

T I R O S H ?

The Harvest

The Harvest is a larger group than sharing groups. It is a gathering of all the Tirosh community to socialize and share one's life in Christ, building a Christian community on a wider basis.

Harvests are scheduled on a bimonthly basis by the Tirosh Committee, the administrative arm of Southern Arizona Lutheran Tirosh.

Who can attend Tirosh?

Tirosh is open to all youth from 9th grade to age 20 who meet the following requirements:

1. is baptized
2. currently attends a Lutheran church
3. has a desire to increase his/her personal relationship with Jesus Christ

Are you interested?

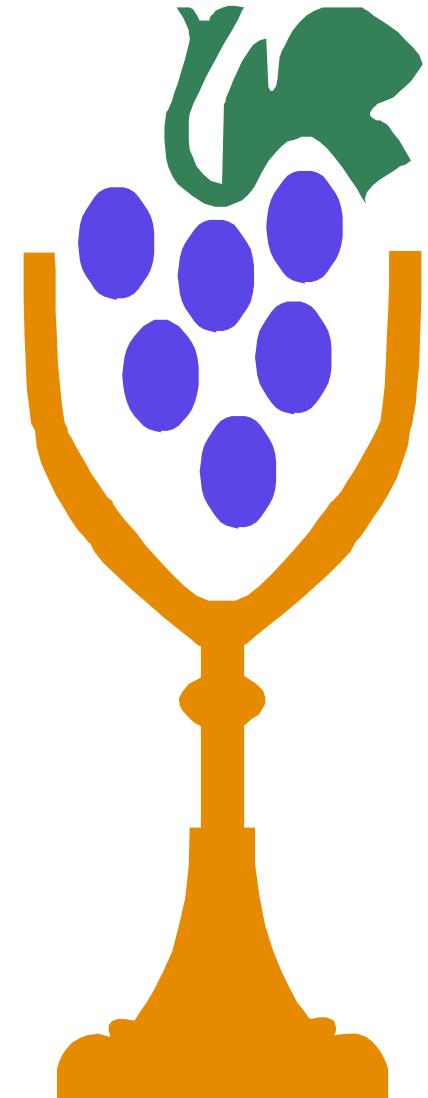
We invite you to experience the joy of a Tirosh retreat through the outpouring of God's love in His Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

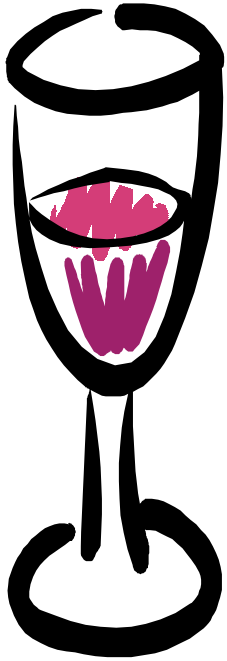
For Information or Applications

Contact the Via de Cristo/Tirosh representative at your home church, your pastor or your youth director.

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Movement*

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What is Tirosh?

Tirosh is a retreat experience. It is three days, unlike any other, designed for teens. During the three days of learning, sharing and Christian growth, teens learn what it really means to be a Christian. They experience the joy of building and being part of a genuine Christian community with their peers and adults.

During the three-day Tirosh, the teens hear talks by other teens, adults and pastors. There is also singing, games and other activities.

At no time during the Tirosh is a teen called upon to do or say anything that they do not wish to volunteer. We respect the individual.

History and Purpose

Tirosh is patterned after the adult *Cursillo/Via de Cristo* movement. Tirosh is the name chosen for the Teen Movement because it symbolizes God's grace and blessings in a new life in Jesus Christ.

Tirosh has its roots deeply planted in the *Cursillo/Via de Cristo* Movement, and it is similar in that it is also a three-day spiritual retreat that provides the participants the opportunity to expand their faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to renew their commitment to Jesus Christ.

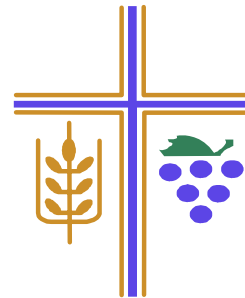
The content of the three days focuses on God's grace, how to experience Jesus Christ as Friend, Savior and Lord, and how to respond to Christ's call to discipleship.

The Meaning of Tirosh

In Old Testament times, God's promises of blessings were accompanied by a promise of grain and new wine. Many times grain and new wine were the "first fruits" offered as tithes to God. Jesus broke bread and blessed the wine at the first communion.

The symbolism of new wine has rich meaning in both the Old and New Testaments, and it is associated with God's best, abundant blessings and new life in Jesus Christ.

Tirosh (*te-roshe*) is the Hebrew word for new wine. It is used forty times in the Old Testament as a symbol of God's blessings and new life in Him. The word Tirosh appears in sixteen books of the Old Testament from *Genesis* to *Zechariah* and it is always associated with God's grace, abundant blessings, and the offering of "first fruits" to Him.



What happens at Tirosh?

The Tirosh retreat begins at 8:30 am of the first day of the retreat and concludes at approximately 6:30 pm of the third day. Participants spend three days with other teens in worship, prayer, fellowship, recreation, singing and discussion. Tirosh is a place to experience the love of Christ through the prayers and acts of service of a loving support community.

Participants hear talks given by youth, adults and pastors, focusing on the needs of maturing youth and offering the message of the Gospel and the friendship and example of Jesus Christ. Five talks are given each day followed by discussion and reflection on how the message is helpful to personal faith. Friendship with Jesus is explored to help youth live their faith with family, friends and community.

Boys and girls attend at the same time, but they are in separate rooms for the talks, discussions and sleeping. Meals, recreation and singing are joint activities.

What happens after Tirosh?

Following the three-day retreat, participants are invited to live out their faith through local church participation, small group studies and interpersonal sharing groups that provide the fellowship and support for giving love to a needful world. The invitation is to build upon the Tirosh experience for the rest of their lives, to rise to a new day, every day.

Sharing Groups

Grouping, as it is commonly called, is an informal weekly gathering of two or more teens, who share their faith in Jesus Christ. Each person shares his/her life in the areas of prayer, study and action. By spending time each week in this fashion, teens lend support to one another and sustain apostolic enthusiasm for the most central person in their lives - Jesus Christ.