

LORD OF LIFE YOUTH – ON A MISSION

Our Mission . . . to love like Jesus
Possible? With God's help, all things are possible!

This amazing group of young people has already embarked on their mission – each month when they gather for bible study and fellowship, they are learning to *love like Jesus*. Each time they gather to serve their church, the community, those in need, they are learning to *love like Jesus*. Each time they pray for each other, or encourage one another, they are learning to *love like Jesus*.

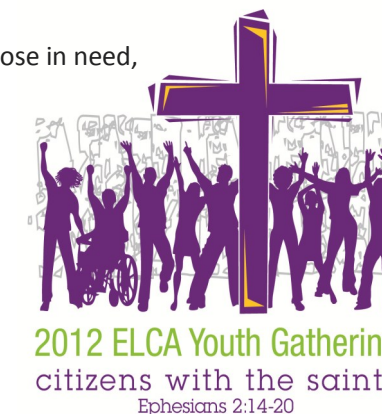
This July 2012, these young people, along with Wendy Adamson, Chris Ford, Steve Mau, Kara Rud and myself, will take the next step on our mission and head to the community of Gulfport, MS and work to continue to help that community recover from the still present effects of hurricane Katrina and the more recent BP oil spill. We will connect with other Lutheran congregations in the community and seek ways to bless their churches, their families, their community.

Then we will take the next step on our mission and join 30,000 other Lutheran youth from around the country at the National Gathering in New Orleans. We will spend our three full days in New Orleans Practicing Discipleship, Practicing Peacemaking and Practicing Justice – continuing to learn to *love like Jesus*.

Please pray for these 20 youth and the 5 adults who are on a mission with them – that each and everyone of us will learn to *love like Jesus* in a new way!

Thanks for all of your prayers, your encouragement, and your financial support. We are blessed to be a part of Lord of Life Lutheran Church – a church that practices “*loving like Jesus*” everyday!

- Pastor Erika



**Troy
Bialka**

WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

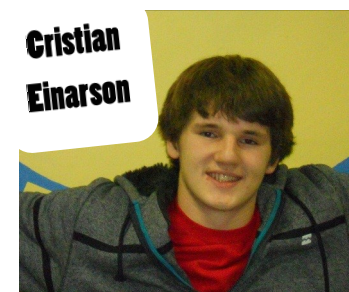
Being with my friends, helping other people, playing sports, getting good grades, food, skiing, and going to church.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

To connect with Christ, the church and others, and to help others in need.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

Safe driving, good grades and sports.



**Cristian
Einarson**

WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Food and friends.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I thought it would be fun.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

That we all have fun on the trip.



**Heather
Bowman**

WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Music, helping others, friends & family, praying, faith, good grades, traveling, laughing.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

Because I want to strengthen my faith with mission work, and be around other cool Lutherans in a new city. (P.S. I've heard New Orleans is a neat city. ☺)

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

Strength, courage, unity and happiness as we venture on this journey.



**Winsten
Fenske**

WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Being outdoors, being with friends, sports and being active.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I feel like it would be a great experience, and make me a better person.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

Staying safe on the roads and keeping up with school.



**Jackie
Caughey**

WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

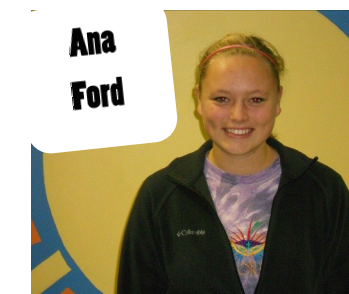
Spending time with my family and friends. Participating in diving, gymnastics and softball with my teammates. Helping others and making a difference in others' lives.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

To make a positive impact on the lives of others, to experience something new and be a part of something bigger,

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

For safety in travels and pleasant bonding with the others on the trip, and FUN TIMES!



**Ana
Ford**

WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Blankets, snow, hot chocolate, my room, pie, cake, candles, snowball fights, building a snowman, sun, trampolines, hammocks, laser pointers, nerf guns, jet skis, tubing, frosting, sweatpants, sweatshirts, and my animals.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I thought it would be really fun to see a different places' culture and help out with their problems.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

Safe travels and bus ride.



**Tiffani
Dewey**

WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Playing guitar, children, recording, friends, family, singing, piano and swimming.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I've heard the last New Orleans trip was really fun and life changing.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

That the mission trip goes well.



**Nick
Coll**

WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Longboarding, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, tubing, snowboarding. Apple pie, friends, llamas and laser tag. Nerf guns and jet skis.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

Because I wanted to meet many people of the same faith, and I thought it would be fun to travel and help others.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

Safe travel, less homework, happiness, a fun trip and good food.

