

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 our talented and dynamic Parish and Handbell Choirs, and music is an important part of the faith formation of our youth. We are looking for a part-time Director of Music to carry on a strong legacy and develop our music programming to keep this vital ministry vibrant and meaningful.

Part-Time Director of Music

About Us

Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA) is a welcoming Lutheran 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 weekly worship services all year, as well as leading our Parish and Handbell Choirs in weekly rehearsals during the program year (September – early June). Reports to Zion’s pastor. 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, and build the choirs by training, mentoring, and recruiting
- Collaborate with the Pastor on music selection and planning for weekly and holiday worship services, ensuring high-quality and appropriate selections
- Collaborate with the Director of Youth & Family Ministry to involve young people and their families in music ministry
- Oversee and manage the budget for Worship & Music related resources
- Foster a welcoming and inclusive environment
- Other duties related to the Worship & Music ministry at Zion 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
- Willingness to learn to lead a handbell choir from an experienced group

Schedule and Compensation

The position is part-time and requires 20 hours per week, which may vary with holiday seasons and summer schedules. Please note, through the summer months, choirs take a hiatus, and Sunday worship moves from two services (8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.) to one service (9:30 a.m.).

Salary Range: \$25,000- \$30,000, commensurate with experience.

To Apply

Please submit your resume, cover letter, and three references to Zion's Parish Administrator at parishadministrator@zionoldwick.com.

A video submission of your piano and/or organ playing is also required.

We are an equal opportunity employer and value diversity at our church.

