



Important Dates & Deadlines

1. **Registration** – Please complete the attached registration form, together with a \$100 non-refundable deposit (checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church) by **Sunday, April 3**. Please turn in your registrations to Pastor Ladd. You may put them in his mailbox.

2. **Mandatory Pre-Trip Meeting/ Final Payment – Sunday, June 5.**

Following worship, everyone who is participating in *Project Crossroads VIII* will gather for lunch and then spend time (12:00 – 3:30) preparing for our week together. This time together is essential for our group as we begin to build relationships with each other and fully prepare everyone for the week in Virginia. At this time, the final payment of \$150 will be due, packing lists will be distributed, medical forms need to be turned in, and other administrative items will be addressed.



Finally, we ask that you bring a heart and attitude of servanthood to this adventure of serving Christ together. This mission trip is ultimately about what we, God's servants, can share with those we meet and with Christ our Savior. A willingness to give of yourself, respect and learn from those we meet and serve in Virginia, and care for others in our group, will make June 26 - July 2, 2016 a week you will not forget!

Payment Schedule

- **April 3** – \$100 non-refundable deposit (with registration card)
- **June 5** – \$150 (Medical forms with insurance cards also due.)

Cost

\$250 – includes transportation, all meals, housing, programming, recreation, etc. The only money you will need to bring is for snacks, souvenirs, other personal items you may need along the way.

If, for any reason, the cost of this event is prohibitive for you, please talk with Pastor Ladd. St. John's will make it possible for anyone who wants to participate to be able to. Your request will be kept confidential.

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Project Crossroads IX – 2016

"Build Us Up!"

June 26 - July 2

*A Cross Generational Mission Trip for Youth
(Entering 9th Grade and above) and Adults*

Come be the hands and feet of Christ this summer as the 9th graders (including those entering 9th grade in the fall of 2016) through adults of St. John's go on a mission adventure to Marion, Virginia for *Project Crossroads* at Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center. Travel with us as we use our gifts, talents, and resources to help those in the Blue Ridge Mountain area of western Virginia from June 26 - July 2, 2016. This week will be a wonderful time to help those in need, grow in your walk with Christ, build relationships with your St. John's family, and have a life experience you will never forget.

Worship

Each morning and evening, we will gather for a time to reflect on God's Word and pray together. Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center has a beautiful outdoor chapel as well as a cozy indoor fireplace around which we will gather daily. During this time, we will share stories about our day, sing praises to our awesome Creator, meditate on the Holy Scriptures as we reflect on how God is using each one of us during the week.

Area Info

Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center (HMLRC) will be our home during Project Crossroads VIII. HMLRC is an ELCA outdoor ministry located alongside Jefferson National Forest and Hungry Mother State Park. It's beautiful views, spacious bunk house, outdoor chapel, and fireside dining hall and recreation area will provide us with a home away from home.

Marion is a small town of about 6,000 people in southwestern Virginia. It is rich in American history, established just after the conclusion of the Revolutionary War. The Battle of Marion in the Civil War was fought on the eastern edge of Marion over the course of two days. Today, it rests along I-81, Jefferson National Forest, Hungry Mother State Park, and is part of the Appalachian Trail. It is also famous for the birth of every young person's favorite drink, MOUNTAIN DEW!

Both Jefferson National Forest and Hungry Mother State park provide opportunities for hiking and biking during our week in Virginia. The state park also has a lake for fishing and swimming.



Work Projects

Throughout the week, we will be assigned a number of different work projects. The majority of our work will be done in the nearby communities of Marion. We will do home improvements such as roof repair, painting, maybe building a deck or a porch, and other similar construction projects.

Housing

While at HMLRC we will be staying in their Bunk House. It is a building with two 20-bed areas (one for males, one for females), two large bathrooms with 4 hot showers in each. Everyone will have their own single bed to collapse on after each day's work.

Websites

Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center
www.hungrymother.org

Hungry Mother State Park
www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks

Daily Schedule

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Devotion
8:15 a.m. Worksite
12:00 p.m. Lunch on Worksite
4:00 p.m. Return to Camp/Freetime
6:30 p.m. Dinner
8:30 p.m. Devotion
9:30 p.m. Freetime
11:30 p.m. Lights Out

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Registration Form (Due No Later Than April 3!)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Construction Experience

____ What's a hammer?

____ I only hit my finger every other swing.

____ I can handle small projects with some guidance from others.

____ I can build a house with my own two hands!

Youth Only

Grade Entering Fall of 2016 _____

Parent's Name and Signature

Parent's Cell Phone Number

Parent's Email _____