

Ascension Lutheran Church- Director of Youth Ministries

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Mission Statement: *Called to create opportunities for all people to become devoted followers of Christ.*

The Church: Ascension Lutheran Church, School and Foundation is an ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) congregation in beautiful Thousand Oaks, California, an hour north of Los Angeles. (Thousand Oaks is also home to California Lutheran University.) Our congregation has 2,710 members; we average 600-700 total attendance in our four weekend worship services. Our school includes infants through eighth graders and it is a very central part of our ministry, with Chapel every Wednesday morning. Ascension places a very high priority on children's, youth and family ministries, as well as intergenerational ministries. Our website is www.alcto.org.

Job Description and Duties: Plans, organizes, and implements a youth activity program for 7th-12th grades as listed below:

- Works cooperatively with the youth committee, church staff and others in the church, as appropriate, to coordinate youth activities.
- With the help of the Youth Committee plans, organizes, implements and provides leadership for 7th-8th grades, including Confirmation program, conventions and/or retreats and fellowship events.
- Interacts with Day School students and staff (weekly Chapel, advisory team, performances, etc.)
- With Help of the Youth Committee plans, organizes, implements and provides leadership for high school (9th-12th grades) weekly Bible study, fun outings, community service, conventions and/or retreats (typically through the ELCA and LRCC).
- Develops youth leadership to assist in activities. This includes a summer planning retreat and monthly planning meetings. Recruits adult volunteers when necessary.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrates a God-centered heart with a passion for working with youth of all ages.
- Must be a Lutheran with a strong faith in Jesus Christ.
- Must be a witness for Jesus, have enthusiasm and have compassion.
- Demonstrates strong leadership abilities including organization, delegation and program development skills.

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- Exhibits effective communication skills with a wide range of people, including groups, individuals, and young children, as well as teenagers, staff and volunteers.
- A college degree in a related field is preferred but not required.
- Music abilities are desirable but not mandatory, i.e., able to lead group singing.
- Must have a safe driving record and valid driver's license. Must pass a fingerprint screening, drug test and a background check.

To apply for this position, please send resume to Pastor Julie McCain at pastorjulie@alcto.org