

## Service Opportunities for Confirmation Students

***Jesus said, "For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." John 12:8***

Over the years, Sheridan has developed many outreach partnerships across the city of Lincoln unto the ends of the earth. These partnerships exemplify reaching out in Jesus' name in healthy and sustainable ways. Serving at these various organizations gives us the opportunity to see what it's like to truly make a difference.

### Expectations for Confirmation

Each student is expected to complete four service projects over the course of the year (September-April). Two or more of the service projects must be completed with one of our Sheridan ministry partners. Other projects can be completed at the organization of the student's choice. Small groups are encouraged to work together whenever possible. See the listings below to gather ideas of where to serve. Thanks for making a difference in God's kingdom!

### Ways to serve our Sheridan mission partners

#### Backpack Program

<http://sheridanlutheran.ivolunteer.com/#2>

- Help with the packing, delivery and distribution of food sacks at Holmes Elementary School and provide a total of 95 backpacks a week, or approximately 475 meals per week. For many of these families these backpacks fill a need for their children that they cannot meet themselves.

#### Barnabas Community

- Volunteer in the free store and gathering place helping customers check in and check out, restocking merchandise and general hospitality. Tues/Thurs Evenings, Saturdays 9am– 3pm. Sign up at link below. <http://sheridanlutheran.ivolunteer.com/#2>
- Reach out to the children of Barnabas by hosting a craft, holiday party or general child care. Craft, party and curriculum ideas can come from your group, or ask for ideas. Contact Cheryl at [barnabas@sheridanlutheran.org](mailto:barnabas@sheridanlutheran.org)

#### Matt Talbot Kitchen

[http://www.mtkserves.org/events/huskers\\_helping\\_homeless/hhh\\_online.html](http://www.mtkserves.org/events/huskers_helping_homeless/hhh_online.html)

- Be a part of **Huskers Helping the Homeless** for Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach in September! Go to this website and select a location and time to serve. Your group will collect cash donations and help raise awareness about Matt Talbot. MTKO serves thousands of meals to the hungry across the city of Lincoln, as well as provides addiction counseling and life skills training.

- **Serve and share night:** Gather donations of seasonal items (winter – hats, gloves, scarves, spring – bug spray, sunscreen, all seasons – health kits of personal care items) Help clean up after the evening meal, distribute collected items, receive a tour and learn about MTKO. Dates TBA. Contact Pastor Rhonda for information.

### **Martha House/Tabitha**

- Visit our adopted ‘house’ at Tabitha and enjoy time with the residents. Lead a craft, sing songs or read books. Over the years, these visits have become the favorite service project place by our confirmation youth. Contact Pastor Rhonda for information.

### **Meals on Wheels**

- Help deliver meals to those in need around our Lincoln community. To volunteer, call Tabitha at 402-486-8985 to schedule a time that works for your group or family!

### **Angel Tree Holiday Party and Delivery of Gifts**

- Each year at Thanksgiving we have an Angel Tree in the Great Hall. On the tree are angels that have the name of the child and their age. The children are located in Lincoln and surrounding areas. These children have parents who are incarcerated. People are invited to take an angel and purchase a Christmas gift for the child. This year we hope to deliver the gifts to the children at their home. This would be a great small group activity! Dates TBA.

### **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**

#### **School Kit instructions (Early Fall Activity)**

- Benefit a child in the developing world by helping them have a great experience at school! Provide a school kit(s) which will empower them to have what they need as they learn in the classroom. Click on the link below and receive the instructions on what is included in a school kit. <http://lwr.org/schoolkits> Your group could have a shopping party and kit assembly get together.

#### **Deliver your School Kits**

- Once you have completed your school kit or tie blankets, deliver your goods to First Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE during the first week of November. More information can be found at <http://ingathering.lwr.org/details.php?ID=83>

## **Ways to serve in our Sheridan community**

### **Kingdom Quest Shepherd**

- Share your time two or three times each month in the Nursery, Preschool or Kindergarten Sunday School Classrooms. This is a fun opportunity to serve the youngest of those in our congregation. It is quite a commitment; however, you will earn three out of your four service opportunities. The schedules are created quarterly, so you are able to send conflicts in to avoid being scheduled. To earn your service hours, you will be serving 12 -14 times during the school year. Please complete an Interest Form found at the Welcome Center, by August 15. Mandatory training will take place in August. Contact Beth Jessen with any questions at [b.jessen@sheridanlutheran.org](mailto:b.jessen@sheridanlutheran.org).

### **Wednesdays @ the Well Praise Band & Team**

- The Youth Praise Team is a group of middle school and high school vocalists and instrumentalists who lead worship during our Wednesdays @ the Well worship services. The group is split into two praise teams and each team leads worship one or two times a month. Rehearsals are held on the first Sunday of every month from 6:30-8pm as well as at 5:30pm on Wednesdays. All voices and all instruments are welcome! Contact Amelia Barrett at [a.barrett@sheridanlutheran.org](mailto:a.barrett@sheridanlutheran.org) for more information.

### **Sheridan Lutheran Church – Grounds Maintenance**

- Help keep Sheridan beautiful with trash pickup on the outside grounds, special cleaning projects inside during the winter months and other maintenance. This would be a wonderful project for a small group one time or throughout the year!

### **OneSent Market – Seasonal Sales Help**

- Did you know that our OneSent Books and Gifts Store provides income for people in developing countries? When you purchase an item, the proceeds provide jobs for the artisans in those countries. During different seasons, our market expands with merchandise and we need more help assisting customers. Contact Patty Forsberg if you would like to help in the OneSent Market! [p.forsberg@sheridanlutheran.org](mailto:p.forsberg@sheridanlutheran.org) or 402-423-4769.

### **Parents and Small Group Guides**

Watch your weekly e-news from Confirmation for more information and updates on how you and your students can volunteer!