

Dear

I am writing to ask for your spiritual and financial support for me and the high school youth of St. John's Lutheran Church who are participating in Workcamp 2009. This year's Workcamp is at Bolivar, Tennessee and is June 28 – July 4, 2009. Our church will have 55 youth and 11 adult leaders who will devote a week this summer to participate in this incredible experience.

We are going to Bolivar, Tennessee because it is a small community really suffering from the economic times. They have a high unemployment rate, large elderly population, and a youth community shrinking because of economic problems. We believe we will really be making a difference in their community through our hard work, fellowship and prayer. Please help us do that.

What is Workcamp 2009?

It is a mission trip specifically for senior high youth. It is a time for us to experience spiritual growth, serve those in need, meet other youth from churches across the United States, and have a lot of fun. Workcampers will develop lifelong memories and friendships.

We will spend 5 days repairing homes for homeowners with little income, especially the elderly. We will caulk and paint, build wheelchair ramps, repair porches, guttering, and doors, etc.

While at Workcamp we will be staying at a local school. We eat in the school cafeteria, sleep on classroom floors, and shower in the school locker rooms. The cafeteria is also a place to socialize and play cards before dinner. After dinner we gather in the gymnasium for spiritual growth and devotions.

This is my _____ Workcamp experience and I'm excited to be a part of this effort. We do this because it is rewarding to help and care for others. It helps us grow spiritually and build character. We learn to respect and appreciate others. We begin to realize possessions are not the keys to true happiness. Most importantly, we learn that we have the power to really make a difference and touch the lives of others through service.

How can you help?

I ask that you give what you can to support this worthy project. Any amount will help us reach our goal. It costs \$600 for each youth to go on this mission. We will also be raising funds through a variety of activities, including a chili supper, bake sales, and a garage sale. All donations will go into the general Workcamp fund to benefit all St. John's workcampers and your donation will help me specifically. We will use your donations to serve God and help many people who desperately need it.

While I'm at Workcamp, I'll send you a letter to let you know how things are going. A few weeks after we return from Workcamp, we will invite you to a special appreciation dinner.

Your donation to Workcamp 2009 is tax deductible. Please make your check payable to **St. John's Lutheran Church** and write **Workcamp 2009** and **my name** on the bottom of your check so that I may send you a thank you letter and invite you to the appreciation dinner.

If you have already sponsored another Workcamp member, or made donations through our other fundraisers, thank you for your contribution. If you are unable to donate, we ask that you support us with prayer.

Gratefully yours,

Detach and Mail with your Check

Workcamp 2009

Your Name: _____

Workcamper's Name: _____

Checks Payable to: St. John's Lutheran Church
1617 E. Emerson St.
Bloomington, IL 61701

Please write your Workcamper's name on your check.
Thank you for your generosity!