

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
Brea, California

Position Title: Director of Christian Education

Mission Statement:

Christ Lutheran is a Christ-centered caring community that celebrates, nurtures, teaches and equips God's people to live and share the Gospel. Christ Lutheran is about "Connecting People to Christ."

Specific Responsibilities:

The Director of Christian Education (DCE) shall be a partner and committed servant in the overall ministry of Christ Lutheran Church and School. The DCE shall serve as a mentor and role model for the youth, youth families, and youth leader team and shall be an effective witness of his/her Christian faith, exemplified by faithful worship attendance and participation in a broad range of ministry activities. In addition, the DCE shall:

- Advocate for Youth and Young Adults and their participation in the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church;
- Expand and strengthen the congregation's Children, Youth and Young Adult's Ministry programs, including education and leadership development, with an emphasis on building relationships that foster and encourage assimilation and outreach;
- Develop and nurture proper Christ centered relationships with Youth and Young Adults through participation in their lives within the Church and community (a ministry of presence);
- Develop and nurture relationships with the families of Youth and Young Adults through effective communication;
- Develop and implement strategies to reach out to unchurched Youth and Young Adults, and those who have fallen away;
- Collaborate in educational opportunities including children's messages during worship, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation program, chapel services and others that may arise;
- Participate in continuing education and professional growth opportunities;

- Establish, equip, and support a team of volunteers to help plan and implement Bible study, prayer, worship, fellowship, and service opportunities for Youth and Young Adults;
- Be an active participant and member of Christ Lutheran's Executive Team.

Qualifications:

The DCE shall be a visionary, committed leader, a thoughtful problem solver, a lifelong learner, and one who truly understands and loves his/her calling to serve in ministry. Additionally, the DCE shall:

- Exemplify the lifestyle of a Christian servant;
- Hold up own personal spiritual growth as a priority;
- Be faithful in worship, the Lord's Supper, Bible study, and prayer;
- Set a Christian example in speech, life, love, faith, and purity;
- Listen to others with the love of Christ;
- Strive to embody Christ Lutheran Church's mission, vision, and core values;
- Demonstrate a professional work ethic and positive attitude;
- Have experience and skills with program planning and implementation;
- Possess good organizational, communication, and motivational skills;
- Be a graduate of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod institution of higher learning and a member in good standing of the LCMS, with desired qualifications of:

DCE certification or
Seminary training or
Secondary teacher certification.

Desirable Qualifications:

It is desirable that the DCE have a background in music and also have prior work experience in a congregation of similar or larger size than Christ Lutheran. It is also desirable that the DCE continue his/her professional development through formal education, conference attendance and/or networking with other DCEs.