

Key Dates

Registration Begins: April 3
Registration packets available.

Participant Registration Closes
May 8 - No late registrations will be accepted. Payment due at registration. See below for Youth Leader registration and training.

Sunday, May 22
Parent and Participant Orientation & Q&A (**required**) 6:00-7:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Youth Leader Registration & Training Youth Leader registration closes **May 22**. Training is required for all youth leaders. Youth training date is **Sunday, May 22** (6:00—8:00pm) at Good Shepherd.

Activity Days

Tuesdays (8:30 am—4:30 pm)
June 14, 28 & July 12, 26

Thursday, August 4 (all day)
*Valleyfair for Metro Area
Summer Stretch groups*

Participating Congregations

Summer 2011

Good Shepherd—Circle Pines
*One Shepherd Court
(Lake Drive, near Matthews)
Carrie Hoshaw 763-784-8417*

New Life—Hugo
*6000 148th Street North
Pastor Peter Nafzger 651-429-1975*

**South Shore Trinity—
White Bear Lake**
*2480 S Shore Blvd
Matt Griepentrog 651-429-4293*



Important Note:
***The registration deadlines for
participants and youth leaders
are firm.***



SUMMER

STRETCH

2011

When & Where?

Tuesdays, June 14, 28 & July 12, 26
Thursday, August 4-Valleyfair

Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran
Circle Pines

How Much?

Participants: \$75 (\$50 without Valleyfair)

Youth Leaders: \$20

(Valleyfair admission covered with a minimum of 3 Tuesday leadership fulfillments)

This covers all activities, work-site materials, and a Summer Stretch t-shirt. It does not include spending money.

Because this program depends on adult volunteers, each family needs to plan to help at least two half-days—more if possible. Indicate your available times on registration form.

If no information is provided on registration, the dates are assigned.

To Sign Up

Registration packets will be available at your church beginning April 3. **Deadline is May 8 for Participants and May 22 for Youth Leaders.**

Complete the registration and return it to the Good Shepherd, New Life, or South Shore Trinity church office, **along with the registration fee made out to “Good Shepherd”.**

What is Summer Stretch?

Summer Stretch is a middle school summer ministry opportunity. Participants are from many different school districts and churches.

HISTORY: Summer Stretch began at Mary Mother of the Church in Burnsville in 1992 and has spread to over 60 congregations locally.

WHO IS IT FOR? Summer Stretch is about all ages: it invites **middle school/junior high age youth** (grades 6, 7, and 8 in school year 10-11) to come together for worship, to serve the community at a variety of service sites, to have fun together, and to make a difference in Jesus’ name. It’s also an opportunity for **high school and college youth** to mentor small groups and to lead by example, while receiving training and excellent ministry experience. And it welcomes **adults** to help make it happen by dividing up the work (organizing, driving, preparing projects, etc.)

WHAT HAPPENS? We meet at church on Tuesdays beginning at 8:30 am. After worship, we spend some time in a small group bible study and then leave to do service (for example, at Global Health Ministries, Feed My Starving Children, and providing free car wash). Lunch is back at church (everyone brings their own lunch). In the afternoon, the whole group shares in recreational activities (hiking at St. Croix Park, a movie, Bunker Beach Wave Pool). Attendance is expected for the *whole* day, not just morning or afternoon. Exceptions are made for things like service at Vacation Bible School and unavoidable appointments (e.g., doctor).

HOW DOES IT WORK? Summer Stretch depends on volunteers. Each day requires parents in the morning and afternoon. In the morning parents will drive and help their group at a work site (6-8 participants in each group), and in the afternoon parents will drive to the afternoon activity and help chaperone (along with the church leaders). Adults are welcomed, encouraged and invited to be present as often as they are able (even every week!), however, **each family is required to volunteer for a minimum of 2 half-days.**

Youth leaders have a key role in helping Summer Stretch work — leading prayer and Bible study, mentoring the participants AND sharing in the fun — they participate in all activities for a minimal fee. It’s important for the youth leaders to be present for as many days as possible and they must attend the Youth Leader Training meeting.

Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.
(1 Tim 4:12)