

Organist/Music Ministry Coordinator

Position Summary

St. Peder's Lutheran Church (ELCA) seeks a part-time employee (at will) Organist/Music Ministry Coordinator that will function as part of a team of musicians, our pastor, and the lay people who are responsible for St. Peder's music program. This is a part-time (10 to 15 hours per week based upon the season), temporary, salaried position lasting through summer 2022.

This position provides leadership for worship utilizing the organ and piano for weekly 9:00am Sunday worship, Lenten and special services, and shepherds St. Peder's members to help them share their musical gifts. The Organist/Music Ministry Coordinator will also accompany choral groups that occasionally sing for services.

Responsibilities

1. Provide musical leadership utilizing the organ and piano to accompany congregational singing for all regularly scheduled Sunday, Wednesday (Lent), and special worship services. Includes in-person, recorded and live-streamed services.
2. Collaborate with Pastor in hymn selection.
3. Provide worship music information to Office Coordinator in a timely fashion.
4. Build relationships with members and maintain a list of congregational volunteers of all ages who are willing to use their musical gifts to enhance St. Peder's ministry.
5. Schedule volunteers to provide musical leadership during weekly worship services.
6. Upon resumption of Sr. Choir activities: Accompany Choir rehearsals.
7. Work with Pastor and Worship & Music Committee to plan seasonal worship themes, select hymnody, and coordinate special services.
8. Coordinate and support occasional choral group performances.
9. Prepare communication of Music Ministry events and opportunities.
10. Adhere to and perform responsibilities as outlined in the St. Peder's Policy Regarding Copyrighted Materials.
11. Provide music as requested for occasional events and services, including weddings and funerals, or assist with arrangements for a substitute.
12. Oversee organ and piano maintenance, in consultation with pastor.
13. Oversee St. Peder's music library and Music Ministry resources.
14. Participate in staff and committee meetings.
15. Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated ability to accompany congregational singing on organ and piano
- Strong musical skill including ability to sight-read and work with musicians of varying skill levels
- Knowledge of copyright requirements and management of copyright permissions

Qualities:

- Provide collaborative leadership with volunteers of all ages and staff colleagues
- Ability to work within systems and seek innovative solutions

- Self-motivated and ability to motivate others
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Commitment to LGBTQIA+ affirmation, antiracism, gender equity, and general inclusion

Additional Skills (beneficial, but not required)

- Familiarity with Lutheran liturgy, hymnody, and theology.
- Basic understanding and comfort with Live Audio Mixing (microphone placement, basic sound board operation for live events).
- Experience with Video Recording and Editing.
- Ability to record organ/piano music remotely.
- Experience with or willingness to learn Livestream technology.
- Vocal coaching, ensemble, or choral direction.

Reporting Relationship:

The Organist/Music Ministry Coordinator reports to the Pastor and will also work closely with the Choral Director, Pastor, church staff and other musicians.

Compensation:

Salary commensurate with experience based upon an annual salary range of \$15,600 to \$18,720 paid in two-week increments. Compensation for weddings and funerals is provided by the family based upon guidelines provided by St. Peder’s.

About our Organ

The organ at St. Peder’s was built in 1950 by the M.P. Moller Organ Company of Hagerstown, Maryland. It originally consisted of five ranks of pipes unified on two manuals and pedal. It has subsequently been enlarged with six additional ranks; these additions consist of a 3-rank Mixture, two reeds (Clarinet and Cornopean) and a stopped flute rank that plays at 2’ pitch in the Pedal and 1 ½’ pitch in the Great. The quality of these additions varies; the Mixture was apparently new and works well; the other additions were of used pipework whose condition makes them less stable in tuning than the rest of the organ. Mechanically the organ is overall in good condition.

About St. Peder’s

If there were a dictionary description of St. Peder’s, it would most likely start with “The happy Danes.” We were founded in 1884 with strong roots in the Grundtvigian tradition, and we honor that tradition today with long-time activities that celebrate our heritage. The St. Peder’s congregation has a reputation for being a “singing congregation” and we take that reputation very seriously! In 1999, St. Peder’s chose to become a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, and adopted its current mission statement: “Rooted in our heritage, and embracing the future, we joyfully live the gospel with open hearts, open hands and open doors.” We welcome, with no exception, all people to the full life of this community of faith.

You can find out more about St. Peder’s at our website: <http://www.stpeders.org/>
 Resume and Cover Letter can be sent by email to: jobs@stpeders.org