

To make a pledge, fill this out and return to the church office, drop in the collection plate, or give to Curt Boger. Your contribution DOES NOT have to accompany this pledge form.

You can make your tax-deductible donations in installments or in one payment. Checks should be payable to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Donations can be dropped off in the church office, put in the regular offering, or given to one of the youth leaders. Make sure to mark all donations Youth Ministry.

Name _____

Address _____

City & State _____

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Workcamp Mission Trips

For the past 6 summers, the Youth of Holy Cross have taken part in a program run by Group Workcamps Foundation, based out of Loyeland CO. Group Workcamps has been giving teens a unique service and faith growth experience since 1977. Each summer, around 50 such camps are set up in towns all over North America, where teens spend a week doing light construction and repairs on the homes of people in need in those communities, growing close to other Christians, and growing enormously in their faith. Not to mention learning a few skills and gaining self-confidence in the process.

Workcamp Schedule At a Glance

The adventure begins on a Sunday afternoon with a program where students learn more about the camp, get to know other campers, and receive important training. On Monday the work starts. Adults & young people start each day with an early breakfast, and then "off to the project sites". At about 3:30pm, students start returning from the project sites for free time and to get cleaned up before dinner. After dinner there is a gathering of all campers (usually around 400) in the Gym for a fun and inspirational time to draw closer to God and one another. Afterwards, there are youth group devotions and late night activities, until lights out at 11 PM.

Our first camp, Imperial Nebraska, 2002



Holy Cross Youth Mission Partners 2008

*Shining the Light
Changing the World*



Workcamp Team 2007

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Youth Fully Alive!

Our workcamp mission experiences will be expanded in 2008 to include 2 opportunities for service:

Challenge Workcamp July 6—12

Regular Workcamp July 25—Aug 2

We offer such opportunities to anyone willing to join us, regardless of where they are at in their faith walk, what church they go to, whether they attend church at all, or how much they can afford to pay for these experiences. This is our Point of Grace. While we make all attempts to keep costs down, these trips will cost \$600 or more per person to attend. We carry out fundraisers throughout the year to not only help offset this cost, but to help build lasting relationships with each other, with Jesus Christ, and with trustworthy adult Christian role models.



Workcamp 2007

How you can join the mission

Despite the fundraising that does take place, teens can be “priced out” of these opportunities. This is where you can help, by taking part in our Mission Partners Program. You can make a big difference in the faith lives of our young people by becoming a vital partner in this ministry through your donations at any of the following levels:

Youth Ministry Associate

At the \$25 level, you will receive group photos from the events, plus postcards from youth attending.

Youth Ministry Partner

At the \$50 contribution level, you will receive the group photos, postcards, and a CD of photos from our 2007 ministry activities,

Youth Ministry Benefactor

At the \$100 level or higher, you will receive a framed group photo, postcards, a photo CD, and a DVD containing video from our year of ministry!

They haven't yet invented a term for those who have supported us at even higher levels through the years with their services and donations. We stand in awe of them and say Thank YOU!



Workcamp Theme for 2008

Love Out Loud!

Each year, Group develops a ministry theme that will be used for all workcamps. In 2008, the theme is based on I John 3:18 :

“Dear children, let’s not just say we love each other, lets show our love by our actions.”

This theme will be reflected in the daily devotions we take along to the worksites, the evening programs, our youth group devotions, and even the item our group will exchange with another group at camp.

“I felt really helpful and peaceful and was really glad that I was able to help out. I hope to be able to go again next year and I hope that it’s just as much fun. Workcamp really was a remarkable trip “ - 2007 Student participant from Holy Cross

