

# LCM Student Leader Expectations

Student Leaders are the hands, feet, and beating heart of our Christian community on campus. We are thrilled that you are interested in being a student leader among the LCM community and we understand one of our most important roles is developing and supporting leaders like you. *As a leader, you are our community builders – you set the tone for our open, loving, welcoming community.*

Student leaders are an important part of the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry, and will play multiple roles on campus and within the life of the church. You will be given real opportunities to grow in your faith, build your leadership skills as well as support and train others when appropriate.

Ideally, in the autumn you will connect with at least 5 people who are new to the community. Take the initiative to take these students out to coffee, etc. (we will give you gift cards and/or reimburse, so keep those receipts!) Campus is huge and people can feel anonymous; make them feel known, take an active interest in their lives, and help them feel known. You'll begin by devoting time at worship to getting to know new people, and later getting together 1 to 1. Check in with them, invite them to join in things you're attending, and generally think of them as a little sibling that you want to get connected (giving them space, but also caring about them).

We also need you to courageously and joyfully plan events that will help us connect with new folks as well as keep people connected throughout the year. You don't have to do everything, but work with Pastor Elizabeth and your fellow student ministers to follow through. This can run the gamut – cookie baking, social justice organizing, social media, music, gardening, hiking, kayaking, sledding, apple picking, cosmic bowling. If you've got an idea, please share it!

## **It is expected that student leaders participate in:**

- LCM Student Leader Retreat on Thursday, August 24 (10am-3:30pm)
- Weekly Sunday worship service and/or weekly Wednesday night Faith &, with a minimal number of absences (attendance won't be taken, but the expectation is that you will make at least one of these weekly worship/study opportunities a priority)
- Weekly check-in meetings at 7-8pm on Wednesday nights
- special events planned by student leaders

- *at least one:*
  - FestiFall
  - NorthFest
  - Pride Outside
- In addition, each student leader is encouraged to brainstorm and implement ideas for events, small groups, service projects, fundraisers, vigils/protests/responses to current events, and anything else you feel the call to be involved in.
- Student leaders may choose to be the point person for certain aspects of our community, including worship, social media, service, or small groups.
- 3 of our student leaders act as authorized signers for the University, which means
  - Re-registering our org in spring (we will get together to share a meal and do the required training together) and managing the student list on MaizePages
  - Signing up for advertising space – Diag banners, boards, and bus signs (and designing new advertising if that's your gift!); signing up for fests

*Obviously, you may have classes and other commitments that might interfere with some scheduled events, but student leaders will grow most in faith and community when they have the capacity to commit to these expectations. If you can't commit to these expectations, we celebrate your participation in the broader LCM community, and can identify ways for you to serve without the full-on commitment of being an official student leader!*

# Lutheran Campus Ministry Student Leader Application

*Due April 25 (though Pastor Elizabeth would appreciate early applications!)*

Name:

Year in college/grad school, and anticipated graduation date:

Major/area of study:

One fun fact about you:

Other Student Group Involvement:

## **Commitments - Please review carefully and initial:**

Can you commit to the expectations above, including prioritizing Sunday and/or Wednesday night worship/Bible study? If so, please initial here: \_\_\_\_

Being on the leadership team requires a positive attitude, a tremendous amount of initiative, a willingness to step in and help as needed (come early or stay late), a firm time commitment, and the ability to work with and support other leaders. *Do you feel like you have such an approach to leadership?* If so, please initial here \_\_\_\_

To be on the LCM leadership team is a significant commitment. To be able to give the necessary time, leaders can probably realistically be involved with 1-2 other organizations or work commitments. Do you feel like you have adequate time/commitment level to be a student minister for LCM? If so, please initial here \_\_\_\_

## **Please answer the following questions in approximately 250 words or less (per question, not in total).**

(1) Share a story about how LCM has challenged, deepened, or grown your faith. Do you have any spiritual practices or support systems outside LCM that help you continue growing in your faith?

(2) Why do you love LCM? How do you think is God calling LCM to grow, shift, and deepen its ministry on campus? Would you feel comfortable sharing your faith with other students, or be willing to try?

(3) What are you really good at? How could you share that with LCM? And what is one area of growth that you'd like to explore as a leader?

(4) Why are you interested in being a leader for Lutheran Campus Ministry?

**We're looking forward to working with you!**