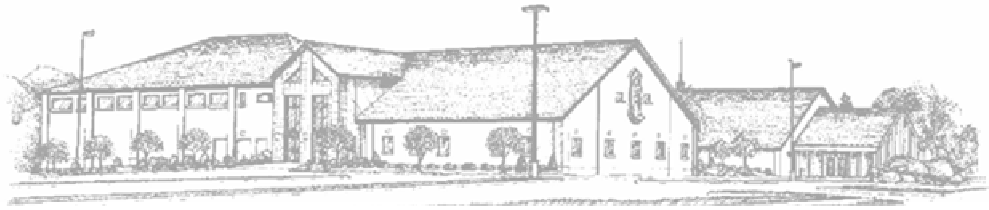


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The Church of St. Anne Peer Ministry

An Overview

The Church of St. Anne Peer Ministry program strives to foster Christian leadership and positive influence in the lives of high school teens who exhibit a willingness to serve the Church of St. Anne in a specific way. Students serve, lead, and support their peers as they develop a deeper experience of God's love. Though any high school teenager can serve in any of these various ministries (and is highly encouraged), St. Anne Peer ministers are the one specifically chosen to serve in various leadership capacities and be the example to their peers and the parish overall that they can and do take great responsibility seriously. With leadership formation as its cornerstone, St. Anne's Peer ministry is a prime opportunity for all youth to foster their leadership potential and seek out the many ways they can serve not only their parish community, but also in any college and career goals for the future.

Through a wide variety of spiritual ministries, St. Anne's Peer Ministry will help foster in their fellow teens a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

Peer ministry team members should:

- Have a personal understanding of Jesus and an openness to growing in faith
- Have a desire and willingness to share that understanding with others
- Be spiritually and emotionally healthy
- Be free of serious wrong-doing in their life
- Be enrolled in high school

Applicants need to know and understand this commitment to St. Anne's Peer Ministry involves a deep responsibility in time and challenge. Consistent attendance, a commitment to daily prayer and the willingness to serve your peers is essential. A warning: your involvement could change your current lifestyle.

As a member of the Peer Ministry team you will experience hard work, lots of fun, and the support and encouragement of the vibrant faith community of St. Anne's, a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment, spiritual challenge and growth, and the satisfaction of serving others.

Application Procedures

Please read over the following procedures for your St. Anne's Peer Ministry application.

Please note the requirements, application form, and the due date. Applications **MUST** be submitted *on or before* the due date.

1. Read over the information and prayerfully consider your call to serve as a Peer Minister.
2. Discuss the commitment with your parents.
3. Fill out the Teen Application Form as completely as possible.
4. Carefully read over the Peer Ministry Agreement. Sign it if you are willing to adhere to it.
5. Return the completed Application Form and Parental Consent Form to the Office of Youth Ministry no later than **Friday, August 19, 2011**.
6. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** ...The peer ministry retreat & training weekend is scheduled for **Friday, October 7—Sunday, October 9, 2011** at Camp Spencer Lake, Waupaca WI!!! (More information to follow soon)

2011-2012 Peer Ministry Calendar of Events

- Below is the listing of all Peer Ministry training events and gatherings, attendance is required in order to grow in an understanding of the larger commitment and leadership training opportunities this opportunity provides.
- If there is ever a conflict with this schedule, you **MUST** notify the Coordinator of Youth Ministry **PRIOR** to your absence!!
- **PLEASE NOTE**—this schedule *DOES NOT* include any date commitments specific to the various ministries you will serve in. Please contact your respective ministry leader for a listing of these dates and times.
- Teens will be expected to schedule regular “check-in meetings” as needed with the coordinator of youth ministry in order to evaluate the progress and effectiveness as a peer mentor

Date	Event
Friday, August 19, 2011	Applications DUE to the office of Youth Ministry
August 22-August 25, 2011	Peer Ministry interviews by appointment **
Friday, August 26 th , 2011	Youth notified of acceptance and ministry placements made
Wednesday, August 31 st , 2011 6:30 PM-8:30 PM—Supper provided	Initial Peer ministry gathering
Friday, October 7-Sunday, October 9, 2011	Peer ministry retreat and training weekend
<i>(Optional, but HIGHLY encouraged)</i> Thursday, November 17-Saturday, November 19	National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis, IN
Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 5-6 PM	Peer ministry evening of reflection
April 31-May 4	Peer Ministry evaluation conferences by appointment
Tuesday, May 1 st , 2012	2012-2013 Peer Ministry applications available
Friday, June 29 th , 2012	2012-2013 Applications DUE to the office of Youth Ministry

