

Information Packet for the High School Mission
Detroit, MI
July 11-18



Registration Link

Our Savior's Lutheran Church High School Mission Trip Contract

- ❖ The deposit at registration will reserve one spot for the High School Mission Trip to Detroit, MI
- ❖ All students who are signed up for the mission trip or who are on the waiting list must pay the same deposit. If an opening occurs the first person on the waiting list will be contacted. If they agree to the terms of the contract, they will be put on the regular list. If not, they will be refunded their money and the second person on the waiting list will be contacted.
- ❖ If after January 1, 2026, a student is dropped from the mission trip or chooses to drop out of the trip, he/she will **not** be refunded any money paid unless another student takes their spot following the cancellation.
- ❖ Students on waiting lists who do not get put on the participant list will receive a full refund of their deposit. Students on the waiting list can withdraw any time and receive a full refund of their deposit. Once they are put on the participant list the terms of this contract apply.
- ❖ If a student is more than 30 days delinquent in payments, they risk being dropped from the trip unless having made prior arrangements. If dropped due to nonpayment any money paid will **not** be refunded unless another student takes their spot following the cancellation.
- ❖ Payments are to be made according to the payment schedule for the trip. The trip **must be paid in full by May 31, 2026**. If you chose to participate in fundraising the cost is **\$680.00** If you choose not to fundraise, or do not participate, then the cost is \$780.00
- ❖ Students who choose to fundraise must participate in at least **two shifts** of the fundraisers offered to qualify for the reduced fee.

	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
<i>Deposit</i>	<i>\$170.00</i>	<i>Now to reserve your spot</i>
<i>Payment #2</i>	<i>\$170.00</i>	<i>January 1</i>
<i>Payment #3</i>	<i>\$170.00</i>	<i>March 1</i>
<i>Payment #4</i>	<i>\$170.00</i>	<i>May 1</i>
<i>Payment #5</i>	<i>(if not fundraising)</i>	
	<i>\$200.00</i>	<i>May 1</i>

High School Mission Trip
Detroit, MI
Saturday July 11 – Saturday July 18

Who is eligible for the High School Mission Trip?

Students currently in grades 9-12 may sign up to participate. There will be adults serving as leaders for the students. The first 20 youth are guaranteed spots, and all others will be added if space is available.

What will we be doing?

Serving in the Detroit area allows groups to connect to the unique culture and history of the area, while addressing some major needs in the tri-county area. While serving, our partner organizations share some of the history of segregation and racism that has perpetuated inequality and poverty.

Where will we stay?

TBD. On travel days we will be staying at local churches. We will be working alongside Service-Learning Camps to figure out our housing situation. We will most likely be staying at a local church

Do we need shots/immunizations?

A current tetanus booster is required (within 5 years). Hepatitis A shot is optional.

What are the costs involved?

This year we have two fee options:

- If you choose to do fundraising and work at 2 shifts of our fundraisers offered, the cost is \$780.00
- If you choose not to fundraise the cost is \$680.00.

These fees cover the fee for Service Learning Camps, lodging, travel, some meals, and adult leaders. You will also need some spending money for traveling and fast-food stops.

Payments are as follows: \$170 deposit due now to reserve your spot, \$170 due January 1, \$170 due March 1, \$170 due May 1 and an additional \$100 is due on May 1 if you did not fundraise.

If additional support is needed, please speak with Nick Gilbert or Pastor Susie Modrow as scholarship monies are available. All students on scholarships are expected to help with fundraisers.

What are the fundraisers?

We have fundraisers planned throughout the year. Please see the fundraiser info sheet.

How do we prepare for this Mission Trip?

Beginning in January, all participants will be expected to meet monthly in preparation for the mission trip. During these team meetings we will get to know one another, cover specifics for our trip (what to bring, etc....) and study God's word so that we can serve with a servant's heart. These team meetings are essential and required! Meeting dates will be announced later.

Prayer:

Spend time in prayer and reflection when considering serving on summer trips. God will place the people needed to be on this trip on this trip!

High School Mission Trip Expenses:

Cost for the SLC:	\$240
Lodging:	\$65
Travel (vans and fuel):	\$200
T-shirt:	\$25
Fun Activities	\$100
Meals provided (18)	\$150
Estimated Total per person:	\$780
Fundraising:	-\$100*
TOTAL WITH FUNDRAISING:	\$680

This estimate is based on a participant size of 16 youth and 4 adult leaders (total count of people 20). All costs include paying for adult leaders.



* Due to the garage sale no longer happening, OSLC cannot offer \$200 off as in previous years. However, \$100 is the minimum offered for fundraising. Depending on the total profits from fundraising, each student may be entitled to a larger amount off the trip.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Fundraiser Information

If you have chosen to fundraise for a reduced fee here are some details to note:

- The purposes of our fundraisers are to reduce the cost of all participants' trips and most importantly to build relationships with the mission trip team.
- We have three fundraisers planned. Participants need to participate in two shifts to qualify for the reduced fee.
- Signups for all fundraising events can be found on the bulletin board outside of Nick's office at least a month before each event.
- The first fundraiser is **Super Bowl Cookies on Sunday, Feb. 8**. We will be baking and selling cookies for Super Bowl Sunday.
- The second fundraiser is a **Bingo on Sunday, March 29**.

The third fundraiser is the **50/50 Raffle**. Ticket sales will take place starting Feb 8 and will conclude on March 29. Students can sign up to sell tickets during services on Sundays

- There may be an opportunity to help with our annual plant sale, in May, for individual fundraising. This does not count as one of our two required fundraisers.

Attention Parent(s): We **NEED** your help! The success of our fundraisers is in large part due to the energy and enthusiasm of our youth, but also of our dedicated parents. Please contact Nick Gilbert at ngilbert@oursaviorsonline.org or Pastor Susie Modrow at smodrow@oursaviorsonline.org to sign-up to help lead a fundraiser. Parents are also strongly encouraged to participate alongside their son/daughter at any/all fundraisers.

What does it mean to be an adult leader on a mission trip?

At Our Saviors, we cannot have effective youth ministry without the support of many adults and parents. One way we like and need to have adults involved is by participating on our

mission trips. The following items are what you need to consider if you are thinking about being an adult leader:

- Must be at least 21 years old with a valid driver's license.
- Lead small groups in Bible Study, prayer, possibly foot washing, and general trip preparations.
- Participate as able in all the aspects of the trip, including leading work groups at worksites under intense climate conditions.
- Participate in all pre-trip bible study meetings and fundraisers to further build relationships with students and other leaders.
- Be involved in the trip planning process and need to assist with the itinerary, reservations, and information gathering.
- Drive 12-15 passenger vans and will be educated on the proper usage.
- Share their "faith story" with the youth while on the trip.
- Assist the trip leader(s) with numerous tasks from loading trailers, to making phone calls, to taking care of needs that arise.
- Complete a background check, participate in abuse prevention training, and follow all congregational policies regarding working with youth.
- Adults are usually first to rise and last to sleep so that the needs of the youth and the trip are met. (YOU WON'T GET A LOT OF SLEEP)

Please note that offering to participate does not guarantee that you will. Considerations by the trip leader(s) need to be taken such as ratio male to female, mixture of veteran and new adults, skill level with vans and trailers and so forth. While adult leaders will have their general trip costs paid; incidentals will arise from food on the road to minor unexpected costs. Adult leaders will need to be prepared to pay these incidental costs out of pocket.

