

Volunteer Expectations

As part of the body of Christ and as a volunteer ministry team, we commit to:

- Affirming, encouraging, praying for and blessing one another and the ministries we represent.
- Appreciating and affirming each other's gifts.
- Being open to new ways of seeing and doing things.
- Arriving on time (15 min early of event starts), well-prepared to address any concerns at hand.
- Being well-prepared to engage with youth.
- Speaking well of each other to build up the body of Christ.
- Communicating with each other in honest, open, Christ-like ways.
- Holding each other accountable to living out our faith and fulfilling our goals.
- Engaging in ongoing personal and professional growth.
- Honoring each other's individual pace and working style.
- Asking questions if not fully understanding roles or responsibilities.

As a volunteer, we ask you to BE AUTHENTIC with young people by...

- Sharing your life and faith journey with young people.
- Sharing your highs, lows, hopes and dreams with others.
- Sharing your values and beliefs with others in appropriate ways.
- Nurturing ongoing faith practices such as worship, prayer, scripture, reaching and service.
- Developing and using your God-given gifts in service to God and others.
- Assessing the integrity of your life on a regular basis.

As a volunteer, we ask you to BE AVAILABLE to young people by...

- Befriending young people before and after worship and at congregational gatherings.
- Remembering the milestones of young people through cards, calls and text messages.
- Identifying 3-5 youth to get to know more intentionally throughout the year.
- Noticing young people at events who are not engaged in activities.

As a volunteer, we ask you to BE AFFIRMING to young people by...

- Extending invitations to young people to come to upcoming events.
- Providing young people with specific affirmations for the comments and contributions they make.
- Sending messages to young people that convey that you care about them and are proud of them, along with your hopes and dreams for them.
- Actively soliciting their input on youth ministry and congregational issues.
- Integrating the gifts of young people into the life of the church.

As a volunteer, we ask you to BE INFORMATIVE to ADULTS by...

- Sharing observations of their children.
- Asking if there are any special concerns or celebrations.
- Facilitating pastoral counsel if necessary.
- Inviting other adults to participate.

Volunteer Statement of Understanding, Prayer and Encouragement

As a YaF volunteer I have read and understand the "Volunteer Expectations." With Christ guiding me, I understand that I am assuming responsibility for the physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being of all the youth in, at, and outside of Living Lord Lutheran Church. I will do everything I can to be a role model to those I work with, both directly and indirectly. I ask my peers to be open and honest in helping me be the best Christian I can be. I will take active steps in continuing on my own personal faith journey and ask Christ to continually fill me with peace and strength as we strive to be the hands and feet of Christ in his church as we do our best to invite others to know him.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him Forever in the next. Amen.

Self-Reflection and Encouragement

I have chosen to be a volunteer not only because of temporary insanity but I believe that I can offer my gifts and talents of

Volunteer _____ met with LLC staff _____
on _____ date to review and understand his/her roles and
responsibilities as a YaF volunteer in the _____ program.