

Youth & Family Ministry Opportunity

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Charles City, Iowa

St. John Lutheran Church is looking for a dynamic person to lead our youth and family programs. This new full-time position allows you the opportunity to mold and shape this program while working with an energetic staff to carry out God's will in our community. The right person for this position will develop, lead, and oversee a ministry of faith in Jesus Christ in the lives of children, youth, and their families.

This progressive church of 1,200 members is ready for the right person to feed our youth and families with the word of Christ and mold them into active disciples in the church and community, equipping them to be extraordinary life-long Lutherans. We have the resources to allow you to tackle projects and accomplish these goals.

Charles City is a community of approximately 7,800 people and is the county seat of Floyd County, population 16,300. Demographic data puts the unchurched at 55%, providing ample opportunity to reach out to those who have rarely or never heard the Gospel.

Charles City lies along the Avenue of the Saints an interstate that is in the middle of everywhere. We are 2 1/2 hours from Des Moines, 2 1/2 hours from Minneapolis / St. Paul, and 5 1/2 hours from Chicago.

Our youth and family programs have some well established traditions including Bibles Before Books, a bi-weekly 6 A.M. bible study for middle & high school youth, an annual Chicago mission trip to serve impoverished people in the inner-city, a weekly after-school program, and classics like Sunday School, vacation bible school, and confirmation. We want to grow and expand these programs to widen our reach in the community.

We are ready for you! If you feel God's calling please review the job description at our website <http://www.stjohncharlescity.org>, Please submit resume and cover letter to dennis@stjohncharlescity.org by March 1, 2012.



**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES
COORDINATOR**

Job Description
December 2011

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Youth and Family Ministries Team Leader, under the direct supervision of and in partnership with the Senior Pastor, is responsible for developing, leading, and overseeing a congregational ministry of nurturing faith in Jesus Christ in the lives of children, youth, and their families, so that they may fulfill our mission of *“go and make disciples” by inviting and equipping people of all ages to be and become disciples of Jesus Christ.* The primary ministry emphasis will be among families and youth.

REPORTS: to the Senior Pastor

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develops, coordinates, and leads ministry programs designed for families and youth.
- Develops, recruits, supports, equips and supervises all leaders and volunteers in the Milestones Ministries.
- Lead and equip small group leaders and other volunteers to be disciples of Jesus Christ, to disciple others, and be involved in the lives of families and youth.
- Supervise and direct the weekly Middle School and Senior High School programming.
- Promote a congruent ministry to all children and youth from birth through 12th grade and their families.
- Provide support and obtain materials for all Junior and Senior High School ministry leaders and other volunteers.
- Lead regular scheduled Junior and Senior High leadership team meetings to train, supervise and nurture volunteers.
- Promote youth participation in church activities.
- Cultivate one-on-one relationships with youth & volunteer ministry staff.
- Monitor and manage the youth budget.
- Create and oversee opportunities for Junior and Senior High youth and their families to experience faith in action through organizing mission trips, retreats, large and small group programs, family activities, and recreational opportunities.
- Recruit develop, and train student leaders and parents to engage in ministry.
- Work in partnership with the Northeast Iowa Synod and other congregations to help students engage in the larger Church.
- Work with the Family board, Youth board, and Parish Ed board.
- Work with Parish Ed board to develop and organize educational programming for youth, i.e. Sunday School and VBS

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Ability to recruit, schedule, and equip leaders for ministry.
- Ability to organize and communicate information verbally and in writing.
- Ability to develop goals and objectives consistent with St. John's ministry.
- Able to work evenings and weekends and maintain flexible working hours as determined by the needs of the ministry.
- Ability to work without direct supervision.

REQUIRED BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor's degree in a related field in Youth & Family Ministry and/or Education
- Certification in Youth and Family Ministry program (or can obtain certification within one year in Youth and Family Ministry inspired by the "Child in our Hands" model).
- Ability to use electronic software and social media to organize and communicate.

SALARY:

Beginning salary \$25,000 - \$30,000+. Benefits available and negotiable.

BEGINNING:

Position to begin Summer of 2012.

TO APPLY:

Send letter of application & resume to:
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