

Greenford Lutheran Church

Greenford, Ohio, United States

PASTOR

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Category: Pastoral Ministry

Sub-Category: Senior Pastor

Position Title: Pastor

Position Type: Full Time

Description:

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YouTube Worship on Sunday mornings Greenford Lutheran Church to watch our worship service!

We are seeking a full-time pastor at Greenford Lutheran Church to serve the congregation as the main pastor, following the responsibilities as outlined by our current Constitution:

Every pastor shall:

1. Preach the Word
2. Administer the sacraments
3. Conduct public worship
4. Provide pastoral care

5. Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love of the world

Each pastor with a congregational call shall, within the congregation:

1. Offer instruction, confirm, marry, visit the sick and distressed, and bury the dead
2. Supervise all schools and organizations of this congregation
3. Install regularly elected members of the Congregation Council
4. With the Council, administer discipline

Every pastor shall:

1. Strive to extend the Kingdom of God in the community, in the nation and abroad
2. Seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel
3. Impart knowledge of this church and its wider ministry through distribution of its periodicals and other publications
4. Endeavor to increase the support given by the congregation to the work of the church-wide organization of the LCMC.

Desired Personal Characteristics:

1. Possess and develop a positive public presence in preaching, worship leadership and hospitality.
2. Strong communication skills with visitations, phone calling, one-on-one contact, and personal meetings.
3. Personal computer skills to support creativity of communication in variety of media forms. Coordinate with the secretary in creating the monthly newsletter and weekly and special bulletins.
4. Outgoing, "People Person"
5. Desire to work as a team member to carry out Greenford Lutheran's mission statement "To Know Christ and Make Christ Known."
6. Supportive of congregation and its long traditions over the last 181 years.

Minimum Qualifications (Education/Experience):

This pastor will have a Master of Divinity degree or will agree to work towards obtaining such degree from an accredited Lutheran seminary and complete the requirements as outlined in the congregational bylaws.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required:

We expect this person to have the skills and abilities as outlined above. We hope the Holy Spirit will guide them in our situation, with willingness to serve in the areas of evangelism, worship, education, stewardship, social ministry, and administration.

Greenford Letterhead

October 1, 2023

Dear Pastor;

Greetings from Ohio in the name of Jesus Christ!

We are now in the quest for a new pastor. We know that God has been preparing our next leader, and we are excited to meet whomever He sends. Perhaps that is you!

We are a small and stable country church, founded in 1841. We are located in the middle of a farming community, 83 miles South from Cleveland, 20 miles Southwest of Youngstown, and 67 miles Northwest of Pittsburgh. We are in the South Range School District whose High School is a National Blue Ribbon School. Our area is poised to grow due to the proximity to Youngstown and the increasing presence of major companies.

Our mission is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ as it is revealed through Holy Scripture, our Lutheran heritage and our hope for the future. We have one Sunday service at 10:30 am with an average attendance of 65, more on festival Sundays. The service is a traditional liturgical service from the LBW and we use the Revised Common Lectionary. Holy Communion is normally celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month as well as festival Sundays.

As our congregation ages, fewer young persons are attending. This is our most pressing concern. Our hope is that our new shepherd will partner with us to follow the Great Commission; draw more young families into our fold; minister to our faithful core of existing members; and bring Word and Sacrament to our home-bound.

Please see our profile on the LCMC website: <https://lcmc.net/open-position/1413> for more congregation specific details. We invite you to view the video (in the banner) on our website at <https://www.greenfordlutheran.org/home>.

If you believe you are part of God's plan for Greenford Lutheran or know of someone else who might be, give us a **SHOUT!** You can send any information or inquiry to me at the church address or email at dechellis@zoominternet.net. We appreciate your prayerful consideration and support.

In His Service;

Delaine DeChellis, Call Committee Chairperson

PS: The most effective truth about any experience can best be told by someone who has lived it. Please see the enclosed letter from Pastor Bill, our Intentional Interim Pastor.

The Reverend Dr. Wm. G. Beck

September 25, 2023

Dear Pastor;

The intent of this letter is to share with you the joy I have experienced as the most recent shepherd of Greenford Lutheran Church.

As call information goes, one can read the congregation profile and assess the data, but that is only a flat picture. You want the texture. I understand this. A congregation might wear a smile, however, behind that, there could be a minefield. Is there tension between the pastor and the congregation? How does the congregation interact with one another? Are there problems below the surface that no one speaks about?

Well, I am here to let you know that Greenford will be a blessing for you!

The light of the Gospel fills hearts here at Greenford. It spills over in laughter and hugs at coffee conversations, in home visits, and especially in worship. Council meetings are not long and drawn out, not heavy with angst. The saints like one another too! The fruit of the Spirit is present. And the annual Corn Roast draws diners from far and near.

Now, with all that being said, there is definitely work ahead. The saints are aging; mission motivation and energy are their biggest issues, but they are not giving up! The mission field is expanding in the area. Greenford wants to remain an active beacon for God!

If you want to reach me for further conversation, my email is at the bottom. I welcome talking with you and telling you more about these wonderful brothers and sisters in the faith.

May the Holy Spirit lead your discernment.

Alive in Christ!

Pastor Bill+

The Reverend Dr. William G. Beck, STS, Intentional Interim Pastor