



Pastor/Pastorin – Full time Opportunity in Kelowna, BC, Canada

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Location/Address of work:

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Overview of Church and Community:

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kelowna, BC, Canada is looking for a full-time ordained Pastor. Our bilingual evangelical congregation (English and German) was formed by Eastern European refugees in 1949. Due to the retirement of our Pastorin after 16 years we are seeking a new full-time Pastor/Pastorin.

Prior to COVID two Sunday services, German at 9:30am (communion twice a month) and English at 11:00am (with communion every Sunday), were held. We currently have about 340 members with a dedicated team of volunteers and supportive church council. We have a very hard working and artistic administrative assistant (30 hours per week), employ two part time organists and contract custodial services (21 hours/week) for building maintenance.

Kelowna is located along the beautiful shores of Okanagan Lake; it has a population of over 143,000 and is one of Canada's fastest growing cities. Kelowna is a highly desirable place to live and offers a four-season lifestyle, attractive to outdoor enthusiasts.

Post-secondary education is very strongly represented with UBCO and Okanagan College. Originally being very European, the population of Kelowna is diversifying especially due to the agriculture and technology sector.

Education and Experience:

We are looking for an ordained Lutheran minister with several years of experience in the Lutheran faith. Willingness to uphold and abide by the Church Constitution. Being a bilingual and inspiring preacher/speaker (German and English) will be a benefit.

Focus Areas of your ministry:

- Excellent leadership and administrative skills
- Well designed worship experiences, sermon writing and delivery of music
- Actively work to get to know the congregation and become known by the congregation
- Promoting congregational community especially as we come out of Covid
- Connect with our older members
- Providing pastoral care, "Seelsorge"
- We recognize new leadership as an opportunity of change and renewal

We offer:

- Base salary follows Synod guidelines with years of experience taken into account
- car allowance and housing equity allowance
- paid vacations (based on years of service) per Synod guidelines
- benefits package (100% of premiums paid)
- Synod Conventions: all costs paid

Community links of interest:

- www.kelowna.ca
- www.ok.ubc.ca
- www.okanagan.bc.ca
- www.tourismkelowna.com
- www.castanet.net
- www.kelownanow.com
- www.sd23.bc.ca
- www.interiorrealtors.ca/files/september-2021-graphics.pdf

How to apply:

We are part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and have initiated the call process set by the BC Synod. If you are interested, please submit a mobility form to the ELCIC. More information is available at <https://bcsynod.org>

The mobility form can be found at:

https://bcsynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/availability_for_call_form_-_fillable-1.pdf