

LifeJourney Church Minister of Family Life – Position Description

LifeJourney is a dynamic, thriving congregation located in Indianapolis, Indiana. We are passionate about following Jesus, serious about the Bible, theologically open-minded, and genuinely diverse. In fact, we are one of the most diverse congregations in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. Our mission is to follow the teachings of Jesus by developing disciples, doing justice, and helping those in need. We are a teaching church that challenges congregants to a high level of participation. For more information, see www.LifeJourney.church.

We already have a solid children and youth ministry and an awesome children's classroom area (see photos below). Now we're looking for a passionate, visionary Minister of Family Life to take it to the next level!



Our Vision for Family Ministry

Our goal is to offer a comprehensive program of spiritual development that carries our children from infancy to young adulthood, equipping them to live as devoted followers of Jesus who are filled with love for God, others, and themselves. To achieve this goal, we will offer our children high-impact instruction in the teachings of Jesus and the Scriptures, exciting service opportunities, leadership development, and lots of fun and friendship. We will help our parents connect with each other for fellowship, friendship, spiritual growth, and peer learning – and support them with opportunities to enhance their parenting skills and their ability to be great spiritual mentors for their children.

Position Responsibilities

1. Serve as primary strategic leader of all family life ministries at LifeJourney and ensure these ministries are aligned to the church's overall vision, mission, and approach.
2. Conceive, design, prepare, direct, produce, and lead high-impact children and youth programming that occurs during worship services on Sunday mornings and on a midweek evening.
3. Conceive, design, prepare, direct, produce, and lead high-impact parent programming that occurs on a midweek evening.
4. Develop and execute a robust schedule of special events and activities for children, youth, and families. Examples include special learning opportunities, summer camps, VBS, missions trips, retreats, family outings, banquets, children and youth adventures, seasonal events, etc.
5. Identify, recruit, develop, coordinate, inspire, and evaluate large teams of volunteers who teach our children and support our family ministries. (The Minister of Family life must first be an equipper, and secondly a doer.)
6. Provide pastoral care, counsel, and support to our families and family ministry volunteers.
7. Proactively reach out to families to welcome them into our family ministries and to keep them connected.
8. Manage to budget line items relevant to family ministry.
9. Drive projects and programs from inception to conclusion in a timely fashion, maintaining deadlines, metrics, and deliverables.
10. Build relationships with and among staff, church leaders, and volunteers, and participate generally in the life of the church.

Position Qualifications

The person who fills this position must . . .

1. Be a devoted follower of Jesus and have a mature personal spiritual relationship with God.
2. Have an absolute passion for ministry to children, youth, and families as a high calling in and of itself, not a stepping stone to something else.
3. Have demonstrated success at leading children, youth, and family ministries.
4. Have strong leadership and managerial skills.
5. Be willing and able to pioneer new things and inspire others to new initiatives.
6. Have a high level of integrity and the ability to gain trust and hold confidences.
7. Be enthusiastic about our church's approach to ministry as well as our mission and vision, including our respect for theological diversity, our affirmation and celebration of LGBTQ people and families, and our commitment to women as full and equal partners in ministry.
8. Be a team player who seeks what is best for the church as a whole.
9. Have strong conflict resolution, team building, and interpersonal skills.

A Bible college or seminary degree is preferred; other experience and training considered.

Salary, Hours, and Structure

Salary: Commensurate to experience, education, and credentials.

Hours: Full-time or part-time, subject to negotiation.

Structure: This position is part of staff and reports to the Senior Pastor.

How To Apply

If you would like to receive a copy of our application materials, please contact Rev. Jeff Miner, Senior Pastor, at PastorJeff@LifeJourney.church. The application deadline is December 31, 2017.