

Position Title: Associate of Faith Formation Ministries (Birth-Grade 8)
Salary: Part-Time (20-30 hours/week, with an average of 25 hours/week)
Reports To: Director of Faith Formation Ministries

Sharon Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Grand Forks, North Dakota
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Purpose: The Associate of Faith Formation Ministries (Birth-Grade 8) will lead and coordinate a dynamic and effective ministry for students of church school age (three year olds through fifth grade). Furthermore, the associate will develop family and intergenerational events which intentionally connect members of Sharon to God, each other, and our community while including everyone in the lifelong process of faith formation. The Faith Formation Ministries Associate is a team member of the staff of Sharon Lutheran Church, working under the supervision of the Director of Faith Formation Ministries and collaborating with other Faith Formation Ministries Associates, each of whom has areas of focus within Sharon Lutheran Church, a congregation of 3000 in Grand Forks, North Dakota. With more than 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 has great opportunities and responsibilities to provide for the faith development and growth of many young people, their families, and other members and visitors.

Qualifications and attributes:

Lutheran background and foundation for ministry
Relate well with students, families, volunteers, and other members of the congregation and community
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
B.A. degree preferred
Three or more years of youth and family ministry experience within the church setting preferred

Responsibilities:

Manage all aspects of both church school styles (intergenerational and classroom-based)
Recruit, train, equip, empower, and retain ministry volunteers, developing leadership and a sense of vocation
Organize, maintain, and update all church school, Confirmation, and Vacation Bible School registrations
Develop family/intergenerational events which help all participants remember their baptism and grow in their faith
Collaborate with and support other Faith Formation staff members where appropriate
Encourage children, youth, and their families to participate in weekly worship and utilize their gifts
in the worship setting and in the community
Give the gift of your presence at all relevant program times (particularly Education ministries),
unless otherwise determined in conjunction with the Director of Faith Formation Ministries
Build healthy relationships with students and their families and provide support/advocacy as needed
Attend weekly staff meetings and monthly board meetings (youth and education)
Communicate and promote Sharon's programs and ministries to the congregation and community
Seek to help all who worship, learn, grow, and serve at Sharon Lutheran Church connect to God, each other,
and our community while becoming lifelong followers of Jesus Christ
Report directly to the Director of Faith Formation Ministries on a regular basis

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:

Dave Berger, Director of Faith Formation Ministries, 1720 South 20th Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota, 58201