

ORGANIST JOB DESCRIPTION

First Lutheran Church, DeKalb, IL

POSITION EXPECTATIONS

1. The organist is part of the Music Ministry Team, working together with the Adult Choir Director, Handbell Choir Director, Children's Choir Director, and Music Ministry Coordinator.
2. The organist serves as a worship leader by leading (rather than simply accompanying) the congregation in liturgy and song.
3. The organist helps to set the tone and atmosphere for worship through the special music chosen for prelude, postlude, hymn introductions, etc.
4. Familiarity with Lutheran hymns and liturgies, currently the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* and *With One Voice (WOV)*.

RESPONSIBILITIES - The organist is responsible for the following duties:

1. Plays for a minimum of three Sunday morning worship services a month. The dates shall be set in consultation with the Senior Pastor and Music Coordinator.
2. Plays for the following special services: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter festival service(s), two services on Christmas Eve, and one service on Christmas Day.
3. Selects prelude, offertory music (if needed), and postlude music for all services that will be played for and provides names of pieces to the church office by noon on Wednesday of each week. They may be e-mailed to: office@firstlutherandekalb.org.
4. Begins prelude music ten minutes prior to each service played for. This could include the quiet playing of hymns. One postlude piece is sufficient following the worship service.
5. Consults with the pastor(s) at least 20 minutes prior to the start of worship to clarify details in the order of service.
6. Accompanies adult choir rehearsals on Thursday evenings from September through May.
7. Accompanies final rehearsals on Sunday mornings prior to worship with the cantor, soloist, adult, children, and/or handbell choirs, as needed.
8. Performs other duties on an ad hoc basis, if mutually agreed upon, and in consultation with the Senior Pastor.
9. Complies with current copyright laws.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The organist reports to and is accountable to the Senior Pastor. The Personnel Committee provides for an annual review of the position, in consultation with the Senior Pastor and the Music Coordinator.

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