

Collect Books for Camp Hope!

St. James Lutheran Church in Houston received a generous grant from United Way to host Camp Hope* (day camp) in three locations this summer specifically targeting apartment complexes in underserved neighborhoods of their community! The grant is focused on three areas - Limiting summer learning loss for campers through STEM and literacy activities; College and career readiness for the 30 high school staff that run the three camps; Parent engagement through health and wellness classes for parents at each site. It's an amazing way to imagine Camp Hope in new ways in the community!

To accomplish this huge endeavor, St. James is partnering with local educators, the YMCA, Mecca, Community Health Choice and the University of Houston to add supplemental programming to the experience for campers and parents. It's exciting to see Camp Hope expand and grow in new ways as it turns 30 this summer!

We want to invite your congregation to buy new books that will be gifted to campers at the three Camp Hope sites St. James is hosting this summer! Books are important part of a child's life and we want them to be able to take two books home at the end of camp. That's 300 books total!

How to get your congregation involved:

A.

Tell your church about this special campaign! Announce this the next couple Sundays, send an email, spread the word through social media, and print it in your weekly bulletin.

Share the provided book list.

Gather the books in a central location at your church.

B.

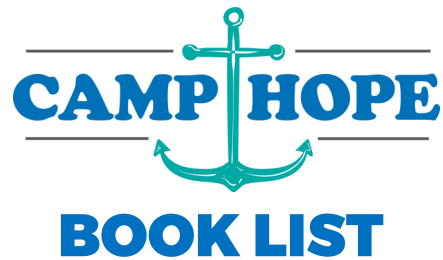
Take an offering to purchase books.

Bring ONE check with you to the assembly. (Make the check payable to St. James Lutheran Church and note "Camp Hope books")

Bring the books and/or check to the Synod Assembly in May. Drop them in the designated box of the church lobby at Kinsmen on Friday or Saturday of the assembly.



** Camp Hope Day Camp Ministry is a non-profit that writes annual 3-week day camp curriculum used by congregations all over the United States. Camp Hope is focus on Biblical literacy in campers through hands-on, age-appropriate and creative activities. Camp Hope day camp is an excellent day camp that also serves a primary leadership development school for high school students and young adults. Learn more at www.camphopeministries.org*



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BOOK LIST

Bad Kitty (Series) by Nick Bruel
Elephant and Piggie (Series) by Mo Willems
Frog and Toad (Series) by Arnold Lobel
It's Shoe Time by Mo Willems and Brian Collier
Little Bear (Series) by Elsa Holmelund Minarik
Mercy Watson (Series) by Kate DiCamillo
Amulet (Series) by Kazu Kibuisji
El Deafo by Cece Bell
Ghost by Raina Telgameier
Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke
Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
Secret Coders (Series) by Gene Luen Yang
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Series) by Jeff Kinney
Dog Man (Series) by Dav Pilkey
Dragon Masters (Series) by Tracey West
Eerie Elementary (Series) by Jack Chabert
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Frank Einstein (Series) by Jon Scieszka
Ghost by Jason Reynolds
I Survived (Series) by Lauren Tarshis
Laura Line by Crystal Allen
Matilda by Ronald Dahl
Nerds, Book 1: National Espionage, Recue, and Defense Society by Michael Buckley
One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams Garcia
Origami Yoda (Series) by Tom Angleberger
Some Kind of Courage by Dan Gemeinhart
The Cross Over by Kwame Alexander
The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine
The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes
Wonder by Raquel Palacio
Creepy Pair of Underwear by Aaron Reynolds
Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin
Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena
Mango, Abuela and Me by Meg Medina
Martina and the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale by Carmen Agra Deedy
Pete the Cat (Series) by James Dean
The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
Why Am I Me by Paige Britt