

Envision! Inspire! Enrich!

**Ascension Lutheran Church
33 Bay Shore Road
Deer Park, NY 11729**

Available Position: Director of Children and Family Ministry

Ascension Lutheran Church in Deer Park, located in the suburbs of Long Island is just a few minutes from the beach and a short train ride into New York City. We are a growing congregation of 1,500 members with many strong programs in both Christian Education and Youth Ministry. We are a welcoming, enthusiastic, and vibrant church! Some of our programs include Sunday School, Elementary, Junior, and Senior Youth Groups, Confirmation programs and Summer Day Camp. We are dedicated to sharing our faith through worship, Christian education, fellowship, outreach and service.

To facilitate and further develop/expand our current ministries with families and children, we are seeking a Director of Children and Family Ministries. We are searching for a dynamic Christian whose gifts call them for this special and important ministry.

Description of Position:

- Establish/implement a vision for our current/developing ministries for families and young people centered on the Gospel
- Further develop the ministry of engaging, supporting, encouraging and integrating Christian faith development in worship, education, and discipleship through family and church.
- Provide creative development, oversight, and coordination of all ministry programs and staff serving children from birth through 5th grade.
- Plan, conduct, and evaluate outreach activities for families.
- Coordinate events, scheduling, and space usage with Ascension's Administrator.
- Prepare and manage budget for these ministries.
- Report to Senior Pastor directly.
- Attain membership in the Children's Ministry Committee.
- Attend monthly Committee meetings and weekly Staff meetings.
- Develop regular Communication and Interaction with the larger church body (LYO, CYFM, Region 7, and National Body – when applicable)
- Able to navigate technology proficiently (Computers, Texting, Video/ or podcasting)

Qualifications:

- Has the ability to inspire, nurture and relate the Christian faith to Youth as well as the adult leaders working with them.
- Is able to organize, develop, and implement Children and Family Ministry Programs for birth through 5th grade including, but not limited to Elementary, Sunday School, Day

Camp, Milestone Ministries, Bible studies, Seasonal Programming, Intergenerational Events and fundraising.

- Can recruit, train, and monitor volunteers for Christian education and Youth Ministries.
- Has Fiscal management skills: Preparing and managing a budget.
- Is organized, responsible, able to manage time appropriately, motivational, and an effective communicator.
- Is open to working in a diverse environment (i.e. culture, economic status, immigration status, national origin, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation).
- Able to modify resources and program activities to meet age-appropriate needs.
- Loves God and the people of God and will use their gifts and abilities to minister through word and deed to all.
- Has an understanding, knowledge, and passion for Scripture and Biblical teaching.
- Is Faithful in worship, Bible study, and prayer.

Professional/ Educational Experience:

- Prior experience with children/ youth within a Church or Christian Organization. This may include Volunteer experiences.
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) affiliation/ membership is preferred but not required.
- Understanding of Bible studies, Christian teaching and Lutheran theology.

Compensation and Time Schedule:

- Annual Salary \$20,000
- 20 hours/ week: Sundays are a scheduled workday where the Director will attend services, coffee hour, and other Sunday events. The weekly schedule will offer some flexible hours.
- 2 weeks paid Vacation that includes 2 Sundays.
- Continuing Education: 1 week
- Professional development and mentoring along with encouragement and prayer.

** All Employees are required to pass a background check and must strictly adhere to Ascensions' Child Protection Policy.

For more information about Ascension, our Congregation, ministries, and programming please refer to our website at <http://www.ascensionlutheran.org>

Please submit resumes with cover letter to:

Ascension Lutheran Church

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