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Greetings from Cornerstone Lutheran Church (LCMC) in Beatrice, Nebraska. We've been praying that the Lord will lead us to a faithful pastor to serve our congregation. Please post this opening on your website and/or provide information to any of your students that may be interested. We are open to having a seminary student in the process of completing their degree. Our size of church and a loving environment provides an excellent training opportunity to begin their ministry career.

We've enclosed a job description and profile of our congregation and a little information about our community. We would love to hear from those that are intrigued by this ministry opportunity. Resumes can be submitted via e-mail or mail.

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Please include the following:

- Cover Letter briefly explaining why you feel God is calling you to this position
- Resume including educational background
- Other employment history

To view our open position on LCMC site, go to: <a href="https://www.lcmc.net/open-position/1301">https://www.lcmc.net/open-position/1301</a> Cornerstone's website is: <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/cornerstonelutheranbeatrice/">https://sites.google.com/site/cornerstonelutheranbeatrice/</a>

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

In Christ,

Cornérstone Lutheran Church Call Committee

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### Job Description

Cornerstone Church is looking for a Pastor who will be the champion of the Church's Mission Statement and Vision as outlined in the Confession of the Church (Article 2 and 3 of the Cornerstone Lutheran Constitution); as well as provide spiritual oversight and leadership.

## Qualifications

- The Pastor should be LCMC Certified or willing to become Certified in a timely manner
- A gift for preaching and teaching the Word of God
- Has wisdom to accurately interpret the Bible and discover its meaning
- The capacity to work effectively in a cooperative leadership environment and able to lead and direct the team
- Character that exhibits the qualities outlined in 1 Timothy 3: 1-7, Titus 1: 6-9 and 1 Peter 5: 2-4
- An ability to relate to individuals with compassion, sensitivity, honesty, candor, and confidence

### Responsibilities

- Preach and teach the Word of God from the Holy Bible
- Administer the Sacraments
- Be the primary leader of all church ministries
- Participate in and oversee the Christian Education of all ages including Sunday School for youth and adults
- Work with the Worship and Music Committee in preparing appropriate worship services
- Conduct counseling sessions, perform weddings, baptisms, and funerals
- Provide short-term counseling as needed
- Be available and responsive to crisis situations and provide pastoral care through the most effective means possible
- Implement ministries that reach the unchurched, in-actives and new area residents of our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ
- Visit and minister to members and prospective members in homes, nursing care facilities and hospitals
- · Provide leadership and advice to the church council, committees, and teams as an ex-officio member

### **Working Conditions**

The position requires great flexibility in hours available for work, including evenings and weekends. The Pastor should be in the office a sufficient amount of time for accessibility to members of the congregation and Church Staff. The pastor should take one to two days off each week depending on the needs of the Congregation.

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## Congregational Profile

MISSION STATEMENT: "Cornerstone Lutheran exists to invite all people into a faith relationship with Jesus Christ; equip people for growth in this relationship and send people into the community to serve in His name."

Cornerstone Lutheran Church is an LCMC affiliated family of believers who met together for the first time November 10, 2010. A group of believers across Gage County, Nebraska came together from numerous congregations in the area to rededicate to the Word of God, worshipping Him in Spirit and truth in a relaxed and friendly environment. Members originated from several congregations prompted by the August 2009 ELCA position on same-sex marriage. We are a group of faithful, devout believers who are steadfast on the rock of scripture as the inerrant Word of God, desiring to grow in the Word.

Prior to completion of our new building, we met in four different facilities. In 2013, we purchased four acres of land, and construction began in May of 2017. Our first service was held in our new building on January 7, 2018. Total cost of our handicap accessible building was \$703,122.18 with the loan paid off in 2021. A capital campaign recently kicked off: "Debt Retire & Grow West (DRGW)" to build an addition.

Our congregation consists of 118 members with our weekly attendance being approximately sixty. We look forward to growing our congregation. Church volunteers currently provide cleaning services, social media postings, special music, and media operation. We contract mowing and snow removal and employ a part time Office Admin Assistant.

Members have the opportunity to serve on a variety of committees including Church Council, Building and Grounds, Education, Evangelism, Finance, Memorial, Nominating, Safety, Stewardship, Worship and Music, and Youth. We are a friendly, caring, and welcoming group of believers who work together for the growth of God's Word.

Cornerstone is seeking the leadership of a new pastor after our pastor of ten years retired. We are currently served by an interim pastor who leads our Sunday worship, several weekly Bible studies, and visits and communes members who are unable to attend services in person.

We provide in-person and on-line services. Our services offer a blend of contemporary and traditional music with Holy Communion offered twice a month. Youth and adult Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Bible Studies, and Confirmation classes are offered. The congregation is committed to providing an Evangelism activity each month.

### Community Profile

Cornerstone Lutheran Church is in Beatrice, Nebraska which is approximately forty miles south of Lincoln. Beatrice is a rural community of just over 12,000 residents. We are located close to Lincoln and big city attractions; yet maintain a small-town friendly atmosphere. Beatrice's cost of living is relatively low and stable. Beatrice has a hospital, recently expanded YMCA, community college, golf courses, walking/biking trails, numerous restaurants, public & parochial schools, and several parks.