

First English Lutheran Church

Job Description Church Organist and Piano Accompanist, Part-Time

Purpose: To provide organ and piano music for worship services and other church functions including weddings and funerals.

Education, Skills and Ability: Be able to display a professional level of musical talent from training and experience. Have a thorough working knowledge of the congregation's worship services and a theological understanding of church music. Be able to communicate well and in a friendly manner with the pastors, worship and music committee members, fellow employees, church choir, praise and worship team, and members of the congregation.

Job Performance Requirements:

1. Provide organ and piano music in a professional manner for all worship services and all seasonal and special services.
2. Provide organ and piano music for weddings and funerals and be permitted to receive additional compensation from the parties involved. The use of the organ or piano by a guest musician may be done by special arrangement.
3. Facilitate the congregation to sing and worship through the excellent execution of hymns and liturgy.
4. Encourage the musical talents and participation of members of the congregation through organizing and coordinating special musical offerings, including soloists, instrumentalists, and small ensembles in cooperation with the worship and music committee.
5. Arrange for qualified substitute organist or pianist when absent for church services and notify the church secretary in advance.
6. Arrange for organ and piano maintenance with a qualified organ and piano repair person as needed.
7. Assist in the selection with hymn selection and is responsible for timely submission of hymn numbers and titles for the worship bulletin.
8. To invest 8-12 hours per week.

Possible Additional Opportunities:

1. Select music and direct the Praise/Worship team for (1) service per month, including one (1) rehearsal per month - September through May. Global music is the genre of this ministry.

2. Select music and direct the Brass Choir for periodic (special occasion) worship services.
3. Share accompanist work for choirs when requested.
4. Direct music for Sunday school.

Job Expectations:

1. The applicant shall rehearse sufficiently to maintain a high quality of music.
2. An annual performance review will be done.
3. The applicant shall seek professional relationships with other church musicians and keep abreast of developments in worship and liturgy through associations, continuing education, and professional church publications.

Qualified applicants should mail or email a resume and cover letter to the attention of Jane Peterson:

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or firstenglishchurchcf@gmail.com.