

Nebraska Middle School Gathering

- What?** Middle School Gathering, an event designed just for 6-8th grade youth.
- Where?** Sheridan Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE
- When?** December 28-29, 2011. 11:30-3:00pm
- Cost?** \$60
- Forms?** Please return the completed Permissions Slip below, along with the front and back of the MSG registration form to Jeremy by December 7th.

Travel Times and Info: We will be traveling in by church bus. We will be leaving the east parking lot of First Lutheran Church at 10:00a.m. Sharp Tuesday, December 28th so please **arrive on time** so we can pack the bus. We will depart from Lincoln following closing worship and arrive back about 4:30p.m., Wednesday, December 29th. Travel cost was included in the registration fee.

Food: You will need money or a sack lunch on Tuesday; we will stop for lunch in Lincoln before we check in. Wednesday we will not stop for Supper we will eat with our families following our return home.

To Bring: *Bible*, Clothes, Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Outdoor attire, toiletries, towel, sack lunch or money for Tuesday's travel, a snack to share, money for offering at worship, one package of socks to donate, and 3 drinks for meals.

Optional: snacks, Towel for swimming, swimming suit (ladies the dress code is a one piece suit or modest two piece), sleeping bag and pillow

Not To Bring: Skateboards, game systems, iPod or MP3 player, anything an airport might confiscate, or anything else which good conscience tells me does not belong on this trip

Emergency Info: In case of an emergency you may reach Jeremy on his cell phone at (402) 679-6928.

The Middle School Gathering, in Lincoln, NE on December 28-29, 2011

_____ has my permission to participate in the retreat to the Middle School Gathering in Lincoln, NE sponsored by the Youth Ministry of First Lutheran Church and the ELCA Nebraska Synod on December 28-29, 2011.

I understand that neither First Lutheran Church nor anyone affiliated with this trip will be held liable for any accidents or injury which may occur as a result of this trip. I further understand that my student will be expected to exhibit a good Christian attitude in words and conduct during this trip.

Signed: _____
 (Parent or Legal Guardian) (Phone Number)

The Middle School Gathering planning team is thrilled to invite you and your youth to the 2011 Middle School Gathering! Here are the details:

Dates: December 28-29, 2011

Place: Sheridan Lutheran Church, Lincoln NE

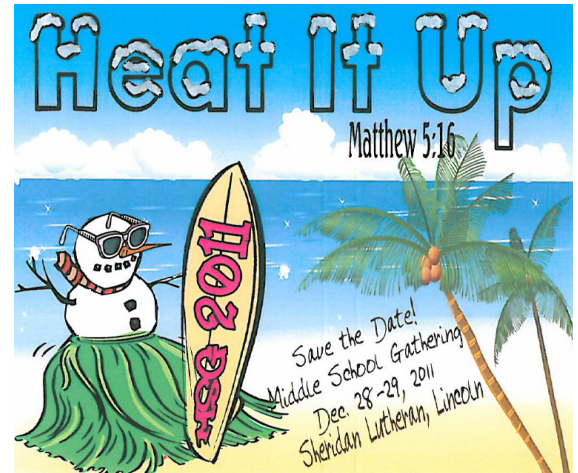
Time: 11:30 Wednesday- 3:00 PM Thursday

Theme: ***HEAT IT UP!!*** We will explore Matthew 5:16 *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

Participants: Youth in grades 6-8 and their adult leaders

Registration: \$60

Registration DEADLINE: **DECEMBER 7 to Jeremy at FLC**



Important Info to Note:

- **NEW:** The location of the event this year will be at Sheridan Lutheran Church! This beautiful church has plenty of space to HEAT IT UP in the middle of winter!
- **NEW:** Rooms for sleeping will be pre-assigned by the MSG planning team. This is a "lock-in style" event. We feel that it is very important to start building relationships and community during these Junior High years. Everyone is asked to stay at the church so we can be together as a group to help build that community.
- **NEW:** Since we are HEATING IT UP in the middle of December, on Wednesday night we are throwing a LUAU! We will have an indoor snowball fight, photo booth, a DJ and dance party, snacks, limbo, and MORE!
- **NEW:** This year, youth will not fill out a Workshop sheet. They will get their workshop assignments when they arrive at the gathering.
- **Service Projects:** Again this year, we will be out in the community doing various service activities. These assignments will be given to you at the gathering by Stacia Vawter. **NEW:** This year, we are having a sock collection. Please have each youth bring a package of socks to the gathering. These socks will be used for our indoor snowball fight and then donated to area homeless shelters after the gathering.
- **Food:** Meals will be provided Wed. supper through Thurs. lunch. Please bring 3 drinks per youth (this will provide them with a beverage during the 3 meals we will have during the gathering.). Also, please bring snacks to share during the LUAU. Make sure you bring enough to cover your own group.
- **Registration:** Youth AND Adults need to fill out a registration form, which includes a covenant and medical release. **NEW:** This year, registration will be done online by the primary adult leader. Bring the hard copy of the registration forms to the MSG. An adult from each congregation will keep them for emergency purposes. Group leaders need to fill out the Group Payment & Information Form to send in with their payment. Please send in ONE CHECK for your congregation, made out to Nebraska Synod ELCA with MSG in the memo line.
- Each ADULT participant must complete a Volunteer Screening Form and mail it to Lisa Kramme at the address below by December 1, 2011.