

**Lutheran Church of Hope**  
**Volunteer Background Information Sheet – Children’s Ministry**

Thank you very much for your interest in serving as a children’s ministry volunteer! Please take a few minutes to fill out this form.  
Lutheran Church of Hope places a high value on providing a safe environment for children, and this form will help us do that

**+++++ Information provided will remain confidential and secured. +++++**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of an emergency, whom should we contact? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPIRITUAL INFORMATION**

The questions in this section will help the church insure a spiritually safe and Christ-centered environment for children’s ministries. Please do NOT misunderstand the purpose of these questions. All people of any faith or denominational background are invited and encouraged to attend Hope, and the church is not seeking “perfect Christians” to volunteer in children’s ministry (since no such “perfect” person exists in this world, and those who might claim perfection would not be a prime candidate for teaching children). Still, the Bible clearly teaches that faith is a public matter, not private. Furthermore, for the sake of presenting a singular and unified message and therefore promoting spiritual safety, Lutheran Church of Hope requires that all children’s ministry leaders, shepherds, etc. be willing to make a public statement of faith in Jesus Christ, and agree to avoid any teaching that stands in conflict with the Christian faith. With that in mind, please answer the following questions:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe the Bible is the inspired written word of God? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to teach the children in your care without contradicting the boundaries of Lutheran Church of Hope’s mission, vision, core values, and teaching statement (see attached documents for details)? \_\_\_\_\_

- What best describes your affiliation with Hope?
- Member: Active, Participating
  - Member: Occasional Participation
  - Non-member: Regular Attender
  - Non-member: Occasional Attender

How long have you been attending Lutheran Church of Hope? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list other churches you have attended regularly over the past five years, if applicable (name of church and city):

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We want this to be a positive experience for you. In order to keep your spiritual energy at a high level, we strongly encourage and expect you to remain faithful and regular in worship. Is there any other kind of specific spiritual support you would like from the children’s ministry team to help you carry out your volunteer ministry more effectively (Bible studies, prayers of support, training, etc.)?

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Please list previous volunteer work you have done with children in the past (when, where/name of church or organization, and what):

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Is there anything else you would like the church to know regarding your faith journey?

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**SAFETY INFORMATION**

The requested information below is needed for a criminal background check, which Lutheran Church of Hope reserves the right to do in order to insure the safety of children in our care. Again, please be assured this information will remain confidential and secured.

Birth date (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Other names you have used in your lifetime (maiden name, different last name, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in the Des Moines area? \_\_\_\_\_

Current employer (if employed): \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been employed there? \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone or Human Resources Phone (for verification purposes only): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you worked for other employers over the past 3 years? If yes, please list employer/s, and dates of employment below:

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Have you ever been convicted of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain:

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I give Lutheran Church of Hope the right to make a thorough investigation of the information presented in this form, volunteer work and other activities, and I release from all liability all persons, companies, churches and agencies supplying such information. I also release Lutheran Church of Hope, its employees, agents, and representatives from all liability, which might result from making such investigation. I understand that any false answer and statements or implications made by me in this application or other required documents shall be considered sufficient cause of denial to participate in Children's Ministries. I understand that Lutheran Church of Hope may request a review of policy/criminal records concerning me. I understand that falsification of any information provided by me on my application or non-disclosure of any material information may be grounds for rejection, or if I am volunteering with Children's Ministry, for my discharge upon discovery. This information will be used in a consistent and nondiscriminatory fashion, and all reasonable efforts will be made to maintain strict confidentiality.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if a minor is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO FILL OUT THIS INFORMATION SHEET ...  
AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING AS A CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER!**