



OPPORTUNITY SNAPSHOT

YOUTH AND FAMILY PASTOR Christ Lutheran Church

Overview

Christ Lutheran Church (CLC), in Whitefish, MT is experiencing strong growth under the leadership of their new Senior Pastor. This new position is designed to help continue the good work taking place by investing in the next generation. The church is excited to call a Youth and Family Pastor who will lead, disciple, and shepherd children, youth, and their families into a bright future.

The Big Idea



The Flathead County is one of the most rapidly growing locations in the United States, and CLC is positioned in the heart of it all. Since the recent hire of their Senior Pastor, the church has experienced 30 percent growth, especially in younger families. The church is motivated and engaged in reaching new people and discipling those who fellowship with the church. They are a community-focused body with a wonderful legacy of outreach to the community, seeking to be the hands and feet of Jesus to others. Their new campus and facilities were completed a few years ago and now provides an outstanding tool for ministry to children and youth. In fact, the facility was built with this purpose in mind. The annual VBS program offered by the church is well-known in the community and draws over 200 kids each year. While CLC is proud of their Lutheran heritage, they see themselves as a big tent kind of church where people of all backgrounds can grow in their relationship with Jesus. They believe this moment in their history has positioned them to orient ministries to better draw younger families and youth to the church.

The Church



Affiliation: **LCMC** (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

Attendance: 250

About: CLC is a 103-year-old church that doesn't feel historic. The building sits on almost 10 acres of beautifully maintained property right next to a newer housing development. The church facilities encompass over 35,000 square feet and feels warm and inviting. There is ample classroom space, a modern gym, and multiple options for creative youth programming. The church offers two services on Sunday mornings at 9 and 10:30 a.m. with a blended worship style in both services. They offer programming to children on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, while the youth group meets on Wednesday evenings. CLC welcomes people from a variety of backgrounds (Baptist, Catholic, Assembly of God, Foursquare, Presbyterian, non-denominational, etc.).

The Candidate



The incoming Youth and Family Pastor will express a passionate love of Jesus and model this life-giving walk. They will be a relational person who can easily converse with the youngest person in their ministry and the eldest person in the church. They will exhibit a love for students and strive to get to know them and the world in which they live. Knowledge of family systems and dynamics is important as this role will minister to the whole family. The Youth and Family Pastor position requires an organized and engaging person who will lead the discipling and care functions for children ages birth to 4th grade, students from 5th to 12th grade and their families. This role will provide critical partnership with the Senior Pastor in implementing a strategy for the ongoing growth and care of the church. This Youth and Family Pastor will be able to recruit, equip and lead a team of volunteers as well as demonstrate a collaborative posture with the other staff.

The Location



A beautiful town of 8,000, Whitefish, MT, is just a short jaunt to Glacier National Park. It has the unique distinction as one of the "Top 25 Ski Towns in the World" by National Geographic. People can enjoy hiking, biking, skiing, snowboarding, fishing, hunting, live professional theater and stellar dining. With a highly rated school system, low crime and one of the lowest tax rates in the U.S., the quality-of-life in the region has not gone unnoticed.

The Qualifications



A theological Master's degree, preferably an M.Div.; will entertain educational assistance to obtain the education; Clear appreciation and alignment with Lutheran theology and doctrine as described at the [LCMC website](#); Ordination, or ability and desire to be ordained with the LCMC; Demonstrate a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; Excellent Bible-based preaching, teaching and communication skills; A genuine passion for the gospel; Experience in innovating and growing ministry to children and youth in a multi-generational context; Missionally-focused and oriented toward serving and reaching the community with the Gospel; Open to persons newer to ministry who demonstrate an eagerness to learn and who value the heritage of CLC.

Next Steps



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