Sunday School Shepherd Application 2014-2015 School Year

“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.” 1 Peter 5:2
Position Description
There are four age groups of kids: ages 2-5, grades K/1, grades 2/3/4, and grades 5/6. There will be at least one shepherd for each of these age groups.

For our 2-5 year old class Preschool Class, the Shepherd will be in the class along with our teachers. The Shepherd will assist the teachers in any way needed which might include setting up, cleaning up, playing with the children, preparing snack, telling a story, and actually leading the lesson.

Our Sunday School program for kids in grades K-4 is called “Holy Moly.” There is a minimum of one shepherd for grades K-1, and grades 2-3-4, who will be responsible for leading their respective classes from week to week, and will serve as the constant role model(s) for their children. Shepherds may also occasionally be in charge of teaching the lesson for a week, in addition to often leading the closing prayer. The teachers change three times a year, while the Shepherd is the consistent person in the life of the students. This is why attendance for the Shepherd is very important.

“Connect” is the title of our Sunday School program for grades 5-6, a group led by one adult and a HS or College student mentor who will occasionally teach as well as lead the closing prayer. The mentor will assist in teaching and conversation with the tweens, exploring how the Bible stories apply to our daily lives.

Since a Shepherd is a role model for their class, you are expected to lead by example. Actions speak louder than words, thus you are 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 a 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 through Bible reading, prayer and regular worship at Hope
• Make each child feel included, especially guests and visitors
• Write postcards to children who miss Sunday School or are having birthdays
• Be in the Gathering Room 3-5 minutes before Sunday School
• Assure parents sign their children in and out on the attendance sheets
• Attend regular Shepherd Team gatherings.
• Notify your Lead Shepherd, by Friday with the name of your substitute if you are unable to be present on any given Sunday.
• Please be on time and prepared.

Time Commitment
• Sunday mornings from August 31, 2014 through May 17, 2014
• Be here for Sunday School by 9:45 each week, we end around 10:45
• Shepherd Team Gatherings (dates to be announced)
• Weekly attendance at Sunday morning worship
• Regular participation in Hope’s HS Youth Group

Agreement:
I will do my very 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 God’s church, I understand that I may no longer be allowed to Shepherd the children.

____________________________________  _______________________
Signature of Shepherd Applicant                  Date

As a parent, I recognize the commitment my daughter/son is making and I will support the commitment and hold my daughter/son accountable for their involvement in this ministry. I also consent to my daughter/son working with the Sunday School Program as a Shepherd.

____________________________________  _______________________
Signature of Parent                  Date
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Please return your application to Janet Lane or Christa Slater. All applications will be considered and you should expect a conversation with Janet and/or Christa.

Name: ___________________ Gender: __________

Grade in Fall: _____ School: __________________________

Home Phone: ___________ Cell Phone: ________________

Date of Birth: _________ Email: ______________________

Please answer the following questions on a separate page.

1. Describe your current relationship with Jesus Christ and how this relationship has become significant in your life.
2. What are some of your favorite leadership experiences.
3. What do you like best about Sunday School and church?
4. What would you like to gain from being a Shepherd?
5. What strengths or gifts do you have that will make you an effective shepherd?
6. What other activities will you be involved with this year, both at school and at Hope?
7. Do you think you will have conflicts making a weekly commitment on Sunday mornings?
8. What is your preferred means of communication (texting, email, phone call, etc) and do you have texting?
9. Do you have a preferred grade you would like to work with? (no guarantees, but it helps.)

Thank you!