

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

"Growing, nurturing, making disciples in Christ"

Westborough, MA (approximately 30 miles west of Boston)

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A congregation of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



Job Posting for Choir & Handbell Director – 12.5 hours/week

Good Shepherd is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). It is an active 350-member congregation in Westborough, Massachusetts. Our Choir & Handbell Director must have a passion for proclaiming the gospel through music and an appreciation of the importance of music in the ministry of a diverse and vibrant congregation.

Good Shepherd is seeking a musician with a focus on Lutheran ministry for a 12.5 hour per week position. We are seeking a leader to plan and direct music for our Hymn-based 9 am service, special programs and community events. The Choir & Handbell Director is a member of the staff team for ministry. This team works joyfully together, supports one another and prays with and for each other.

Our other paid church music staff include a Praise Band director for our Contemporary Service, and an Organist for the hymn-based service who also accompanies the choir. The staff is bolstered by several lay leaders and musicians.

Main Qualifications:

The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills in addition to demonstrated strong musical skills. Applicants should have a firm grasp of liturgical tradition. Keyboard proficiency strongly preferred.

A Bachelor's degree or greater in music and five years of relevant experience desired for this part-time position.

Additional Qualifications include:

- Patience and enthusiasm for teaching, to foster an atmosphere in which all our volunteer musicians, young children to adults, vocal and instrumental, can present their offerings to God in worship.
- Leadership to direct and nourish our Chancel Choir (adult) & Gospel Ringers (handbell) ensemble, as well as equipping and facilitating our children's choir and instrumental programs.
- Ability to work well with other musicians, encourage their participation in worship, recruit and support leaders for several ensembles, and schedule their music offerings in worship.
- Organization and teamwork with our pastors and lay leaders in a collegial and supportive atmosphere in planning worship and other special programs.
- Creativity and enthusiasm to strengthen and grow each of the existing programs and develop new ones.

Core Responsibilities Include:

- Participate fully in the life and ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
- Direct and support special music for the Hymn-Based worship service on Sunday mornings.
- Direct and support special music for Christmas Eve services and Holy Week.
- Provide instrumental accompaniment for singing during Wednesday services during Advent and Lent.
- Direct the Chancel Choir (adult choir).
- Direct the Gospel Ringers Hand Bell Choir.
- Lead and coordinate the Children's Music program.
- Provide opportunities for children and adults with musical gifts to share in our worship services.

Expected Schedule

September to mid-June

- Sunday 9 am Hymn-based service (generally 8:15 am - 11:15 am)
- Wednesday evenings 6 pm to ~8 pm during Advent and Lent
- Thursday evenings 6 pm to 8 pm Chancel Choir and Gospel Ringers (handbell) rehearsals
- Worship & Music committee meetings (2 hours/month or every other month)
- Planning and communication as needed

Mid-June to August

- Sunday 8:30 am Hymn-based service
- (Choir optional - organize special music contributions from congregation)
- No Thursday rehearsals
- Plan for upcoming program year in August
- Planning and communication as needed

Interested individuals may apply or obtain additional information, such as a detailed job description, by email at music@goodshepherdcares.org

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