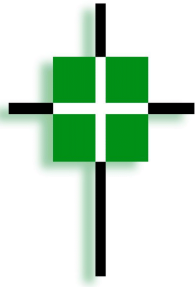
That's right...San Diego, California. We will gather here, take a bus to one of the big city airports nearby (Indy, Chicago, Detroit), and take a flight to San Diego. Once there we will rent 15-passenger vans to get around.

## **SERVING WHO?**

Mid-city, an eclectic part of San Diego – a former beacon in this beautiful coastal city. Times have changed, colleges and businesses have relocated and the once thriving area of Mid-City is now an overlooked community in need of the light of Christ. You'll serve a diverse community here with a common need for hope and help. Children need guidance in summer park programs. The elderly – often living alone – need help and support. The homeless need daily food through meal ministries. The community as a whole needs revitalization and restoration. To the forgotten and struggling, your service will bring life to Jesus' affirmation: blessed are the poor.

## **FOR WHAT?**

This mission trip is a "Week of Hope" meaning we will be doing various community service jobs in the Mid-City area. The projects are very organized with local agencies and residents. Directed devotions through God's Word accompany the work as well. It is a powerful week for spiritual growth; it will definitely stretch us all to serve God's children with open hearts and love.



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## **FOR WHO?**

Anyone going into 8th grade - high school (9-12<sup>th</sup>) and their chaperones.

## **WITH WHO?**

Similar to last year, the trip is coordinated through Group Mission Trips [www.groupweekofhope.com](http://www.groupweekofhope.com) (they coordinate thousands of students every summer on mission trips). Trips are attended by youth groups from all over the U.S.

## **THE COST?**

Each participant will likely need to contribute \$500 plus participate in fund raising efforts with the group to raise the remaining monies (we are hoping to be part of a large grant from the Lutheran Foundation to help offset costs also). The total cost of this trip is estimated at \$850 per person. Here is the payment/pre-meeting schedule (all meetings will be on Sunday evenings):

1. **November 20** – Non-Refundable Deposit: **\$75**
2. February 19 – Payment 2: **\$125**
3. May 13 – Payment 3: **\$150**
4. June 24 – Payment 4: **\$150**

**WHEN?** July 21 – 29 (no Contact Week for CLHS sports)

## **WHAT'S NEEDED FROM HERE?**

Please discuss this opportunity with your youth to determine what will work best for your family. Pray with them and then let me know what you decide. **To reserve your place on the trip get your \$75 deposit check in as soon as possible.**

Your resources of time and money are precious. I would NOT do these trips if I did not believe they were truly part of what God was doing to transform the hearts of teenagers into His likeness! Thanks for all your support...

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Enclosures (1):

1. Interest Form