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GO. *Together!*

2026 Synod Relation-Trip

Make plans today to join in this one-day synod-wide relation trip to the Champaign-Urbana area where we will serve neighbors in need and build relationships across our communities of disciples. Projects include work at Sola Gratia Farm, a bike rodeo with St. Matthew's Lutheran, Urbana, work at a clothing distribution center, painting and building projects at St. Andrew's Campus Center, projects with LSSI, and more! You pick your projects when you register!



9 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday, April 18,
2026



Meet at Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church, 2101 S.
Prospect Ave. Champaign

What to Expect :



Cost:
**\$10 / person helps us plan
and provide snacks and water**

General Schedule:
9 AM Meet up at Good Shepherd
10-12 First project of the day
12-1:30 Lunch and travel
1:30-3:30 Second project of the day
3:45 PM Wrap-up at Good Shepherd

Register Today!



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- All projects are within a 5 mile/15 minute drive of Good Shepherd.
- Many projects are accessible and open to folks of all ages.
- Lunch is on your own. Suggestions will be offered, but the C-U area is full of options.
- Refreshments will be available both beginning and end of the day.

**Please register
before March 20.**

Planned Projects



Morning Projects - 10 AM - Noon

1) Sola Gratia Farm:

4.8 miles (13 min) from Good Shepherd

Projects at Sola Gratia could include seed or seedling starting in the greenhouse or fields, mulching paths at the discovery farm, building/assembling trellises, tree care, or cleaning the wash-pack area. Work at the farm might be muddy and some will be outdoors or in unheated areas. Dress appropriately. Participants should be at least 16 years old.

2) Bike Rodeo at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Urbana (ELCA):

4.4 miles (12 min) from Good Shepherd

St. Matthew's neighborhood is diverse and beautiful, with lots of children. Volunteers would help St. Matthew run a bike rodeo with give-aways, helmet checks, safety course, and more.

3) empty tomb: 301 N. 4th St., Champaign

3.3 miles (12 min) from Good Shepherd

People of any age or ability are invited to sort and prepare clothing donations. Weather permitting, interested folks may also assist with outdoor yard work around the facility.

4) Morning Service Session with LSSI: Supporting Children in Foster Care

At Good Shepherd

Families are invited to participate in a hands-on service activity supporting children in foster care. Each family is encouraged to bring a favorite children's book (for any age level) to donate. Together, we will decorate bookmarks, create friendship bracelets, and assemble hygiene kits to accompany the book gifts.

Afternoon Projects - 1:30-3:30 PM



5) Sola Gratia Farm:

4.8 miles (13 min) from Good Shepherd

See above! Projects at Sola Gratia might be muddy and some will be outdoors or in unheated areas. Dress appropriately. Participants should be over 16 years old.

6) Afternoon Service Session with LSSI: Supporting Seniors

At Good Shepherd

Families are invited to take part in a creative and meaningful service activity benefiting seniors. Participants will paint a flower pot and/or mug and create a handwritten card to share a message of care and encouragement.

7) St. Andrew's Campus Ministry: 909 S. Wright St., Champaign

2.9 miles (13 min) from Good Shepherd

St. Andrew's is in a brand new building! But there is still some painting and furniture assembly that needs to be done. There might also be a mural to be painted to beautify the space! Painting supplies and tools provided.