

Director of Music

St. John's Lutheran Church, Howard Lake

Church: St. John's Lutheran Church, Howard Lake, Minnesota

Job Type: Part-time

Salary: \$17,000–22,000

Number of Weekly Services: 1 (9 AM Sunday)

Number of Weekly Rehearsals: 3 (Wednesday evenings)

Hours Per Week: 15–18

Pipe Organ: We are in middle of an organ project; see Additional Information below

POSITION SUMMARY

The Director of Music plays organ, directs choirs, and oversees the musical ministries of St. John's with the purpose of bearing the gospel in music and leading the congregation's song.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Play organ and piano for worship services on Sunday mornings, holidays, midweek services during Lent; and be primary contact for weddings and funerals
- Oversee adult and children's choirs and youth bell choir that sing and ring in worship services, with midweek rehearsals
- Direct one-week children's Music Camp in summer
- Direct instrumentalists as appropriate for worship services
- Assist pastor in selecting music that is reflective of the liturgical season and lectionary texts
- Submit information for bulletins to the secretary
- Supervise the church's choral library
- Oversee the tuning and maintenance of all musical instruments of the church and report maintenance needs to the Worship and Music Committee
- Provide for substitute when not able to be present

JOB QUALIFICATIONS

- A joy of music and sharing the Christian gospel with others
- Ability to lead congregational singing of hymns and liturgy from the pipe organ and piano
- Ability to direct choirs of various age levels
- Comfort playing music of various periods and complexity, with emphasis on Lutheran tradition
- Familiarity with services in *Lutheran Book of Worship*
- Knowledge of liturgical calendar to select appropriate music for worship
- Effective communication skills, good organization, and positive attitude

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The congregation will provide the following with full salary:
 - 1 week vacation for the first six months, then 2 weeks annually
 - 1 week of sick leave for the first six months, then 2 weeks annually
 - 1 week continuing education annually
- The Director of Music may use the organ and pianos for private teaching. Times of lessons must be scheduled with the office so as not to conflict with other events.

- This position can be divided into separate positions (such as organist and choir director) depending on applicants' interests and skills.
- We are in the middle of an organ project, working with organ builders Grandall & Engen. Currently we have a 4.5-rank Wicks. We have purchased the Casavant at Luther Seminary and will renovate it, combined with pipes from our Wicks, to create a 28-rank instrument

SUPERVISION

- Reports to Pastor and Chair of Worship and Music Committee
- Performance and adequacy of salary will be reviewed annually by Staff Support Committee

APPLY FOR THIS JOB

Send letter of application stating qualifications or resume to:

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