

Community Lutheran Church

Position Description: Organist and Piano Accompanist

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REPORTS TO: Pastor and Worship & Music Committee

Duties:

1. Serve as accompanist for two worship services each Sunday morning, as well as for additional services throughout the year. These services include, but are not limited to, mid-week services during Advent and Lent, Holy Week, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. In addition, the accompanist will rehearse with the chancel choir one evening a week and be available to rehearse the psalm with the cantors.
2. Coordinate with the choir director regarding preparation of music for the chancel choir, as well as soloists and ensembles.
3. Provide appropriate music in a variety of musical styles on organ and piano.
4. Be knowledgeable of Lutheran hymnody and liturgy.
5. As requested, assist pastor or worship team with the selection of hymns and other worship music which is appropriate to the worship theme and liturgical calendar.
6. Be responsible for maintenance of the instruments (e.g., the tuning of the pianos and any necessary organ software updates or maintenance).
7. Participate in occasional meetings of the Worship & Music Committee to facilitate worship planning.
8. In case of necessary absence, arrange for a competent substitute. In case of sudden illness or unforeseen emergency, notify the pastor and church office as soon as possible.

Requirements and Qualifications:

1. Basic qualifications include:
 - Ability to read music and have an understanding of basic music theory.
 - Familiarity with a wide range of music, sacred and secular, including classical, spiritual, and contemporary.
 - Understanding of Lutheran liturgical worship, including church calendar of seasons, and the lectionary.
2. Ability to interact with staff and parishioners in a personal and professional way. Flexibility in accommodating unanticipated changes in programming and schedules is needed.
3. In all things, hold the mission of Christ and the ministry of CLC as the top priority.
4. Follow CLC personnel policies.
5. Personal dedication to growth in skill and knowledge of her/his musical field. This would include regular practice and continuing education through reading, workshops, conferences, etc.
6. Enthusiastic willingness to work with people, serving the Lord through this ministry.

CLC will provide:

1. Use of church office equipment and secretarial assistance as needed to carry out the music program of the church, and office space.
2. Paid vacation and sick time. Pay will be commensurate with education and experience.