

# Key Dates

## Registration Due May 7

**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** \$50 deposit due for 6th-8th graders. See below for Youth Leader registration and training.

## Mon., June 4 or Tues., June 5

Parent and Participant Orientation 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Joe's. \$65 balance due. **All participant families** are required to stop by during this time to pick up CASS information and make final payment. **New participant** families are required to attend orientation 7:30-8:00 pm, The 1/2 hour orientation session is optional for returning families

## Sunday, May 20

Fundraising Pancake Breakfast St. Joseph Church — all congregations invited. 6th-8th graders help in 30-minute shifts — sign up on the registration form.

## Youth Leader Registration & Training

Youth Leaders receive an early bird discount (\$40 fee) if they sign up by May 7. After May 7, the fee is \$60. Training is required for all youth leaders. **No youth leaders are accepted after Monday, June 4**

## Activity Days

**Wednesdays** (8:30 am—4:00 pm)

June 20, 27 & July 11, 18, 25

**Thursday, Aug. 2** *Valley Fair Day for Metro Area Summer Stretch groups.*

*Check in at St. Joe's 7:00-7:15 am. We return around 6:00 pm*

# Participating Congregations

## Summer 2012

### **Incarnation—Shoreview**

*(Hwy. 49 near Chippewa Middle School)*  
Kristin Bloxham or Shawna Berg—  
651-484-7213

### **Living Waters—Lino Lakes**

*(Birch St., past Rice Lake Elementary)*  
Laura Delventhal—651-447-0861

### **Our Savior's—Circle Pines**

*(Lexington Ave., near McDonalds)*  
Rachel Arends or Charisse Froemke —  
763-784-1971

### **St. Joseph of the Lakes—Lino Lakes**

*(Elm St., near Centennial Middle School)*  
Chris Sauter—651-784-3015

### **St. Mark—Circle Pines**

*(North Rd., near Centennial High School)*  
Dawn Grandstand—763-784-2558

### **Important Note:**

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

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## When & Where?

Wednesdays, June 20—July 25  
& Thursday, August 2

Churches take turns hosting CASS.

## How Much?

\$115; \$40 cost for youth leaders, which is an early bird offer for youth leaders registering by May 7; fee is \$60 after May 7. This covers all activities, work-site materials, bus transportation for afternoon activities, and a Summer Stretch t-shirt. It does not include spending money. Full and partial scholarships are available—contact your church's rep.

***Because this program depends on adult volunteers, each family needs to plan to help at least two times—more if possible. Indicate available times on registration form. If no information is provided on registration, the dates are assigned. Your family's volunteer dates will be available at orientation on June 4/7***

## To Sign Up

Registration packets are at each church. **Deadline is May 7.** Complete the registration and return it to your church, along with a **non-refundable \$50 deposit** (or youth leader fee) made out to "Centennial Area Summer Stretch."

## What is it?

**The Centennial Area Summer Stretch (C.A.S.S.) 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. This is the eighth year for CASS.

**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 11-12) 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 IS IT?** We meet at one of the participating churches on Wednesdays beginning at 8:30 am. After worship, we spend the morning in small groups to do service (for example, at Feed My Starving Children, the Watershed District, nursing homes, and Wargo Nature Center). Lunch is back at that day's host church (everyone brings their own lunch) followed by Bible study. In the afternoon, the whole group shares in recreational activities (Wave Pool, bowling, sports events, etc.). 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.** Last year there were 300 participants and high school youth leaders. Each day requires at least 45 adults in the morning to drive and help their group at a work site (6-8 participants in each group), and another 8 adults to chaperone (along with the church leaders) in the afternoon. Although adults are welcomed, encouraged and invited to be present as often as they are able (even every week!), **Participants' families (6th, 7th, 8th grade) are required to volunteer for a minimum of 2 half-days (preferably mornings or find a replacement.)** High school leaders' families are invited to also help.

**Key adult volunteers are extremely important:** they come each week and take over one specific area (e.g., assigning drivers, crafts in the parks, or organizing cookies). Key volunteers' **fees are waived for one youth.** If you have the grace of extra time, talk with your church's representative.

**Interns:** CASS is offering a **paid internship.** For information and to apply, contact your church's CASS coordinator.

**Youth leaders** have a key role — 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 one of the two trainings.

***Come for Fun, Stay for God!!!***