

Part-Time Director of Music at Zion Lutheran Church

Position Summary: Zion Lutheran Church in Oldwick, New Jersey, has a rich history of over 300 years of worship, and from the start music has been a central part of how we express our faith. Today our members enjoy the sounds of the Parish Choir and Handbell Choir, and music is an important part of the faith formation of our youth. We are looking for a Director of Music to carry on a strong legacy and develop our music programming to keep this vital ministry vibrant and meaningful.

About Us: Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA) is a welcoming Lutheran church community in Oldwick, New Jersey. We value music as an integral part of our worship services and strive to create a space where all can participate and grow their faith through music. Our mission is to “Connect People with God’s Grace”. For over 300 years the Word has been preached and the sacraments administered in New Jersey’s oldest Lutheran congregation. For more information, please visit our website at www.zionoldwick.com.

About the Position: The Director of Music plays a vital role in leading and overseeing all aspects of our church music program. The Director will be responsible for planning, directing, and supervising music for our two weekly worship services, as well as leading our Parish Choir and Handbell Choir. This position offers an exciting opportunity to make a significant impact on our congregation and foster a love for sacred music.

Responsibilities

- Schedule, lead and conduct the Parish Choir and Handbell Choir in rehearsals and performances
- Collaborate with the Pastor on music selection and planning for worship services
- Recruit, train, and mentor Parish Choir and Handbell Choir members
- Supervise all music used in worship services, ensuring high-quality and appropriate selections
- Select and train instrumentalists or vocal soloists for special music presentations as needed
- Collaborate with Director of Youth & Family Ministry to involve young people and their families in music ministry
- Oversee and manage the budget for music and related resources
- Stay current on Lutheran hymnody and contemporary Christian worship music
- Foster a welcoming and inclusive environment
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Music or Music Education (preferred)
- Excellent musicianship with proficiency in keyboard skills (piano and organ)
 - *Note: Our Organ is from 1864 and has been lovingly maintained as a functioning historical element.*
- Ability to lead rehearsals effectively and motivate singers of all skill levels
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with clergy, staff, and volunteers
- Experience leading or participating in handbell choirs a plus

Schedule and Compensation

Schedule: The position is part-time and requires 10-15 hours per week, which may vary with holiday seasons and summer schedules.

Salary Range: \$20,000- \$25,000, commensurate with experience.

To Apply

Please submit your resume, cover letter, and three references to: parishadministrator@zionoldwick.com.

Video submissions of your musical gifts are welcomed and appreciated. We are an equal opportunity employer and value diversity at our church.

Start Date

December 1, 2024