

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

ORGANIST/PIANIST/ACCOMPANIST POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION SUMMARY:

The organist/pianist/accompanist, by using the Dobson Pipe organ, Boston Baby Grand piano, or Clavinova, supports the music program of Calvary Lutheran Church, a North American Lutheran Church (NALC) with a mid-size congregation using music as a vibrant part of our worship. Whether it is the congregation singing hymns from our Lutheran heritage or our talented choirs, we celebrate the Word of God through excellence in music. We currently hold two worship services: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

REPORTS TO:

Coordinator of Music Ministry

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provide organ/piano/Clavinova accompaniment at worship services as scheduled.

Provide organ/piano music for weddings and funerals held at the church when needed. *(Fees for these services are not provided by the church, but are honorariums from couples and families at an amount determined by church policy.)*

The use of the organ by another organist/accompanist requires special permission and must be approved by Organist.

Accompany choirs, vocalists or instrumentalists, including scheduled rehearsals.

Collaborate with the Coordinator of Music Ministry in the selection of worship music in conjunction with the preaching pastor, to reflect the liturgical season and designated Scriptural texts.

Oversee the tuning and maintenance of all keyboard instruments of the church within the approved budget and provide regular reports specifying maintenance request to the appropriate Church Committee. Choose and purchase organ music for the church file within the approved budgetary parameters. Submit to the Coordinator of Music Ministry budget requests as part of the budgetary process of the Congregational Council.

Arrange for a qualified substitute organist for all absences.

DIRECT REPORTS:

None

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ability to proficiently play organ/piano/Clavinova
- Ability to sight read hymns, liturgy, and anthem accompaniments
- Knowledge of Lutheran religion and theology
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Ability to work collaboratively in a church setting with other staff, musicians and volunteers as appropriate

EDUCATION:

A Bachelor's Degree in Music strongly preferred

WORKING ENVIRONMENT:

Shares a temperature-controlled office environment and dedicated music room with Coordinator of Music Ministry