**Ashlee
Hauble**



WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Mission Trips, Track & Field, Friends & Family, Violin, Guitar, Singing, Softball, skiing.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I went to New York on a mission trip last summer and it was one of the best weeks of my life, and I hope this one will be as good!

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR-FOR YOU?:

A good year and a good trip.

**Hailey
Hensel**



WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

I love to swim. I am on the varsity swim team. I also really love to read and sing.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I decided to go on the Mission Possible trip because I love doing things for church, and I am also looking forward to spending time with God.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

A safe journey on the way to New Orleans, and the events leading up to the actual journey.

**Luke
Jacobsen**



WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Swimming, tennis, skiing, fishing, hunting.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I decided to go on the Mission Possible Synod Journey because I think it will be fun to go to New Orleans, and it will be fun to be with the other people who are going.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

For a fun trip, and a quick bus ride.

**Karlene
Knutson**



WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Tennis! Running, biking, being with friends. Midnight Premieres (Breaking Dawn), Boating, water sports, hockey! Music (playing sax), and traveling!

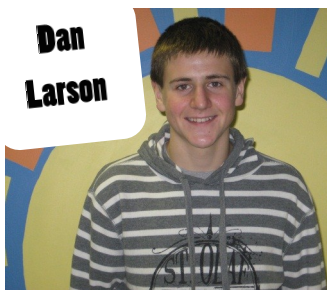
WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I thought it sounded really fun, and would be a great opportunity to grow in faith and travel!

WHAT CAN YOUR FATH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR-FOR YOU?:

To have a safe journey down there, and have fun!

**Dan
Larson**



WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Family, friends and doing good for others brings me joy.

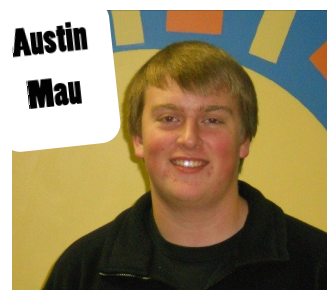
WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I decided to go to be with friends and do good for others which brings me joy

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

They can be praying for my safety on the trip.

**Austin
Mau**



WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Being with nice people, playing sports, and doing activities with these people.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

To get away to a cool place and help people in need with all I can do.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

A good trip down, and that we can help people in need.

**Abby
Quincer**



WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Basketball, softball, friends, socializing, Midnight Premieres (Breaking Dawn pt. 1), tubing, driving, fruit, shopping, funny people, confirmation, laughing, bonfires with friends, school (sometimes).

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I really just wanted to do something more to help the people in the U.S., to meet people and contact and make friends, I guess. Also, I have always kind of wanted to go to New Orleans.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR-FOR YOU?:

Good health, rest, safe driving practice, safe trip down to Biloxi, Mississippi & New Orleans. Have fun down there, and to really make a difference down there.

**Lauren
Rud**



WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Being with friends and family, helping others, the sun and summer, being outside, jet skiing and snowmobiling.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I went to the Mission Trip to New Orleans last time, and it was so fun, and such a good experience. Also, I hope to grow closer to God and the people on the trip.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

For a safe trip to New Orleans.

**Caitlin
Steffen**



WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Playing music and being involved in sports. I enjoy being with friends and family.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I heard mission trips were a great experience and was strongly encouraged by my parents so I thought it would be great.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

To become a more open and positive person.

**Morgan
Steffen**



WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Spending time with my family, reading by the fire, and singing in the choir.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

I love to travel! I love Jesus and I love my church!

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

An open mind and a servant's heart.

**Erica
Swenson**



WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

Friends & Family, good food, music, canoeing, helping others, laughing, watching movies.

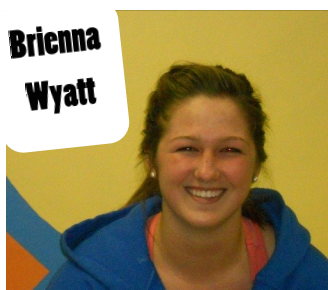
WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

To grow in faith, help others, travel down South, and experience a new kind of faith community.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR-FOR YOU?:

For strength, compassion, and trust in Jesus for me and all of us "rolling down the river".

**Brienna
Wyatt**



WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?:

My friends, helping others, watching Disney movies, being outside and laughing.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO ON THE MISSION POSSIBLE SYNOD JOURNEY?:

To help others, and get closer to God.

WHAT CAN YOUR FAITH FAMILY BE PRAYING FOR- FOR YOU?:

Happiness throughout the trip and safe travels.