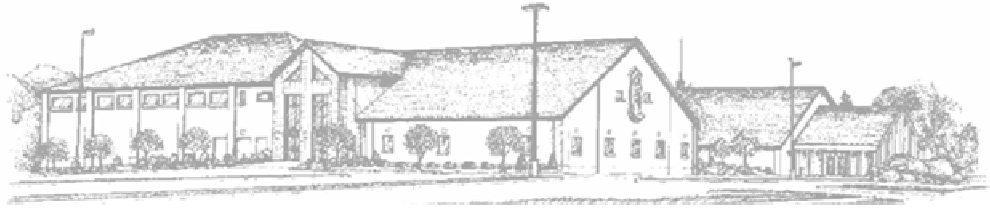
****To schedule your interview, you have two options:**

- Go to: www.tungle.me/johnschmitt to see a real-time schedule of John’s availability and schedule your appointment right away
- Call John at 715-849-3930 x306 to schedule via phone

Special Note:

- ***Please detach this first page and retain for your records and reminder of all application details.***
- ***In order for your application to be considered complete, each of the following forms MUST be completed in their entirety!!***

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Peer Ministry 2011-2012 Teen Application Form

Youth/participant's name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Youth Age (*as of Sep. 1, 2011*): _____ T-shirt size: _____

High School: _____ Grade (*2011-2012 academic year*): 9 10 11 12

Grade confirmed? _____ Where? _____

Phone numbers:

Home: _____ Youth Cell: _____

Mother Cell: _____ Father Cell: _____

Do you receive Text messages? Y / N

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Youth/participant's email: _____

Mother / Family email (please specify): _____

Father email: _____

Please answer the following questions completely (please attach a separate sheet if needed).

1. Please state why you would like to serve as a Peer Minister.

6. *Please number your top three preferences of ministry.*

Please note, we cannot accommodate everyone's first choice due to space.

1. _____ **Catechist or Aide**—Serve as a catechist or catechist's aide (for children grades K-2) Prepare weekly faith formation sessions for children according to the suggested lesson plans and facilitate the weekly session. Commitment: Approximately four Sundays OR Wednesdays per month, preparation outside of class, plus attending all catechist and aide planning sessions.
2. _____ **Youth Nights/Days**—the weekly gathering of middle and high school youth to explore their faith together. Peers serve in one of two ways (select one):
 - a. _____ **Middle School**—Co-lead and prepare for sessions with an adult leader. Commitment: Approximately four Sundays (11 AM-12 noon) **OR** Wednesdays (5 PM-6 PM) per month, preparations outside of the sessions, plus attendance at all training sessions.
 - b. _____ **High School**—Co-lead and prepare for sessions with an adult leader. Commitment: Approximately four Sundays (11 AM-12 noon) **OR** Wednesdays (5 PM-6 PM) per month, preparations outside of the sessions, plus attendance at all training sessions.
3. _____ **Liturgy**—Assist as a teen leader and coordinator for other youth to serve at any of the various Masses as one or more of the following: lector, commentator, Eucharistic minister, or greeter. Assist with the planning of any special liturgies and prayer services (youth readers for the passion on Palm Sunday, shadow stations, Confirmation, graduation celebration etc.) No personal experience in these ministries is necessary, just a willingness to help! Commitment: 5-8 hours/month for planning and recruiting.
4. _____ **Choir/instrumentalists**—A chance for peer ministers with talent to serve as a choir member or instrumentalist for any of the weekend Mass choirs. Teens can also help with the music ministry offered through the weekly faith formation program. Commitment: 1-1.5 hr weekly rehearsals and weekly Mass.
5. _____ **Confirmation mentor**—(Confirmed Juniors and Seniors only)—Serve as a guide and mentor to the Sophomore youth preparing for Confirmation through peer mentorship and guidance through the Vital Sign preparation process. Assist with preparation for confirmation preparation meetings, faith formation sessions, peer gatherings and the Confirmation liturgy. Confirmation mentors also have the option of assisting as a Confirmation retreat mentor (see below). Commitment: weekly confirmation preparation sessions, confirmation liturgy (retreat optional)
6. _____ **Retreats**—Assist and help plan the two retreat offerings of St. Anne's Youth Ministry: the fall National Evangelization Team (NET) Retreat and the winter Confirmation retreat. Assist with both the practical planning details and the faith formative sessions. Commitment: NET retreat: 2-3 prep meetings and one full day for retreat. Confirmation retreat: 4 preparation meetings and one full weekend for retreat.
7. _____ **Office Support**—Assist in the office of youth ministry and parish office with preparation tasks and general support. Includes sitting at the front desk and answering phones, photocopying, filing, mailing etc. Commitment: 2-4 hours/week.
8. **Communications**— Peers serve in one of three ways (select one):
 - a. _____ **The YM Updater** (*the bi-weekly youth eNewsletter*) **and Facebook** assist with preparation and distribution of the bi-weekly youth newsletter. This position also helps with the posts and comments on the parish youth Facebook FanPage. Commitment: 4-6 hours/month
 - b. _____ **Sound and AV technology**—Assist with setup and operation of sound and Audiovisual (LCD projectors, VCR's/DVD's) needs for various parish gatherings and Masses throughout the year. Commitment: 1-3 hours/gathering, 1-2 gatherings/events per month.

c. _____ **Website development**—Assist with the development and design of the youth ministry webpage. Actual posting must be done by parish staff only. Commitment: 2-4 hours/month.

