

Position Title: Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Salary: Full Time

Reports To: Pastor of Youth and Young Adults

Sharon Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Grand Forks, North Dakota

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Purpose: The Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will lead and coordinate a dynamic and effective ministry for high school students and young adults. The Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry 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 Education and Director of Elementary and Middle School Youth. These positions work together to provide intergenerational ministry, bridging the wonder of our children and the 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 Skills:

B.A. degree preferred

Three or more years of youth and family ministry experience within a church setting 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 programs and events

Proficiency in email and all relevant office and social media applications

Responsibilities:

Develop relationships with youth and young adults

Plan and implement Confirmation programs for 9th grade (weekly instruction) and 10th grade (monthly events)

Lead a weekly youth group (Re:New) and provide other events for senior high school students

Raise up and train Peer Ministry leaders

Provide faith formation opportunities for confirmed youth (11th-12th grade)

Collaborate with the Pastor of Youth and Young Adults to provide faith formation opportunities for young adults (18-35)

Collaborate to develop family/intergenerational events which help all participants grow in their faith

Plan, organize, and lead annual senior high summer trip (service learning experience or ELCA Youth Gathering)

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 Youth and Youth Adult Ministry is expected to model discipleship and leadership:

Build healthy relationships with students and their families and provide 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 youth and families 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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