

LOC 7th-9th Grade Service-Learning Trip

Twin Cities, MN June 28-July 1, 2026

What: A trip for current LOC youth in grades 7-9 who want to grow in their faith, serve and learn together on a trip in Minnesota!



Service Learning Camps (SLC) Provides:

- Complete service site coordination and arrangement
- Help finding lodging and showers

Light of Christ Arranges/Provides:

• Transportation	• Worship and devotional content	• Rules, Guidelines and Covenant
• Food & meal prep	• Adult leaders	• Fundraising
• Free time/outings		

Tentative Schedule for the week:

Sunday, June 28th

- 9:00 am – Meet at LOC; prepare for worship; trip blessing during 9:30 worship (wear trip shirt)
- 11:00 am – Load vehicles (pack light!) and depart for St. Paul (bring a sack lunch to eat on drive)
- 12:00 pm – Arrive and get settled at **Luther Memorial Church in South St. Paul, MN**
- Orientation for the week and grocery shopping!
- Afternoon/Evening – Free time/games at the park across the street from the church, meal/clean up/worship teams all meet and work
- Evening: Supper, worship, free-time/games, bedtime

Monday-Tuesday, June 29th – 30th

- 8 am – Wake up, breakfast, morning devos, pack lunches and get ready to leave
- 9 am – Volunteer at local social-service organizations (bring sack lunches to eat on site)
- Around 3-4 pm – Return to the church
- Evening: showers at **Central Square Community Center**, down time, dinner, activity, worship

Wednesday, July 1st

- Breakfast, devotions, pack lunches and all belongings; leave for a “fun” day out
- 5 pm(ish) – Arrive back at LOC for supper and worship prep
- 6:15 pm – Lead WOW and a return worship service, sharing stories & photos from our trip

Things to Note:

- Adult leaders – It's demanding but SO rewarding and fun! Talk to Kirsten for more info ☺
 - Number needed depends on how many kids sign up (1:5 or 6 ratio).
 - Need to be able to drive on the trip; possibly use your own vehicle (being reimbursed for miles).
 - Can bring a computer and keep up on work stuff, if needed.
- Scholarships – We hope/plan to provide \$50 from LOC for each youth again this summer.
- Phones – If youth choose to bring them, they can have it for the start of the trip only.
 - Phones will be kept in a locked case for the week; valuables are brought at your own risk.
 - Adult leaders will have their phones for emergency purposes, photos, maps, etc.
- Online Registration – \$50 deposit to secure your spot. Non-refundable once payments are made.
- Youth Fundraiser (auction and spaghetti dinner) – Will be on Sunday, March 15th, 2026. Save the date!

GENERAL Packing List (make sure your name is on all items and PACK LIGHT!):

- Shoes: Closed toe and sandals
- 2 sets of "work" clothes (t-shirts & shorts that can get dirty)
- 2-3 outfits for afternoon/evenings (could be hiking, etc)
- 1-2 pairs of long pants
- 1-2 long sleeved tops for cool nights
- Underwear and socks
- Swimming suit (no bikinis or speedos 😊)
- Toiletries and towel
- Cinch sac or similar for shower trips
- Sleeping bag (or set of sheets/blanket that's small)
- Pillow (or just a pillowcase)
- Single air mattress or ground pad
- Reusable water bottle
- Thermal lunch bag and ice pack
- Bible and pen
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Hat
- Work gloves
- Raincoat
- Spending money for snacks and possible souvenir (approx. \$30-50?)
- Phone charger (if you bring a phone)
- Book/game for free time

Please DO NOT bring:

- Blow dryers, curling irons, straightening irons.
- Clothing with explicit/violent content
- Electronic devices (besides cell phone), valuables or too much cash.

NOTE: Light of Christ and Service-Learning Camps, LLC are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Cost ESTIMATE/Breakdown:

7th and 8th Grade Twin Cities Trip - Cost per person	
Service-Learning Camps Fee:	\$ 100.00
Fun Event:	\$ 30.00 ??
Lodging (Luther Memorial Church, St. Paul):	\$ 30.00
Gas/Transportation (depends on numbers):	Approx \$50?
Food Estimate (10 meals at \$5/meal; plus snacks):	\$ 55.00
T-shirts:	\$ 30.00
Misc:	\$ TBD
Total Estimated Cost/Person:	\$ 335.00
	Probably around \$250-275 total

Other things to think/talk about:

- Why should I go on this trip?
- Tell me more about fundraising and the Youth Accounts!
- How/when do we make our trip payments?
- What happens if I get sick? What if I need to cancel?
- Can I bring medication/s on the trip? How is this handled?
- What do adult leaders do? How can I help if I'm not able/willing to go on the trip? Do adult leaders pay for their trip?