

# **Knife River Lutheran Church**

## **Organist/Pianist Position**

Knife River Lutheran Church (KRLC) in Knife River, Minnesota is looking for a musician to fill a permanent organist/pianist position. KRLC is a vibrant church community with an active adult choir, hand bell choir, Dulcimer group, and soloists supporting religious services.

### **Responsibilities**

- Provide organ/piano music for religious services using Kawai baby grand piano, Jaeckel pipe organ (57 keys and 25 pedals), and Yamaha CP300 Stage Piano
- Play preludes, postludes, offertories, and other pieces as required
- Assist in selecting and rehearsing music with other performers
- Coordinate music with the liturgy and preaching
- Occasionally perform at weddings, funerals, and other special events as requested and with additional compensation
- Option of accompanying the adult choir, JOYFUL, for additional hours

### **Requirements**

- Proficient in playing the organ/piano
- Familiarity with religious and classical music
- Excellent sight-reading and improvisation skills
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with others
- Flexibility in adapting to various liturgical styles and music preferences
- Availability to work on Sunday mornings and occasional evening services
- Previous experience in church music is preferred

If you enjoy using your musical talent to serve others, we encourage you to apply for this rewarding position.

### **How to Apply: Submit:**

- Letter of interest
- Resume
- Two letters of reference

### **Email application to:**

Lawrence Burkhard, Search Team Chair at [lawrenceburkhard@yahoo.com](mailto:lawrenceburkhard@yahoo.com)

*(church instrument information on next page)*

## Church Instruments:

- **Piano:** Kawai baby grand

- **Organ:** Jaeckel pipe organ dedicated in November 1995.

The Jaeckel pipe organ has 57 keys and 25 pedals, all connected by an 8' Rohrflute, 4' Rohrflute, 4' Principal, and 2' Flute. The keyboard is divided between Middle C and C #, left and right. The pedals are always included in the stop selection. As Dan Jaeckel has often explained, more than 50% of the pipe organs in the world are similar to this. Minimal, fitting the space, modest, but very articulate and pleasing to hear.

- **Electronic Keyboard:** Yamaha CP300 Stage Piano

It features an 88-key, Graded Hammer keyboard, AWM tone generation system (max polyphony of 128 notes). It also has 50 original voices, plus 480 XG voices and 12 drum kits. It also has its own built-in stereo system, a 16-track sequencer and balanced XLR outputs. It was used as a stage piano for students practicing in the Weber Music Hall at UMD and KRLC purchased it from the UMD Music department in 2021.