

Position Title: Director of Christian Education (all ages)

Salary: Full-time

Reports To: Pastor of Youth and Young Adults

Sharon Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Grand Forks, North Dakota

Office: 701.772.3122

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Purpose: The Director of Christian Education will lead and coordinate dynamic and effective education ministries for all ages. The Director of Christian Education is a team member of the staff of Sharon Lutheran Church, working under the supervision of the Pastor of Youth and Young Adults, and collaborating with the Director of Youth and Young Adults, as well as the Director of Elementary and Middle School Youth. These positions work together to provide intergenerational ministry, bridging the wonder of our children and wisdom of our elders. Sharon Lutheran Church, a congregation of around 3,500 members in Grand Forks, North Dakota, serves 250 students in its Confirmation program (6th-10th grade) and more than 300 students in church school (two sessions on Sunday mornings and two sessions on Wednesday evenings). Sharon's team has been blessed with the great opportunity and responsibility to provide for the faith development of many young people, their families, and other members and visitors.

Qualifications and attributes:

B.A. degree in Education or a related field preferred

Three or more years of education or ministry experience preferred

Lutheran background and foundation for ministry

Relate well with students, families, volunteers, and other members of the congregation

Ability to work in a team setting

Skilled in planning, collaborating, and implementing curriculum, programs, and events

Proficiency in email and all relevant office and social media applications

Responsibilities:

Responsible for all aspects of both of Sharon's existing church school styles for students 3 yrs old - 5th grade
(intergenerational church school "Faithful Families," and classroom-based church school)

Develop education opportunities for children and families who are not yet church school aged

Oversee adult education opportunities

Recruit, train, equip, empower, and retain ministry volunteers, developing leadership and a sense of vocation

Oversee the organization of all data and registrations required for education programs

Collaborate to develop family/intergenerational events

Support Confirmation ministry when appropriate

Attend weekly staff meetings and monthly board meetings (youth and education)

Communicate and promote Sharon's programs and ministries to the congregation and community

Collaborate with and support other Faith Formation staff members

The Director of Christian Education is expected to model discipleship and leadership:

Build healthy relationships with students, families, and members, providing support/advocacy

Teach, train, and empower leadership and help others to discern and use their gifts

Encourage weekly worship and spiritual practice

Seek to help all ages connect to God, each other, and our community while living the mission of Faith Formation

Ministry: to be lifelong disciples of the radical Jesus.

Compensation: Based on qualifications and years of experience.

Subject to Eastern North Dakota Synod Guidelines for Youth and Family Ministry.

Please submit cover letter and resume to:

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