Director of Christian Education, Faith Lutheran Church

Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts is seeking a director of Christian education. This part-time position will open effective July 1.

About Faith Lutheran Church

Faith is a vital Lutheran congregation located outside of Central Square in Cambridge. Faith is an open community welcoming all who wish to worship with us and explore their relationship with God through Christ. The congregation’s members are largely in their twenties and thirties. The attendance is bolstered during the school year by local students, including graduate students. Many who join and attend Faith have backgrounds in other evangelical denominations. Weekly worship begins at 10:00 a.m. throughout the year and typically concludes by 11:30 a.m. Approximately 50 people attend worship each week, and many of these stay for fellowship and coffee hour.

The church wishes to integrate Christian education with Sunday worship. Currently, Faith offers Sunday School for school-aged children, typically ages 5-12, and a volunteer staffed nursery program for younger children. These programs begin shortly before the worship service and typically conclude by 10:40, at which time the children are encouraged to join their families for the rest of worship. Adult education programs are typically conducted on Sundays after fellowship and conclude by approximately 12:30 p.m.

To learn more about Faith, please visit the church website at www.faithcambridge.org.

Primary duties

Nursery: Supervise and oversee weekly nursery program for children ages 1 to 4 during weekly Sunday worship services; arrange weekly staffing of nursery from congregation volunteers.

Sunday School: Oversee Sunday School program for children ages 5 to 12 based on current or modified curriculum, conducted during a portion of weekly Sunday worship services; recruit, if necessary, teams of teachers from the congregation and coordinate teaching schedule; organize periodic teacher meetings to discuss curriculum for continuity.

Adult education: Organize, plan and oversee an education program for adults, including post-worship/fellowship programming or education programming at other times. Recruit leaders from the congregation and staff.

Small Groups: The Director will to continue to monitor new and ongoing “small groups” which were formed within the congregation within the last year. These groups typically meet weekly or by-weekly and include 4-6 congregants. The groups have various themes, but typically do not involve a set curriculum but are designed to foster an integrated community and Christian support network for our members and congregants.
The regular Sunday School program and adult educational programs typically run during the school year. Small groups may continue throughout the year, as determined by the group.

Qualifications

Qualified applicants for this position will have experience in a church leadership role, experience working with children of all ages, ability to mobilize adult volunteers within the church to participate in and assist in leading educational programming, and knowledge and familiarity with Christian, and specifically Lutheran, principles and teachings.

Compensation and hours

The salaried position pays $500 per month, for an expected seven hours a week, half devoted to Sunday activities and half for planning and preparation. Included are three weeks paid vacation.

This position requires weekly oversight of education activities for adults and children on Sundays, including during worship at Faith. As such, the Director will typically be unable to participate in a complete worship service on a weekly basis at Faith.

If you are interested in this position

Email Pastor Tim Stein at pastor@faithcambridge.org or call Faith at 617-354-0414.