

What does it cost?

The cost to attend a WOW Week is \$185 per participant. This includes everything: five nights lodging, meals (Sunday dinner – Friday breakfast), all mission materials, a T-shirt, and program materials. It does *not* include your transportation coming and going to Knoxville and does not include your group's Wed. afternoon activity or Wed. night dinner. Our goal is to keep WOW extremely affordable so all youth may attend!

What should we bring?

A detailed list will be sent when we confirm your reservation, but in general: Sleeping bag, comfortable work clothes that you don't mind getting grubby, closed toe shoes (tennis shoes), bathroom stuff, sunscreen, a Bible, and a wonderful attitude for serving!

We want to come! What do we do now?

Get it on your youth calendar now! Complete the WOW 2009 Registration Form and mail in your deposit. We will confirm your reservation by mail. A detailed packet of information will be sent with your Letter of Confirmation. We must receive your Registration and \$250 deposit before we can confirm your reservation. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

We have questions, who do we contact?

Call either Nancy or Pastor Amy (info below). We ask that you pray for this exciting ministry. We look forward to hearing from you and serving others with you!

In Christ,
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"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interest, but to the interests of others." Phil 2:3-4



What is WOW 2009?

WOW 2009 is an urban ministry experience in the heart of downtown Knoxville. It is a mission trip – but so much more! You and your group will come to St. John's Lutheran Church in Knoxville and participate in five days of faith formation, leadership development activities and a lot of hands-on mission work with the homeless and less-fortunate folks in our neighborhood. It's an incredible opportunity for all of us to grow in our faith, our leadership, our service to others—and to have a lot of fun!

Where is WOW 2009?

St. John's Lutheran Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Who comes to WOW?

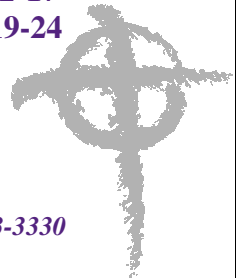
Christian youth from across the region. We invite rising 7th graders up to recent high school grads to come and participate in this unique urban ministry experience.

When is WOW?

We are hosting six WOW Weeks in **2009**. They are:
(Arrive on Sundays at 4:30, depart on Fridays at 11:30 am)

WOW I	May 31-June 5	WOW IV	July 5-10
WOW II	June 7-12	WOW V	July 12-17
WOW III	June 21-26	WOW VI	July 19-24

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What is a typical day WOW day like?

We start with worship, communion and great music. We get our mission assignments and hit the streets! We work from 9:45 to 12 noon, take a quick lunch break and work some more until 4:00. We return to St. John's, debrief and wrap up our day's experiences. We have dinner together prior to our evening activities— games, leadership training, faith forming, etc.

Wednesday afternoon/evening your group is on its own for an activity and dinner. We do the "Wednesday afternoon off" to enable your youth to spend time together, talk openly, and create memories.

What type of mission work do we do?

We will be working with the ministries that serve our neighbors, the homeless and less-fortunate. The majority of these ministries are within walking distance of St. John's and include:

- Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries (a homeless shelter, serving meals, providing counseling and beds for over 200 men and 40 women every night)
- Project Live (light construction work for the elderly poor)
- Salvation Army (homeless shelter and programs for men, women and families)
- The Wesley House (serving our inner-city youth in 1st through 5th grades)
- Volunteer Ministry Center (a day shelter for our homeless neighbors)
- Fresh Air Camp (day camp for inner-city and handicapped children, grades K—5)

Each location has different needs. You might be: playing with homeless children, picking up trash, scrubbing floors, providing music while folks wait for a meal, building a deck, cleaning a gutter, pulling weeds/planting a garden, folding laundry, sorting donated clothing, picking up more trash... We try to give everyone the opportunity to serve in a variety of locations – working with people as well as providing manual labor.

In addition to mission work, equal emphasis is placed on Faith Formation and Leadership Development.

Where do we sleep?

WOW has several dorm-style apartments (8-beds in a room with a bath) in a building next door to our church. The bunk beds have thick mattresses, you need to bring sheets and a pillow.

Where do we eat?

Most meals are served at St. John's. Some days lunches will be packed and taken with us to our mission sites. One night we go to a member's home for a cookout... There's always a veggie friendly option.

Where do we shower?

Each apartment has its own shower.

Is there great music?

Absolutely! Our guitar playing youth, along with our youth singers, lead our worship services. All youth are encouraged to play and sing and participate! If you have an instrument, please bring it with you.

Who is leading WOW 2009?

Leaders for WOW include Pastor Amy Figg, Nancy Friedrich (program director), plus well-trained interns (college students) and many of the youth from St. John's who have participated in intensive WOW training and have served the neighborhood for years. As your WOW Week progresses, your youth will be given the opportunity to serve in a variety of leadership positions.

**Faith Formation
Urban Mission Experience
Leadership Development**