9. **Justice and Service**—Peers serve in one of two ways (select one):

a. _____ **Local Service Events**—coordinate and assist at regularly occurring service activities for teens throughout the year in the local Wausau Area. Commitment: 7-10 hours/month depending on upcoming events.

b. _____ **Mission trips**—assist with the recruitment for participants and preparations for the various mission trips. Duties can include: assist with preparation of meeting agendas, trip preparations, fundraising team building events and activities etc. Commitment: 6-10 hours/month.

10. **Elementary School Ministries**—assist with ministries such as:

a. _____ **Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**—Work with children grades K-5 for the children’s liturgy of the word (during the school year) 2-3 hours/month

b. _____ **Vacation Bible Camp (VBC)**—Work with children grades K-5 for Vacation Bible Camp as a site guide or activity leader (during summer vacation) 3 hours/day for 2 weeks

c. _____ **Parish Nursery**—Assist with the care and supervision of preschool children during Sunday morning Mass. Assist with the publicity of the nursery (for parents awareness) and recruitment of other teens to help care for children. (year-round commitment all year) Commitment: 2-3 hours/month

11. _____ **Your Idea**—We are actively seeking out your ideas for how you want to make St. Anne’s a better place because of you!! Be sure to include any ideas of how you would like to serve here:

7. If you would like to co-lead with another peer, please indicate his/her name and the reason. We will do our best to accommodate your request. There are typically only two peers total per ministry. Peer placement is ultimately decided by the Office of Youth Ministry.

1. _____ 2. _____

8. Please include any additional comments you wish to make.

The Church of St. Anne Peer Ministry Covenant/Lifestyle Agreement

Jesus, in His life and ministry, showed us how to live in a world while remaining dedicated to God. St. Anne's Peer Ministers have chosen to use Jesus and His twelve Apostles as the team model which all Peer Ministers will attempt to follow.

- Peer Ministry uses, as its example, Jesus and His Apostles. I commit myself to respect and follow our adult team leaders and to serve on the team in the manner they request of me.
- The disciples lived as a community for three years as they were being taught by Jesus. As a member of St. Anne's Peer Ministry, I will help build our community by being consistent in attendance and by treating the other team members as I would like to be treated.
- Jesus chose the disciples and who were taught how to serve others. I desire to follow Jesus. Therefore, I commit myself to serving others, remembering that what I do should bring greater glory to God and not to myself.
- Jesus told His disciples to bring His good news to the entire world. I will do my best to share His good news with others through my words and prayers, and especially through my example.
- Jesus established the Church to carry on His work and teachings. I choose to follow the teachings of the Church, and to carefully observe the roles the Church has established.
- As a follower of Jesus, I must lead by example. I commit myself to a lifestyle that will be a model to my peers. I will not partake in drugs, alcohol, sex, profanity, negative talk, or gossip.
- Jesus taught and modeled prayer. I commit myself to pray on a daily basis for myself and for the members of the Peer Ministry team. I will seek guidance from the Holy Spirit.
- I recognize that I am here to serve others and not to be served. I will respectfully accept the assignment I am given by the Office of Youth Ministry in order to serve the youth of St. Anne's.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

St. Anne's Peer Ministry Parental Information/Release Form

Teen's Name _____ Phone _____

Grade confirmed? _____ Where? _____
Parish City, State

We (I) give permission for my child, to attend and participate in St. Anne's Peer Ministry events, sponsored by the Church of St. Anne Parish to happen between August 1st, 2011 and July 31, 2012. .

In case of accident, we (I) authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any x-ray examinations, anesthetics, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist license under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital.

We (I) will be liable and agree to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to my child pursuant to this authorization.

- St. Anne's may contact my teen by using Facebook Y N
Your teen must request "The Official Page of St. Anne's Youth Ministry" on Facebook, we will never request them.
- St. Anne's may contact my teen by email Y N
- St. Anne's may photograph/videotape my child(ren) during Youth Program activities and may use, reproduce, and/or distribute photographs, films, videotapes, and sound recordings of my child, without compensation or approval rights, for use in materials created for purposes of promoting the activities of St. Anne's Parish. Y N

Signature(s):

Father _____ Date _____

Mother _____ Date _____

Guardian (If applicable): _____ Date _____

Insurance Co.: _____ Policy #: _____