

Participant's Covenant

In applying to be a Children, Youth and Family Ministry Volunteer, I realize that I have time commitments to meetings and trainings that I will attend to the best of my ability. I realize that I have expectations to worship, study, pray and serve regularly in the community. I am serious about living in a way that honors God and shows others my faith through my actions.

I am committed to working in the framework of the Children, Youth and Family Ministries' mission, vision and values. I also agree to be bound by the Covenant Children, Youth and Family Ministry Safe Haven Guidelines. If I fail to follow the above stated guidelines, I understand my volunteer status will be terminated.

Participant Date

Medical and Liability Release of Self

I authorize a representative of Covenant Lutheran Church Children, Youth and Family Ministries to take such action as deemed necessary for the care, welfare and health of, me/my child including the giving and consent of medical treatment. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any expense of claims of any nature Covenant Lutheran Church and its representatives. I understand that I am responsible for any charges that may be incurred.

Participant Signature (or Parent Signature if person is under 18) Date

Signature of Witness (an adult not related to the above signer) Date

Media Release

I give permission to use, publish, or disclose newsletters, brochures, periodicals, posters, websites, or other media related vehicles, any photographs, videos, audios, and any other material in which I may have appeared, spoken, written, or otherwise been represented. I understand that a copy of this release will be kept on file to indemnify Covenant Lutheran Church against any of their use of the materials indicated.

Participant Signature (or Parent Signature if person is under 18) Date

Authorization for Screenings (only for 18 and older)

I am willing to request and submit to the social security and criminal background check on myself from Shepherd's Watch or a business that offers a similar service by an agent of Covenant Lutheran Church.

Participant Date



Children, Youth and Family Ministry



Covenant Lutheran Church

Vision, Mission and Core Values

Hello!

We are so glad that you are prayerfully considering serving as a volunteer with the Children, Youth and Family Ministry at Covenant Lutheran Church.

Please read the following information about this unique ministry, then fill out the application, and return it to the church office. We do check references and run background checks on all potential volunteers because we care about making Covenant a safe haven for all children and youth.

If you have any questions, please contact Office Manager, Sue Tabbert, in the church office at 281-578-8799, or email sue@covenantlutheran.org.

God's Peace+

Pastor Jason (JT) Thomas



Vision Statement

As we continue to grow, we seek to provide Christ-centered community where children, youth and families are equipped to walk faithfully with Jesus in order to serve the world and the community.

Mission

Educate, guide, enlighten, and support the families of Covenant Lutheran Church and the community in their walk with Jesus Christ.

Values

- Covenant provides opportunities that help establish a personal relationship with Christ.
 - A partnership between the congregation and home is vital to growing faithful children.
 - Healthy relationships between children/youth and Authentic, Available, and Affirming adults are promoted at Covenant.
 - Children and youth will find a safe haven at all church activities.
 - Children and youth have gifts to use, offer, and share with the congregation and community.
 - We are called to serve, to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, in the community.
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**Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.
Love the LORD your God with all your heart, and
with all your soul and with all your strength.**

- Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Children, Youth & Family Ministry Volunteer Application

Choose a Ministry Team by checking your top 2 choices.

Nursery Assistant

- Work with children 0-36 months.
- Serve during worship as assistant to the paid nursery worker in the nursery.
- Serve about once every two months.

Children's Church Leader

- Work with children 2 years old to 2nd grade.
- Lead a short lesson during the sermon.
- Serve about once a month.

Children's Church Assistant (7th - 12th graders and older)

- Work with children 2 years old to 2nd grade.
- Assist the Children's Church Leader with children during Children's Church.
- Serve about once a month.

Adult Guide (Please circle one: 5th Grade and younger, Jr. High, or High School)

- Work with children/youth of a specific age group.
- Serve as an adult leader at weekend retreats and events.
- Serve as often as you wish.

Planning Team (Please circle one: 5th Grade and younger, Jr. High, or High School)

- Work on a small team of adults/students.
- Plan and execute events for a specific age group.
- Monthly planning meetings and time spent executing events.

Confirmation Assistant -or- Sunday School Teacher (Grade _____)

- Work with children/youth of a specific age group from 2 years to high school.
- Sunday School: Teach prepared lessons in an age-specific small group setting.
- Confirmation: Assist the instructor in class as needed, assist students if needed
- Serve weekly or twice a month depending on number of teachers and specific role.

Resource Team

- Work with children and youth in a limited capacity.
- Provide support to ministry events by serving snacks, meals, etc.
- Serve as often as you wish.

Spiritual Team

- Work with children and youth in a limited capacity.
- Provide prayer support for students and upcoming ministry events.
- Offer prayer before a children/youth event begins or before leaving on a trip.
- Serve as often as you wish.

Background Information

Have you, at any time, been involved in or accused, rightly or wrongly, of sexual abuse, maltreatment, or neglect?

Yes No

Have you ever been accused or convicted of possession / sales of controlled substances or of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs?

Yes No

Are you using illegal drugs?

Yes No

Have you been arrested or convicted for any criminal act more serious than a traffic violation?

Yes No

Have you ever been involved romantically or sexually with any student in the youth ministry, or had sexual relations with any minor after you became an adult?

Yes No

Have you ever been a victim of any form of child abuse?

Yes No

If yes, would you like to speak to a counselor or pastor?

Yes No

Have you ever gone through treatment for alcohol or drug abuse?

Yes No

Have you ever been asked to step away from ministry or work with students or children in any setting, paid or volunteer?

Yes No

Is there anything in your past or current life that might be a problem if we found out about it later?

Yes No

If the answer to any of the above questions is yes, please attach another page and write a full explanation. These will be discussed confidentially with you at a future date.

Yes No