



## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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### **Intern, Youth and Children's Ministry**

#### Reports to the Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

Luther Memorial Church of Chicago is a welcoming, open and affirming congregation on Chicago's North Side and a Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we cherish the belief that all are loved children of God and recipients of God's grace. We trust that Jesus had something prophetic to say about the social realities of this world and our lives which leads to growth and transformation. At LMC, we look to make connections between the Gospel Story and the Everyday Story. We search for the Holy in everyday life, serve our neighbors, and work for justice and healing. LMC serves over 100 children and youth from birth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. To assist LMC as we serve not only our congregation but also our surrounding community of Lincoln Square, we are excited to partner with a college/university/seminary student who would like to gain ministerial experience working in a congregational setting.

The Intern, Youth and Children's Ministry will work collaboratively with the Director of Youth and Children's Ministry for approximately 12-15 hours/week. More hours may be required depending on church events. Participation in worship twice monthly and Wednesday evenings required. This is a perfect opportunity to get first-hand experience in ministry!

#### **Qualifications:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> year in college/university program (all majors welcome) OR seminarian student;
- Empathetic understanding of challenges facing youth in grades 9-12 and a passion for helping high school students find God in their lives;
- Interest in leading "Word and Wonder" children's worship (grades K-2) during 9a.m. Sunday worship;
- Openness in discussing how God is working in intern's own life;
- Ability to facilitate conversations with high school students around faith;
- Willingness to learn and try new things – even if they fail!

#### **Expectations:**

- Attend Sunday worship 2x month;
- Assist in revisioning high school youth program;
- Lead/facilitate high school youth group on Wednesday evenings from 7 – 8:30p.m.;
- Meet bi-weekly with the Director of Youth and Children's Ministry;
- Offer feedback and recommendations on intern experience so as to grow the program for future years;
- Assist in the planning and implementation of retreat opportunity(ies) for the high school group;
- Be available to lead group of high school students on a synod retreat the weekend of October 20-22, 2023, in Tinley Park, IL. Additional compensation may be available.



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- Adhere to LMC's communication plan with minors (including parents/guardians on text communication);
- Commit to intern position for Fall and Spring semesters (should the intern reside in Chicago and wish to continue the role through breaks, that can be communicated to the Director of Youth and Children's Ministry).
- Other opportunities for engagement/duties as assigned as discussed with the Director of Youth and Children's Ministry and/or Pastor of LMC.

**Compensation:** The intern will be paid \$17/hour. Start date is September 1, 2023, and end date is May 31, 2024, with the possibility of extension. Note that weeks off for Thanksgiving, Winter Break, and Spring Break will not be paid.

To apply, send your résumé and three references to [hire@lmcchicago.org](mailto:hire@lmcchicago.org). Note that all final applicants will be asked to complete a background check. LMC is an equal opportunity employer.