



## **Associate Pastor - Youth & Family**

### **Ministry Description**

#### **About Messiah**

Messiah Lutheran Church, located in Weldon Spring, Missouri (St. Louis suburb), is a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). Messiah serves 2800 members, while 990 members worship weekly during one of three (mostly contemporary) Sunday Services. 365 preschool - 8th grade students attend Messiah Lutheran School, a National Blue Ribbon school. Mission work is important to Messiah, with ongoing projects in Uganda, Poland, Guatemala, South Dakota, and in St. Charles/St. Louis, Missouri. See [www.messiahnetwork.org](http://www.messiahnetwork.org) for more information.

#### **About the Position**

Messiah is seeking a dynamic and gifted pastor to join our ministry team. We desire fresh leadership and vibrancy in our ministry, specifically to youth (Middle School-College) and their families. Our new pastor will work to build healthy ministries and relationships with youth and their families through direct teaching and involvement and by recruiting and leading volunteers/staff to minister to youth and families.

#### **Primary Responsibility**

To carry out the Biblical role of overseer, pastor, shepherd, proclaiming the gospel and administering the sacraments and provide spiritual care and leadership to youth in our community and their families.

#### **Qualifications**

Messiah is committed to calling a pastor who embodies the values of our ministry - a man who is culturally relevant, biblically sound, and outwardly focused. As such, we desire the following talents and skills:

- Active disciple of Jesus and an ordained (or willing to become ordained) member of the LCMS.
- Biblical requirements of a pastor.
- Ability to work well in a team, collaborative setting
- Solid interpersonal, planning, teaching, and mentoring skills.
- Innovative, Strategic leader
- Genuinely able to communicate the gospel to youth and families.
- Possesses an enthusiastic and fresh understanding of youth culture and ministry.

#### **Responsibilities**

- Develop & execute an effective vision, strategy, and programming for our youth & family ministries.
- Connect youth and their families to Messiah's discipleship process: LOVE, LEARN, LIVE.
- Recruit and leader volunteers who lead youth and their families in a growing relationship with Jesus.
- Work with the Worship Team in designing youth and family friendly worship experiences.
- Work with ministry leaders to ensure that our youth and family ministries complement other ministries of the church and are aligned with the mission, vision, and discipleship process of Messiah.
- Work with the staff of Messiah Lutheran School to ensure effective ministry to students & families.
- Preach, lead worship, and conduct other pastoral duties as assigned.