

ADULT LEADER JOB DESCRIPTION

for Peace in Christ Lutheran Church; Hermantown, MN

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Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:7-8

Being a Gathering Adult Leader is a year+ ministry commitment. The task will be exhausting, but the sacrifices are well worth it. You are tasked with the high honor of being a physical caretaker and spiritual leader that the young people from our church will look up to for many years to come. As you read through the following job description, remember that you are not in this alone. We will have a team of many adults who will be working together, and Jesus Christ is with us through it all, and His love never changes! Do not be overwhelmed by the tasks, but focus on the great reward this journey has to offer.

An Adult Leader for the National Youth Gathering (NYG) is...

- Being on duty for 14-18 hours per day, but on-call for the entire NYG
- Caring and being responsible for 5-7 young adults who are, most likely, not your own while in Minneapolis at a conference with 25,000 other people
- Getting up early and staying up late
- Surviving on a strange meal schedule
- Walking many miles a day
- Helping students care for themselves – eating enough, budgeting food money, drinking water, bedtime!
- Committed: attending planning meetings, adult leader trainings, fundraisers, etc.
- Handling conflict resolution
- Enforcing a covenant – an expectation and behavior agreement that the group will write
- Coordinating daily schedules with 6-8 people and with the large group
- Participating with youth in ALL event activities
- Living out of a small hotel room with 2-3 young adults for five days
- Not a tourist - We may get to see some of Minneapolis, but we will see A LOT of the inside of the Convention Center and US Bank Stadium

A Shepherd, not a Chaperone. This means...

- Setting an example of faith in your worship, prayer, Bible study, and service to Christ and His church as you take on this role – not just during the NYG.
- Intentionally building a personal relationship with each youth in your community group and with as many youth as possible from our congregation.
- Establishing a relationship with the parents of each youth in your community group. You will be the closest adult to these young people during this experience. Other parents will be trusting you with the physical safety and spiritual well-being of their children.
- Enabling and empowering and encouraging each youth in your community group to experience the journey to the fullest - spiritually, relationally, emotionally, etc.
- Actively encouraging each youth to help them carry through with their commitment to the NYG, our congregation, the large PIC group attending the NYG, and their community group.
- Promoting harmony among the youth and adults through trusting and loving others and addressing conflict in a God-pleasing way according to Matthew 18.

Giving “first-fruits” time vs. “leftover time”. This means...

- Making the youth and Gathering preparations a priority and investment of your time.
- Taking a leadership role for NYG planning and fundraising.
- Readily sacrificing your own desires and wants in order to do what is best for the group and what is best for the youth, rather than what is best for you.
- Attending ALL planning meetings throughout the year for which you are available. If you are unable to attend a meeting, be sure to clearly communicate about your absence and follow-up with any youth in your care.
- Following the direction of the Primary Adult Leader, Ruth Woltmann.
- Taking an active role in the post-gathering activities and celebrations at home after the NYG.
- Go to Minneapolis in July 2019! Learn! Worship! Teach! Care! Enjoy!