

SOME OF THE SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS WE WORK WITH:

VINE Faith in Action
1618 Third Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001

ECHO Food Shelf
1014 South Front Street
Mankato, MN 56001

**Homeless Youth Drop in Center
Lutheran Social Services**
710 South 2nd Street
Mankato, MN 56001-3810

Salvation Army
700 South Riverfront Dr.
Mankato, MN 56001

MRCI Worksource
15 Map Dr.
Mankato, MN 56001

Lutheran World Relief
700 Light Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
School Kits (2100 kits in 2011)

Individuals needing help



A Daily Routine

For the Week in August **MTWTh & F (a.m. only)**

- 7 – 8 AM Rise and shine breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM Personal Devotions (today's topic)
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM Travel to Mankato job site
- 9:30 – 11:30 AM Work site—Social Organizations (left)
- 11:30 AM – 1 PM Salvation Army Work crew and eat (either the noon feeding program or the feed the children program)
- 1:30 – 4:30 PM Work site—Social Organizations (left)
- 4:30 – 5:00 PM Travel to Gustavus
- 5:00 – 6:00 PM Clean up for supper—free time
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM Supper
- 7:00 – 9:00 PM Planned Evening Fellowship like tubing, swimming, etc.
- 9:00 – 10 PM Worship (today's topic) followed by small group discussion
- 11 -11:30 PM Lights out. Boys and Girls in separate suites.

Agenda subject to change. Sunday will be an arrival day where we will meet 5 PM. Thrivent Financial will sponsor the opening. Friday we will close by 2 PM with a closing ceremony.



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**Bethlehem
Lutheran Church
2011-2012 Youth
Mission**

CSI: Mankato
Christ's Servants Involved

Help us- Help others!



With God-- We can make a difference!
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**CSI: Mankato is both service to others as a way of life and the week in the summer
AUGUST 5-10 2012**

You can make a difference –
If you really care

Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up. As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean. He came closer still and called out "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?" The young man paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean." "I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man. To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die."



Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!" At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one."

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You can make a difference – If
you use the gifts God gave you
for ministry

When asked how we make a difference in the world—most of us respond by saying the problems are too great and our efforts—even when given, are too small. God doesn't expect miracles from us but He does expect us to be disciples and to live our lives using the gifts which He gave us. CSI: Mankato is an opportunity for youth and adults to explore and discover those gifts and use them in ministry to our neighbors. **So our mission and life long goal is to make a difference to someone in need.**

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Our Goal is to

- have the youth interact with adults in a positive and meaningful way—learning and developing a servant's heart.
- have the youth interact with the local social organizations that have and are making a difference for people with needs in Mankato
- discover first hand that there are people with needs all around us
- learn to love our neighbors and help where we can.
- Discover we can make a difference for others at home.

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Opportunities provided are:

- connect with God through prayer, worship and action projects.
- know your community from the ground up—service organizations.
- serve others—which can be self satisfying and character building.
- hang with friends for a week at Gustavus and evening activities.
- invite friends to church —see a deeper side of them and you that you may not see otherwise.
- build your faith—a lifelong process.
- help your church establish a positive ministry to the community.
- make friends with someone who may be different than yourself.

When asked which commandment was the most important, Jesus responded.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:30-31