



# Sunday School Shepherd

September 2011 – May 2012

“Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.” (1 Peter 5:2-4)

**Position Description:**

There are two types of Shepherds for our Sunday School program. One type for the younger classes and one type for the First through Sixth grade classes.

For our preschool and Pre K/Kindergarten classes, the Shepherd will be in the class along with two teachers. The Shepherd will assist the teachers in any way needed which could include, setting up, cleaning up, playing with the children, preparing snack, telling the story, etc.

For our First through Sixth grade classes, our Sunday School program is based on a rotational model of Sunday School. The same story is told for 3 or 4 weeks but from different subject emphasis such as Art, Music, Science, Cooking, Video or Games. A Shepherd is assigned to a specific Sunday School grade level, such as 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The job of the shepherd is to "Shepherd" their class from week to week. The teachers change from week to week but the Shepherd is the consistent person in the student's lives. This is why attendance for the shepherds is very important.

Since a Shepherd is a role model for his/her class, you are expected to lead by example. Actions speak louder than words so you will be expected to be encouraging, understanding, helpful, humble and kind both while you are a shepherd on Sundays and in all aspects of your life. This is an great opportunity to share your faith with our young people and help with their faith development.

**Expectations:**

- Be a positive role model for the children
- Continue to grow in your personal faith development through reading the Bible and praying
- Make every child feel included especially ones that are there for the first time
- Write postcards to children who miss Sunday School or are having Birthdays – postcards will be provided each Sunday morning along with the attendance sheets
- Be in the classroom 10 minutes before Sunday School starts
- Have the parents sign their children in and out on the attendance sheet
- Attend monthly Shepherd’s meetings and come to them on time and prepared
- Notify Janet Lane by Friday, if you are unable to be present on Sunday.

**Time Commitment:**

- Sundays from late August - May
- Monthly Shepherds meetings (Most likely on Sundays)
- Regular attendance at Sunday Worship
- Regular attendance at Sunday youth group.

**Commitment**

I promise to do my best to be a good role model and faithful servant of God as I work with the children of Hope Lutheran Church. If at any time I make choices which reflect poorly on me or God or the church I understand that I may no longer be allowed to shepherd the children.

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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 with the Sunday School program as a Shepherd.

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Shepherd Application 2011-2012

(Return Application to Janet Lane no later than Sunday, June 5, 2011)  
All applications will be considered and applicants should expect an interview.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in Fall \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the questions below on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Describe your current relationship with Jesus Christ and your story of how this relationship has become significant in your life?
2. What leadership experiences have you had? Tell about your favorite one.
3. How long have you consistently attended Hope?
4. When you were a child, what did you enjoy about Sunday School and why?
5. What do you hope to learn by being a shepherd?
6. What strengths or gifts do you have that would make you an effective shepherd?
7. Which age group would be your preference and why?
8. What other activities will you be involved in this year?
9. Do you think you have conflicts making a weekly commitment on Sunday mornings?