



"O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds" (Ps. 116:16). SINCE 1981, LCMS Servant Events have promoted service opportunities for youth. Over the years, thousands of youth and adults have participated in events hosted in partnership with LCMS congregations, camps and social-service agencies around the country.



What Are Servant Events?

- ☐ A way to take people out of their daily routines, encourage them to practice Christ's unconditional love, serve people in ways that enrich their lives and share their faith in practical ways.
- ☐ Opportunities for young people and adults to participate in Christian service.
- ☐ A great way to grow in understanding God's call to service.
- ☐ A unique opportunity for people from different cultures to interact.
- ☐ Opportunities for serving and being served in the way that Christ served us.

What Makes Up a Servant Event?

☐ Community-☐ Service☐ Bible study building☐ Reflection☐ Devotions☐

Why Take Part in Servant Events?

- ☐ Living out your life in response to God's love is a way of life called Christianity.
- ☐ Taking part in service activities and/or servant events provides people with an opportunity to live what they believe.

- ☐ God wants us to meet the needs of hurting people, but He also knows service has the power to change us at our core! Service gets our eyes off ourselves and into the world.
- ☐ Service in the name and power of Jesus Christ transforms people, and transformed people can change the world ... one person at a time.

Now What?

- ✓ Ask the question: Why do we want to do this?
- ✓ Study and pray about serving.
- ✓ Assess needs in the community.
- Decide what actions and activities are possible for your group.
- Decide whether to plan your own event or participate in an event promoted by LCMS Youth Ministry or another entity.
- ✓ Pick a project.
- ✓ Form a leadership team of youth and adults.
- ✓ Plan event details.
- ✓ Prepare as a group and as individuals.
- ✓ Communicate everything with everyone.
- ✓ Serve with the community at the event.
- ✓ Be flexible, encouraging and open to new learning and friends.
- ✓ Reflect on the experience.
- ✓ Share your story.
- ✓ Serve regularly.

ARE YOU READY TO BE A SERVANT?

A listing of yearly LCMS Servant Events is available at *lcms.org/servantevents*.

Whether you participate in a servant event in partnership with LCMS Youth Ministry, through your district or at an event developed on your own, we pray that your service for our Lord will be a truly blessed experience.

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