

**Bethlehem Farm: Talcott, WV**

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| **Focus** | Home repair with focus on ABI pillars and Appalachian culture |
| **Site Mailing Address** | PO Box 415 Talcott, WV 24981 |
| **Physical Address** | 572 Bethlehem Farm Lane; Alderson WV 24910 |
| **Site Contact** | Eric Fitts |
| **Email** | bethlehemfarm@gmail.com |
| **Telephone Number (s)** | 304-445-7143 |
| **Website** | [www.bethlehemfarm.net](http://saintandrechurch.org/) |
| **What to Expect** | The ABI experience is shaped by the four pillars: build community, deepen faith, live simply, do justice. Students and staff will spend the week exploring these pillars in the context of an immersion experience.  Lodging, all meals, evening activities and worksites (painting, decks, roofs, drywall etc) are coordinated by the staff at Bethlehem Farm. LUC will join up to 3 other groups from other colleges for the week and will be split into work groups with these schools. This is a Catholic, faith based organization (started by LUC alums) that is inclusive and welcoming of all people! A typical day involves morning and evening prayer (students will have a chance to help plan one of the prayers with their work group) morning chores, a home repair worksite and plenty of time for games, conversation and community time. The pastoral letters of the Catholic Bishops of Appalachia, *This Land is Home to Me* and *At Home in the Web of Life* are good preparation for this trip! |
| **Housing Details** | Dormitory style bunks separated by gender identity; some smaller, shared rooms available |
| **Time and Distance** | 10.5 hours (plus timezone change to EST); 600 miles |
| **Travel Notes** | Group should eat dinner prior to arriving at BF on Sunday between 7-8pm EST-please call if you will be late! Group will depart Bethlehem Farm on Saturday morning about 10 am. Find directions at <http://bethlehemfarm.net/directions> Do not follow GPS as it could lead you onto old logging roads!! |

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| **2018 Information** | |
| **Dates:** | Sunday, March 4th-Saturday, March 10th |
| **Student Leaders** | Name, phone, email |
| **Depart LUC** | Sunday, March 4th 6:30 am sharp |
| **Arrive LUC** | Saturday, March 10th in the evening |
| **Vehicle Information** | 2 rented mini vans; Drivers must be 21 and certified by LUC |
| **Packing List** | * Sleeping bag or sheets and a blanket * Pillow * Towel * Toiletries (soap, toothpaste etc) * Work shirts (long & short sleeve shirts, sweatshirts) * Work pants (Jeans or sturdy khaki pants-sweatpants are not suitable for the worksite) * Work boots (warm and waterproof if you have them!) * Warm socks (high cut socks to be worn with boots) * Work gloves * Hat/bandanna * Leisure clothes for after the worksite * Cold weather gear (hat, gloves, long underwear coat as needed) * Rain gear * Sneakers (2 pairs of outdoor shoes total) * Slippers or indoor shoes * Shower shoes * Pajamas * Journal and pen * Reusable water bottle * Flashlight * Driver’s license and medical emergency card * A little spending money for travel days/BFarm store   **Optional**   * Earplugs (if snoring bothers you) * Snacks for the car ride * Book/games for free time * Dirty laundry bag * Camera * Your favorite readings or stories for prayer planning   **What not to bring:**   * Laptops, Ipads etc… * Expensive jewelry or other valuables you don’t want to lose * Tobacco, drugs, or alcohol products * Make-up, curling irons, hair products etc.. * Weapons of any kind * Bottled water   Weather in WV is unpredictable-please check the weather and plan accordingly! We will work **outside** even during the cold and rain so please be prepared and know that you will get dirty!  Students should not wear any articles of clothing with foul language, advertisements for drugs or alcohol or anything that could be offensive or inappropriate within our host community. |

Emergency Contact information  
Students will not have access to cell phones during the trip. If a student needs to be reached in the case of an emergency by family, please contact:  
**Campus Ministry**: 773-508-2200 (Monday-Friday; 8:30am-5pm)  
**Allison Loecke:** 773-508-6065/aloecke@luc.edu  
In the event of an afterhours **Emergency only,** please call Campus Safety at 773-508-6039