

Director of Music (one or two positions)

St Barnabas Lutheran Church, Plymouth, MN

Who We Are

- An exceptionally music-focused congregation who see music as central to worship and ministry to the broader community
- A congregation that encourages staff and members to “think big” and take initiative on new ideas, programs, or activities that they are passionate about

What We Offer

- Many talented musicians who volunteer regularly for vocal and instrumental programs
- Extensive physical resources for a congregation of our size, such as timpani, grand piano, and a full set of handbells
- J.F. Nordlie pipe organ built especially for our sanctuary in the year 2000 with two manuals and 19 ranks

General Responsibilities

- Serve as senior choir director or church organist depending on focus area (see below)
- Work with lead pastor to select musical liturgy and hymns for each Sunday service and special services of the church calendar
- Communicate faithfully with the lead pastor and staff, and work passionately with volunteer musicians of the congregation
- Participate in planning of other worship ministries with the directors of handbell choir, children’s choir, and other instrumental groups
- Pursue areas and opportunities for growth of music and arts programming not limited to the above, which may include multi-generational programs and/or children’s programs for the benefit of the church and/or community
- Exemplify a Christian spirit as a teacher and worship leader

Responsibilities for Senior Choir Director Focus

- Direct adult choir on Sunday mornings from Rally Sunday through Pentecost excluding those chosen as vacation time, as well as directing other special services as agreed upon with the senior pastor
- Conduct weekly adult choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings during the season
- Maintain and refresh choral and instrumental library within the budget set by church council
- Work with the church organist/choir accompanist to support the adult choir and other church music groups

Responsibilities for Organist Focus

- Play organ and piano at two services at all Sunday services excluding those chosen as vacation time
- Select and prepare music for services
- Play organ and piano for special services as scheduled (e.g. Wednesday Lent, Holy Week)
- First refusal for all funeral services in our building
- Work with the choir director to support the choir and other music groups

Additional Preferred Qualifications

- Experience collaborating with Pastoral leadership on liturgy
- Experience leading music ensembles or congregational singing in worship services
- Degree in music in an undergraduate or graduate setting
- Experience that lends itself to success in the respective focuses listed above

Additional Information

If the applicant is qualified as a choir director and an organist, consideration will be given to their input in hiring a choir accompanist.

If interested, please send resume and cover letter to Krista Riedel at kriedel@stbarnabaslutheran.org

Our church website is www.stbarnabaslutheran.org