

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church

Coordinator of Teen Faith Formation

Position Description

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is an historic congregation located in downtown Omaha. Grounded in the theology and traditions of the Lutheran Church, aware of the current challenges of our culture, we serve families from throughout the metropolitan region.

We seek a partner in ministry to help form and strengthen the faith of the people of Kountze Memorial, working specifically with those in Middle and High School.

Qualifications:

- Personal faith in Jesus Christ that seeks to grow.
- Commitment to the Church as the Body of Christ. Knowledge of, or willingness to learn, the teachings of the Lutheran Church, our understanding that it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ that reconciles us to God, to one another, to ourselves, and to creation. The Coordinator of Teen Faith Formation will become a member of the congregation.
- Degree or certification or willingness to earn credentials in *Youth and Family Ministry*. A degree in a related field, such as counseling or social work may be considered.
- Understanding of the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of Middle and High School youth, including relationships to parents, families, peers, community and the world.
- Understanding of the developmental stages of life and how youth ministry fits into life-long learning.
- Ability to work with children, youth, adults, congregational members and staff to create a network of relationships through which faith grows.
- Congenial personality that welcomes and encourages connections with various types of youth.
- Understanding of group dynamics that serves the differing needs of each person.
- Aware of proper boundaries so that relationships are nurturing and healthy.
- Ability to plan, communicate and coordinate ongoing programs and specific events
- Ability to envision potential ministries, then work to experiment, evaluate, and modify.
- Ability to work with staff in a manner that is both collaborative and observant of proper boundaries.
- Ability to use computers and other communication technology, as well as social media in a manner appropriate for the ministry of the church.

Responsibilities

- Develop and maintain contact with Middle and High School youth – members and friends
- Lead Sunday morning Youth Forum for High School youth
- Coordinate with and support Sunday School teacher of Middle School
- Work with Pastor(s) for Confirmation Ministry
- Develop Bible study and other mid-week gatherings as needed
- Coordinate Summer Youth Trips
- Coordinate Summer Camp experiences

Lead *Lutheran Youth Serving Omaha (LYSO)* and or other summer Christian education experiences, in coordination with other designated staff and volunteers
Work with other designated staff and volunteers for cross-generational ministries
Work with staff and congregational members, including appropriate committees, so that middle and high school youth can be integrally involved in congregational life
Assist adult leaders of the Order of Saint John to encourage broad participation

Expectation: This is a full-time, professional, salaried position with benefits through Portico (of the ELCA).

Supervision and Staff Relationships

The Coordinator of Teen Faith Formation works in collaboration with the Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation and the Pastor of Adult Faith Formation
Life-long Faith Formation is overseen by Associate Pastor Paul Moessner
The Senior Pastor supervises all staff

To apply:

Please send:

Your resume
A statement of your personal faith
A statement of your philosophy of youth ministry

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We will begin reviewing applications May 23