



# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN



## In Christ, Reaching Out To Those in Need



On June 10, 2023, just before the summer solstice, 22 adults and teens from St. Mark's will be flying to the land of the midnight sun!

**Fairbanks, Alaska, here we come!**

Our travelers will be setting out as an inter-generational team to join others as part of Next Step Ministries to serve, spiritually grow, and experience God's love.



In the largest geographical state in the country, there are a limited number of places Christians can go to grow in their faith and be trained to spread the gospel to the hundreds of Native American villages throughout the state. It is the vision of the former Chief of the Athabaskan Tribe, Will Mayo and his wife Yvonne, to create a place where this can be accomplished in the future. The team, along with student volunteers from Next Step Ministries, will be helping construct cabins dedicated to spiritual renewal for the Mayo's ministry, VINE (Village Network).



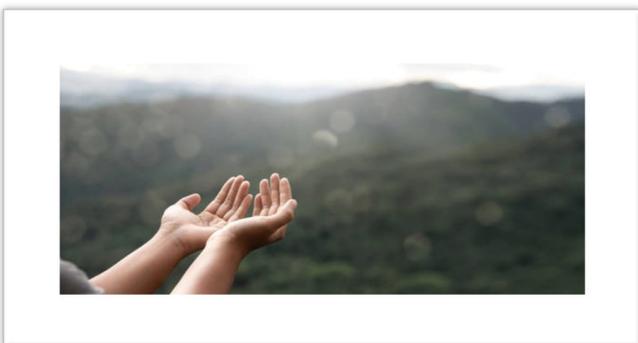
Some of the partnerships and projects we will help with include the Fairbanks Rescue mission (helping construct tiny houses for transition out of homelessness), The Door (a homeless shelter for teens ages 12-18), and Youth With A Mission (preparing this missionary hospitality base for the harsh winters), and Camp Li-Wa (which provides retreat and camp facilities for those around the state). The community is eager to share their lives with us and have the opportunity to build relationships while sharing the Gospel of Christ.

The work in Alaska is unlike any other work we will encounter. We will be challenged physically and spiritually, all the while being surrounded by some of the most breath-taking views of God's creation.

Next Step Ministry is an interdenominational organization that facilitates Christ-centered summer trips to bring people into closer contact with the good work the Holy Spirit is already doing. We will be engaging our hearts, bodies, souls, and minds through worship, construction projects, and community development.

We are excited to for this opportunity to be transformed by sharing the love of Christ in other parts of the world!

God bless you!



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