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**Better Homes for Appalachia  
Servant Event 2022  
Garrett County, Maryland**

When: July 16 - July 23, 2022

Where: Garrett County, Maryland.

Cost: \$290

What the Cost Covers:

- Room and Board at Servant Event
- Transportation Expenses while at Servant Event
- Bible Study Supplies
- Recreational Fees during the event
- T-shirt

What the Cost Does NOT Cover:

- Travel Expenses to and from Event
- Free Time Snacks and Soda-Pop (you won't have much free-time)
- Free Time Spending Money (you won't have much)

**Deposit:** A Non-Refundable but transferable deposit of \$125 per participant is due with your registration. The remainder of the registration cost will be due June 1, 2022.

**Registration:** A Registration Form is included with this Information Sheet. Please talk to your youth leader about how your group will register!

**What Work Will We Do?**

In many ways, it depends on the needs of the people we will serve. In the past we have done things like:



- Major Carpentry (like building 70 foot handicapped ramps, at left)
- Painting
- Siding
- General Cleaning
- Roofing Repair and Re-shingling
- Anything that we can see that needs to be done

**Group Size:** The ideal group size is seven people per group total, including adults. Smaller group sizes help us to mix with other groups and get to know them better.

**Youth Age:** This event is designed for servants who have completed the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades in the 2021-2022 school year.

**Do I have to have construction skills to come as a youth?** No, the most important thing you can bring is a willing heart. We provide construction skills training as part of the event. If you have construction skills before you come that's great too.

**Do I have to have construction skills to come as an adult?** The answer to this question is the same as above. Your willing heart is the most important thing you can bring. If you don't have construction skills when you get to the event, chances are good you and your youth group will have some by the time you leave. If you or someone else in your congregation has skills they would like to share, we can use them during the week. Just let us know!

**How will you grow?** Servants will grow spiritually in their relationship with God during this event through daily devotions, worship and Bible Study.



Servants will grow in their practical serving skills by interacting with the families they will serve at their work sites as well as learning construction skills.

Servants will grow in their relationships with each other by working hard together at the camp and on work sites, and by taking part in numerous group building activities and fellowship opportunities. When servants leave, they are different than when they came. That's a good thing.

**Where will you stay, what will we eat?** We will all stay together at a camp that includes comfortable dormitory style accommodations. The camp is set in the beautiful rolling hills of western Maryland. Facilities sit on about 6 acres that has been a church retreat site since the mid 1800's. Our camp location is central to the job sites and activities we will participate in during the week. Food is provided. We typically have breakfast at the camp, pack our lunches to eat at our work sites, and have a hot meal back at camp in the evening.

**Who else will be there?** You will spend the week with other like minded high school aged servants from around the country. Typically we will serve with 5 to 7 youth groups from near and far!

Who are our leaders?

Pastor Peter DeMik, Project Coordinator

Peter has served as pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Laurel, Maryland since July of 2001, after graduating from Concordia Seminary, in St. Louis. He served as a youth director as an intern at St. John's Lutheran in Franconia, Virginia and also briefly while at Glendale Lutheran Church in Glendale, Missouri, where he went on his first Servant Event. It was too much fun. Peter has a wife, Michelle, and a daughter and two sons.

Jim Dempsey, Community Life Leader

Jim has served as Community Life Leader since 2005, and has served at the Better Homes for Appalachia event since 2000. He's been involved in various Youth Ministry activities for many years, including roles as Youth Ministry Leader, Event Counselor, and volunteer event planner with Lutheran Youth Encounter. He has also served as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer on construction projects for as long as he can remember. He hails from Richmond, Virginia, and is married to his wife Melanie. They have one son.

How do I Register for the Event?

Please have your youth leader see the "Leader's Registration Information Sheet" for details about deposits, registration forms and final payment for the event.

Feel free to contact our event leaders with questions:

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