

2023 Salem Missions Opportunities

Bringing Christ to the world by drawing, developing, and deploying disciples through support of mission ministries locally, regionally, and throughout the world.

Locally

Compassion Clinic - April 22

Day-of volunteers needed for this free clinic event in New Brighton

Living Hope - twice monthly

Join a twice-monthly work team renovating one of Living Hope's buildings in NE Minneapolis

Regionally

Joni and Friends - June 8-13 and/or August 14-19

Serve as a one-to-one friend to a camper with a disability at this camp in NW MN

Covenant Ability Network - Several Summer 2023 events

Help facilitate outings with residents of Friendship Place in Lino Lakes

Throughout the World

Alaska Christian College - June 3-10

Work on construction projects at ACC or help with cleaning, painting, and other tasks

Esperanza Viva Youth Trip - July 22-29

Pray for the 22 Salem youth who will be going to Esperanza Viva Youth Home in Puebla, Mexico

English Camp in the Czech Republic - July 23-29

Help run a week-long English camp for Czechs and Ukrainian refugees in the Czech Republic



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Compassion Clinic II April 22, 2023 II New Brighton, MN

Volunteer with other local churches to host the third Compassion Clinic in New Brighton on April 22, 2023. The clinic offers free medical, dental, vision, and chiropractic care, as well as haircuts, lunch, and information on community resources. Day-of volunteers are needed in a variety of areas such as registration, translation, prayer, guest relations. Health professionals and hair stylists are also needed. Contact Kathy Anderson (ander646@umn.edu).

Alaska Christian College II June 3-10, 2023 II Soldotna, AK

Salem will be heading to ACC from Saturday, June 3 to Saturday, June 10 with a team of up to 15 workers. Some of the main projects for this summer include a remodel of the New Hope Counseling Center, ACC street-front sign, Duplex 1&2 remodel, Quadplex A flooring, Athletic Center construction, conversion of Triplex 3, completion of a break room as well as landscaping and tree clearing. Volunteers with a background in construction and general labor work are ideal, but there are projects available for all volunteers 12 years of age and older, regardless of work experience such as annual cleaning, painting, sewing projects, vehicle upkeep, organizational and administrative tasks, etc. Please direct any questions to Dave Topitzhofer (dtopitzhofer@gmail.com).

Joni and Friends II June 8-June 13, 2023 and/or August 14-19, 2023 II Detroit Lakes, MN

Joni and Friends Family Retreat addresses the needs of families who live with the daily struggles of disability. Family Retreat is five days of inspirational worship, biblical teaching, informative workshops, refreshing recreation and precious time for families to build lasting memories. Individuals are needed to serve as Short Term Missionaries (STM) to serve as a one-to-one friend to a camper with a disability. A STM shares each day with their assigned camper; joining them for meals, programming, recreation and special events. STMs do not serve as Personal Care Attendants and are not responsible for any personal cares such as toileting, dressing, medication, etc. Their purpose is to love and serve their camper, to have fun and create memories, and to be the hands and feet of Jesus! No previous experience is required, just a willing heart. STMs arrive one day before the families to receive training on disability, disability etiquette, behavioral support, and much more. Contact Shelli Streeper (sstreeper@salem-covenant.church)

Esperanza Viva Youth Trip II July 22-29, 2023 II Puebla, Mexico

Salem Youth Ministry is taking 22 high school age youth to Esperanza Viva Youth Home in Puebla, Mexico July 22-29. There they will experience the ministry that is restoring and reshaping the lives of 100 or so youth that live at this youth home. We will spend the week serving EV by playing with youth, supporting staff, and celebrating the work God is doing there!

Covenant Ability Network II Summer 2023 II Lino Lakes, MN

Covenant Ability Network of Minnesota offers vibrant community living in ten group homes in Duluth and the Twin Cities. Friendship Place in Lino Lakes, Minnesota is located on a two-acre site provided by Rice Creek Covenant Church and it accommodates eight adults with intellectual disabilities. In the spring we will plan with Friendship Place to facilitate three events (possibilities include hiking or attending a ball game) with the residents during the summer. These will likely be spread out during the summer with the same group of Salem adults participating with the same residents in all events. Contact Sue Poston (sueposton@comcast.net) with interest and questions.

Living Hope II Two Saturdays/month II Northeast Minneapolis, MN

Living Hope Ministries is celebrating 30 years of serving Northeast Minneapolis and are currently needing work teams to complete the renovation of a building on the same property to be used as a Community Center. Work days are 2 Saturdays per month, 8:00-12:00 on a come-as-able basis. All are welcome. Contact Linda Smith (lindaloey@gmail.com).

English Camp in the Czech Republic II July 23-29, 2023 II Rožmberk nad Vltavou, Czech Republic

We are exploring the possibility of renewing our 2014-2019 participation in the Czech Republic by sending 4 to 6 people to share our knowledge of English and faith in Christ at an "English Camp" for up to 30 Czechs and Ukrainian refugees from childhood through adulthood in Rožmberk nad Vltavou, July 23-29 (trip about July 20-August 1). Contact Mark Nygaard (marknygaard-writes@gmail.com) with interest and questions.

