



# Youth Leadership

Oct 2009 – May 2010

*Life...to the full*

**JOHN 10:10**

Jesus said, “the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

## **Youth Leadership Expectations**

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12*

### **INTRODUCTION**

We see our Youth Ministry Program here at Hope as a journey of faith. In “the Way” (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades) we strive to set young people on the right path, showing them that faith can be fun and meaningful while facilitating the growth of community and social networks for our young people. In “the Truth” (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) our young people learn the truths about the Bible, the church, the creeds and the traditions of our Lutheran heritage while having opportunities to put faith in action together with friends and in service to others. In “the Life” (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) our youth choose to put their faith into practice on a regular basis. Through youth groups, fellowship events, lessons, worship and service our young people learn what it's like to take their faith seriously and to pursue a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

*This leadership opportunity is for 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders who have actively participated in youth ministry at Hope for more than 6 months and who would like the chance to grow in their faith by serving and leading their peers, together with our youth ministry STAFF.*

### **LIFE & SPIRITUAL EXPECTATIONS**

- Personal growth through Bible study and prayer
- Modeling a healthy commitment to my family
- Choices, a lifestyle, and attitudes that are Godly, knowing that my leadership is a model for other students and those around me
- “Being a Light” on my campus, in my neighborhood, and in my home
- Lead a lifestyle of humility in which I am teachable and willing to grow in my faith

### **LEADERSHIP EXPECTATIONS**

- Regular weekly attendance on Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings and Sunday nights.
- Being an example of proper behavior during worship services, programs, and activities
- Promote an atmosphere of acceptance at all YOUTH gatherings by seeking out new and unfamiliar faces, by actively including students that seem unconnected, and by befriending others different from me
- Willing to meet with and assist Youth Staff
- Serve on a ministry team
- Complete weekly assignments and devotions
- Will be at meetings on time and bring a Bible, notebook, and a pen

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

- Yearlong commitment from October to May
- Weekly Sunday meetings 4:30-5:45 pm (first meeting on Sunday October 25)
- Attending all scheduled leadership meetings and events
- Regularly attending Wednesday and Sunday nights
- Regularly attending Sunday worship

**I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE ASKED TO STEP DOWN FROM YOUTH LEADERSHIP IF I HAVE MORE THAN ONE UNEXCUSED ABSENCE IN A SEMESTER.**

## **Youth Leadership Application**

*(Return application to Pr. Adam Knudson no later than Sept. 27)*

*All "on time" applications will be considered and applicants should anticipate an interview with the Youth Staff.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Type out Your Answers to the following on a Separate Sheet of Paper**

- 1. Describe your relationship with Jesus Christ and your story of how this relationship has become significant in your life?**
- 2. State briefly what you think being a Christian means?**
- 3. What are you doing to continue to grow in your faith with Christ?**
- 4. How would your "un-churched" or "school" friends describe your relationship with God?**
- 5. How would your family describe your relationship with God?**
- 6. How long have you consistently attended Hope?**
- 7. What other activities will you be involved in this year (sports, clubs, etc.) and what are their weekly time commitments?**
- 8. What do you see as your strengths?**
- 9. What do you see as your weaknesses?**
- 10. a. What does the concept "servant-leader" mean to you?  
b. Are you willing to be this type of leader?**
- 11. a. What do you feel are your spiritual gifts or how are you gifted?  
b. How can you use them in the group this year?**

While our entire youth leadership team and youth staff will meet together for prayer, Bible study, discipleship and planning, our intent is to have Youth Leaders for each of the following areas. Please indicate with a number (1,2,3) what your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice preferences would be, if selected for youth leadership.

*All three roles will work in close contact with the Youth Ministry Staff*

\_\_\_\_\_SERVANT LIFE – These leaders will help to plan, organize, publicize and carry out service projects or outreach events for “the Life” or on behalf of “the Answer.” This role is for someone who is excited about serving others.

\_\_\_\_\_COMMUNITY LIFE – These leaders will play a special role in “the Life,” helping new kids to feel connected, following up with guests or with youth that haven’t attended recently. This role is for someone who enjoys people and who desires to help “the Life” be a warm and welcoming community.

\_\_\_\_\_FELLOWSHIP EVENTS – These leaders will help to plan, organize, publicize and carry out fun events and fellowship activities for “the Life” or on behalf of “the Answer.” This role is for someone who likes to get creative and work hard to provide other kids with cool and fun opportunities to experience “the Life.”

## **COMMITMENT**

If, as a student leader, I represent Hope Lutheran Church and “the Answer” Youth ministry in a poor way, I understand that I will be asked to step down from my leadership role. This is up to the discretion of the Youth Ministry Staff.

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

As a parent, I recognize the commitment my son/daughter is making and I will support the commitment and hold my son/daughter accountable for their involvement in this ministry. I also consent to my son/daughter working in student leadership.

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Parent Signature

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Date