

PS 100, 101, 200, 201: Christian Service

Association Free Lutheran Bible School

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PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Christian service gives the student opportunity to practice and share the truths of God's Word learned in the classroom. Examples of Christian service ministries include, but are not limited to, teaching Sunday school or kid's club, counseling at youth retreats, participating in a compassion or evangelism ministry, assisting a youth group, or being involved in a worship leading group at churches or youth events. A minimum of 20 hours of service is needed to earn one credit per semester. Please contact Pastor Wade if you have any questions. One Christian service credit may be earned each semester.

COURSE RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES:

Christian Service is an expectation of students at AFLBS, though not necessarily for credit. Other institutions require credits of Christian Service, so this course serves to document a level of service for the purpose of credit transferability. This elective course is offered in partial fulfillment of the Program Outcomes (PO) of AFLBS:

AFLBS Program Outcomes

- 1) Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of Scripture, subscribing to its inspiration, infallibility, and inerrancy without reservation, confessing its authority and demonstrating the ability to accurately interpret it.
- 2) Communicate the assurance of personal salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ by explaining the basis for their faith and be able to explain the Lutheran perspective of the Means of Grace.
- 3) Demonstrate growth in spiritual maturity that is informed by the Law and motivated and empowered by the Gospel.
- 4) Understand and embrace the New Testament model of the congregation and its commitment to scriptural evangelism, discipleship, worship, education, servant leadership, and stewardship, as guided by the AFLC Fundamental Principles.
- 5) Describe and communicate God's work in the past through His Church, and exhibit a willingness to participate in making disciples today, especially through involvement in the local congregation.

Course Objectives	Assessment of Student Learning
1. To provide and promote opportunities to share the training received in making disciples of Jesus Christ. (PO 4, 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Service verification forms
2. To actively become involved in a local congregation as part of its ministry and outreach. (PO 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Service verification forms
3. To encourage students to use their spiritual gifts and talents for the building up of the body of Christ. (PO 4, 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Service verification forms
4. To equip students to serve in free and living Lutheran congregations. (PO 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Service verification forms

COURSE EXPECTATIONS:

- Submission of project proposal to the AFLBS Dean for approval prior to Christian service.
- Completion of a minimum of 20 hours of Christian service with one or several congregations, ministries, or organizations. Ministry time does not include driving time. Service hours may carry over between semesters, but not between school years.
- Signature of supervisor to verify dates and times spent serving. (*See forms on next pages*)
- Completion of a two-page paper detailing experience and reflecting on lessons and applications learned.
- All verification forms and reflection papers must be turned into the AFLBS Dean at least two weeks prior to the last day of the school year.