

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

POSITION TITLE: PRINCIPAL ORGANIST

REPORTS TO: TRADITIONAL WORSHIP DIRECTOR

HOURS: PART-TIME (15 HOURS PER WEEK); INCLUDES SUNDAYS AND SOME EVENING HOURS

FLSA OVERTIME STATUS: EXEMPT

MISSION: Employees of Good Shepherd Church support the church's mission statement through our position responsibilities. We each are committed to *Inviting everyone to walk together in the calling of Christ for a life of eternal impact.*

PURPOSE: The Organist serves as a collaborative member of the Worship Team in the development and offering of outstanding worship services and special music/arts events aimed at engaging people in exalting God. The primary responsibility is to provide organ music for worship services and other church functions such as weddings and funerals.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The position's duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Consult with the Traditional Worship Director regarding organ music selection plans that correlate with preaching themes and worship goals
- Provide appropriate musical accompaniment for weddings, funeral/memorial services, and other special events as requested
- Rehearse sufficiently to maintain a high quality of music
- Work with the pastoral staff and Worship Team in providing compassionate, Christian care for volunteers in the Worship Ministry
- Attend regular staff meetings in order to understand and support the overall ministry of the church
- Maintain professional relationships with other church musicians and keep abreast of developments in worship and liturgy through associations, continuing education, and professional church publications
- Oversee the development, improvement, maintenance, and inventory of the Organ and the Organ Music Library

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: Growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ and passion to share the Gospel; good knowledge of Christian themes and a commitment to the mission and mission outcomes of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; exceptional skill playing both a pipe organ and piano with church music and liturgy; ability to read and play music, particularly sacred music literature; passion for traditional worship and an enthusiasm for other non-traditional expressions of worship; sympathetic approach to members of the public (for music at weddings and funerals).

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Bachelor's degree in Music preferred (emphasis in organ/sacred music). Experience in a large church or non-profit organization a plus. A minimum of three years' work experience preferred.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. This position may require exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects. Work involves sitting, walking, or standing most of the time.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Position is typically indoor and is not substantially exposed to adverse environmental conditions; however, some production may occur outdoor or in creative indoor spaces.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS: Ability to pass pre-employment background screening and drug testing.