

# Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

## St. John's Lutheran Church of Wilmette, IL

St. John's Lutheran Church ([stjohnswilmette.com](http://stjohnswilmette.com)) is an inviting and active congregation of the ELCA ([elca.org](http://elca.org)). Located in downtown Wilmette (1235 Wilmette Ave.), our congregation members live primarily in Wilmette, Evanston, and the surrounding area. We are a progressive church that welcomes people of all ages, abilities, ethnicities, genders, and sexual orientations. We are looking for a passionate, creative, and well-organized leader to oversee and expand our youth programs.

### Position Details

- 10-20 hours per week (negotiable)
  - Sunday mornings 9 am-11:30 am
  - Other hours worked at your own schedule
- \$15-20 per hour, determined on experience
- Reports directly to Pastor Allison Bengfort
- Not benefits eligible

### Responsibilities

- Oversee Children's Church on Sunday mornings, which includes the Godly Play and pre-Confirmation programs
  - Train and schedule Godly Play and pre-Confirmation teachers
  - Teach Godly Play and/or pre-Confirmation as needed
- Continue monthly family activities and other family programming (Christmas program, Family-Friendly Easter Vigil service, etc.)
- Develop high school programming
- Attend weekly staff meetings and/or weekly meetings with the pastor
- If hours allow: Lead Confirmation
  - Select/develop a curriculum and teach in conjunction with the pastor
- Exhibit leadership when working as a representative of the congregation
- Develop trusting, caring relationships with families
- Get to know other congregants to build community
- Expand lay leadership in the youth programs
- Communicate frequently and effectively with families
- Contribute regularly to church newsletters and complete all needed reports
- Ensure that all children's programs adhere to the Safe Child policy

### Qualifications

- Sense of call to Christian service and commitment to one's own spiritual life
- Experience working with children and youth
- Adept in developing the creativity, unique gifts, and spirituality of children and youth
- Familiarity with Lutheran theology and Biblical interpretation or willingness to learn
  
- Experience with Godly Play preferred
  
- Interest in community organizing and social justice work preferred
  
- Previous work as Youth Director or Sunday School Leader with experience in instruction and equipping volunteers or equivalent training in Children, Youth, & Family Ministries preferred

Please send cover letter and resume to [pastorallison@stjohnswilmette.com](mailto:pastorallison@stjohnswilmette.com).