

ZOE!! 2010 Registration Packet

Welcome to ZOE!! 2010!! We are excited to have you be a part of this year's musical experience and encourage you to invite your friends to be a part of this ministry, too! ZOE!! is open to anyone currently in 7th-8th grade.

This year we gratefully celebrate our twelfth consecutive year of the ZOE!! ministry, and we have all of you to thank for that! Last year, middle school youth from twenty area congregations participated in ZOE!! We laughed, cried, made lasting friendships, and grew in our personal walks of faith as we sang, danced and brought the light of Christ's love to congregations, families, and nursing homes around Okoboji, Iowa. Each of us, whether participating in ZOE!! as a middle school student, high school mentor, or adult volunteer witnessed Christ's unconditional love for us as we opened our heart, mind and trust to Him.

This year, our weekly rehearsals will begin on Friday, March 26th at 7 p.m. and will culminate in a weekend tour June 4th-6th. Our home concert, always an honored highlight of the tour, will be held on the evening of Sunday, June 6th. ZOE's ministry is about sharing the love of Jesus with Fremont, the surrounding communities, our touring areas, as well as with one another. You are an important part of making this ministry happen.

Attached are the forms necessary for registration at **First Lutheran Church, 3200 E Military Ave, on Sunday, March 7th from 6:30-to roughly 7:45 p.m.** We ask that each student and at least one parent attend this group registration meeting. We will give a brief overview of the ministry and review the covenant sheets. There will also be time for questions. The cost for this year is still \$130.00. You can pay this in full at registration *or* in three installments (note the schedule for payment dates on schedule). This fee includes all rehearsal expenses, tour expenses, t-shirts and a poster-sized, hard mounted color autograph photo.

The \$130 fee is all-inclusive, with the exception of the following optional expenses: Tour sweatshirt, sack lunch you bring from home on the first day of the tour, possible cost to cover up to TWO lunches while on tour and any spending money for sundries, souvenirs, etc.

In addition, if you have any need for a scholarship in covering the fee so that your child is able to participate, there may be scholarship assistance available. Please contact either Amy or Kim to discuss options.

IMPORTANT--A word about the registration process.....

As in the past, we will again need to limit our enrollment due to travel and accommodation issues, but obviously want as many youth as possible to experience this fun, exciting, and life-changing-ministry. This year, we will be able to register **62 students**.

ALSO, we wish to be very clear about an important issue: ZOE!! is an ecumenical ministry. That means we welcome and encourage 7th and 8th graders of every faith to participate.

One additional registration note—although formal registration will be held only on Sunday, March 7th, students may register at First Lutheran Church by contacting Amy Brandert until Friday, March 12th OR until we have 62 paid registrations, whichever comes first. If you have a conflict and cannot attend the registration meeting on March 7th, please send your completed registration with a friend the evening of March 7th.

As in past years there are ***no auditions to be in the group***. However, if you wish to be considered for a vocal solo and/or speaking part, you will be asked to audition on Sunday, March 28th. More information about auditions can be found elsewhere in this registration packet.

You will need to bring with you the following items on Sunday, March 7th:

- Completed and signed *registration form*
- \$50 registration *fee*
(checks made out to “First Lutheran Church” with “ZOE!! 2010” in the memo)
- Completed and signed *conflict sheet*
- Completed and signed *health form*
- Completed and signed student *covenant*
- Completed and signed *parent covenant*

You are to keep the following from your packet:

- This *letter*,
- The second signed *covenant* (for your reference)
- The ZOE!! 2010 *schedule* to post on your fridge or with your family calendar.

We are so grateful to again have an energetic and passionate team of adult and high school volunteers this year!! We look forward to the talent and gifts each participant and their family offers to this year’s ZOE!! production. We look forward to seeing you at registration on Sunday, March 7th and at our first rehearsal on Friday, March 26th!

If you have any questions in the interim, please email Kim at khmitchell@neb.rr.com or Amy at amyb@flc-ne.org (Church phone for Amy is 721-2959, extension 22). **ZOE’s Coming!!**

God’s Blessings,
Amy Brandert and Kimberly H. Mitchell
Zoe Ministry Leadership Team

P.S. And speaking of phones.....one more thing we want to mention~
If your student would like to bring their cell phones to rehearsals, that’s okay—but we need to tell you that we will be collecting, labeling and holding them for each participant until after rehearsal is over. We’ve had so many interruptions from kids texting during rehearsal that we feel it’s necessary to do this.

If you need to reach your child during rehearsal, the church telephone will always be available. That number is (402) 721-2959. In addition, we will be listing the cell phone numbers of the adult leaders as well as a couple of the high school leaders who have agreed to keep their phone on for this purpose.

We sincerely hope this does not inconvenience you in any manner and we do appreciate your understanding and support.