

Vision:

A gospel centered approach to community service connecting churches of various denominations and youth organizations.

Purpose:

To give incoming 7, 8, & 9 grade youth a safe, healthy place to belong where they can contribute to the community along with socializing with their peers.

History:

Summer Stretch was developed by Tim Clark at Mary, Mother of the Church to address several concerns about youth entering grades 7-9.

- There are many youth in this age group who are unsupervised for large periods of time during the day because both parents work or because they come from a single parent home and that parent works. They are too old for childcare or childcare is too expensive and they are too young to run unsupervised.
- There is a need to reconnect and reinvest young people in the community. The earlier we begin with our young people, the more effective we can be and service is a very effective way.
- Summer often means a drop in the level of contact churches have with their youth, however, it also offers an opportunity to work with this age group in ways that are not possible during the school year. Summer Stretch has been a great alternative.

Typical Summer:

Area churches often collaborate in early-June and/or throughout the program.

Seven weeks of programming (one day per week) in individual parishes.

Seventh week collaborative final celebration.

Early-August volunteer appreciation.

Typical Day:

8:00 - Leaders gather

9:00 - Youth arrive

9:10 - Check-in and gospel time

9:30 - Depart for service sites

12:00 - Service site check out and journal time

12:30 - Lunch at church

12:45 - Leave for social / recreational activity

4:30 - Back to church

4:40 - Large group closure and announcements

5:00 - Depart and team check-out

OTHER IDEAS:

Some church/organizations host one week of Summer Stretch and meet multiple days in that week.

Some church/organizations host for four weeks, or three weeks.

Some church/organizations host something similar and call it by a different name.

All are invited to collaborate, share resources, and prayer.

For A Church/Organization To Participate:

Please sign up as a subscriber on our website: summerstretch.wixsite.com/summerstretch

Where you will get notices on meetings, sharing resources, ordering a t-shirt, valley fair tickets and more.

There is a form on the website where you can let us know if your church/organization is participating in Summer Stretch as we describe it here, if you would like to order shirts with us, or if you are doing your own thing and just want to remain in touch.

Time Line To Join Summer Stretch:

Attend informational meeting in January.
Commit to the program by March.

Kick Off Meeting
Thursday, January 10, 2019
10am

Christ the King Lutheran in New Brighton.
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2018 Participating Churches /Organizations:

All Saints Catholic, Lakeville
Amery Congregational, Amery
Bethel Lutheran, Willmar
Calvary Lutheran, Willmar
Chisago Lake Lutheran, Center City
Christian Community Outreach Center, Olivia
Christus Victor Lutheran, Apple Valley
Church of St. Peter Catholic, Mendota
Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Paul
Cross of Calvary Lutheran, Olivia
Diamond Lake Lutheran, Minneapolis
Divine Mercy Catholic, Fairbault
East Immanuel Lutheran, Amery
English Lutheran Church of Bateman, Chippewa Falls
First English Lutheran, Cannon Falls
Glen Cary Lutheran, Ham Lake
Grace Church, Olivia
Grace Lutheran, Andover
Grace Lutheran, St. Paul
Guardian Angels Catholic, Oakdale
Holy Cross Catholic School, Webster
Hosanna Lutheran, Forest Lake
House of Prayer Lutheran, Richfield
Immanuel Lutheran, Eau Claire
Lord of Life Lutheran, Maple Grove
Neighbors United in Christ Lutheran, Amery
New Prague Area Catholic Community, New Prague
Oak Grove Lutheran, Richfield
Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic, Spicer
Our Savior's Lutheran, Bird Island
Peace Lutheran, Dresser
Resurrection Lutheran, Woodbury
St. Aloysius Catholic, Olivia
St. Anne Catholic, Somerset
St. Ansgar's Lutheran, Cannon Falls
St. James Trinity, Fall Creek
St. John the Baptist Catholic, Savage

2018 Participating Churches /Organizations:

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St. John's Lutheran, Eau Claire
St. Mary's Catholic, Willmar
St. Michael Catholic, Prior Lake
Trinity Lutheran, Eau Claire
United Lutheran, Lake Lillian
Vinje Lutheran, Willmar
Woodbury Lutheran Stillwater & Woodbury



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while having
fun!

**Summer Stretch
Program Information**

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