

Confirmation Shepherd – Job Description

Purpose:

A Confirmation “Adult/Teenage Shepherd” *shepherds* and leads a small group of 6th, 7th or 8th graders toward becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Responsibilities:

- Pray consistently for your small group students as well as the whole team.
- Shepherd your students: Build loving, supportive relationships within your group. Provide a listening ear and timely, intentional guidance. Develop a small group that is safe, accepting, growing and fun.
- Build into your students a heart for those who don't yet know Jesus
- Contact your students regularly by phone/text, email, cards, etc.
- Wednesday: Prepare and lead your small group. The confirmation readings and materials are provided in advance so you can review, internalize and communicate them in your own way.
- Contribute to the leadership team by:
 - Contacting Matt regularly for feedback
 - Coming promptly on Wednesday nights
 - Attending Training
- Sundays: where possible connect with your groups during the Worship services and church events. Encourage participation and involvement in worship services and any area of ministry.
- Participate in and lead your small group in the Confirmation Blast-off Retreat.
- Attend events pertaining to confirmation of your Confirmands.
- Encourage attendance of your group members on mission trips.

Qualifications:

- Participating member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church (or in process)
- Acknowledges Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and Lord; and longs to introduce Him to others
- Has a loving and learning heart and passion for students!
- A Christian lifestyle that shows growth toward maturity.
- Understands his/her spiritual gifts and desires to use and develop them.
- Possessing Spiritual Gifts of: *shepherding, leadership, encouragement*

Commitment:

- Wednesday nights, 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm, September through early May. Actual Wednesday timing: 6:30-7:45 pm
- Aim to make a two-three year commitment (depending on the age of the group), recognizing that life circumstances may change.

Success Defined (Goals)

- A healthy and safe large and small group environment where students can experience a sense of belonging
- Deepen their understanding and articulating the basic precepts of the Christian faith.
- Students will be moving toward full devotion to Jesus Christ and attendance and participation in the life of the church.