**Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministry**

St. John’s Lutheran Church of Wilmette, IL

St. John’s Lutheran Church (stjohnswilmette.com) is an inviting and active congregation of the ELCA (elca.org). Located in downtown Wilmette (1235 Wilmette Avenue), 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 (currently online)
  + Some evening availability necessary
  + Other hours worked at your own schedule
  + Due to Illinois COVID restrictions, all services, programming, etc. are currently online.
* $15-25 per hour, determined on experience
* Reports directly to Pastor Allison Bengfort
* Not benefits eligible at this time
* Potential to grow towards a full-time position

**Responsibilities**

* Oversee Children’s Church on Sunday mornings, which includes Sunday School and pre-Confirmation programs
  + Train and schedule Sunday School and pre-Confirmation teachers
  + Teach Sunday School and/or pre-Confirmation as needed
* Continue monthly family activities (bowling night, ice skating, etc.) 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
* Follow all COVID-19 restrictions for activities in order to keep our families safe.

**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
* Interest in anti-racism, LGBTQIA+ inclusion, and social justice work preferred
* Previous work as a Youth Director or Sunday School Leader with experience in instruction and equipping volunteers or equivalent training in Children, Youth, & Family Ministries preferred

Please send resume to [pastorallison@stjohnswilmette.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com) by January 31, 2021. The interview process will be conducted via Zoom as applications are received.