

Erickson Lutheran Church SYNOPSIS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE

Ministry Opportunity in the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

Erickson Lutheran Church, 30-3rd St. S.W. Box 414 Erickson Manitoba R0J 0P0

For the position of: Passionate Rostered Leader Full-Time

We are a Lutheran Church with congregation members of former Norwegian, Swedish and German Lutheran congregations as well as United, Anglican, Presbyterian and Baptist denominations. We serve a changing community in which traditional divisions have been unified and we participate in a vibrant ecumenical collaboration. We welcome many people moving to our area including those retiring here. We worship together using a Lutheran liturgy, but draw from a variety of resources for a varied and conversational worship experience. This diversity brings a dynamic and exciting feel to our congregation.

The church is located in Erickson, MB close to Parkland of Riding Mountain National Park and 2.5 hours NW of Winnipeg. Amenities include year-round outdoor activities, 5 golf courses in the area, several lakes including Clear Lake, Elkhorn Resort, and an air strip with weather station. <http://www.city-data.com/canada/Erickson-Town.html>

Our church embraces social justice and diversity. We want to continue to engage with our community through the local foodbank, outreach to newly retired Zoomers, building relationships with our three neighbouring First Nations communities, and concert opportunities with our new baby grand piano. We want to share the Good News with people of all ages and support the spiritual needs of the larger community.

We celebrate Holy Communion once per month. Active lay leaders are providing interim ministry until the Call Process is complete, with support from pastors for sacramental ministry. Once per month, we have a hymn sing band play. We have a potluck lunch after service on the first Sunday of the month, and have coffee and fellowship after each service. Worship is planned by the Worship and Music Committee and is reviewed by the rostered leaders.

Men's breakfast with bible study happens each week, fall to spring. We have two women's prayer circles: Rebecca and Naomi. Outreach in the community is through inter-faith activities and is very active. We have a very active mixed Choir, and Women's group. We announce the Treaty Lands acknowledgement at AGM's and special meetings/presentations. We have also performed plays during services, and have audio-visual and Wi-Fi available during services and events. We can record services and funerals, and have a big screen TV in the basement for viewing the services when an overflow of people occurs.

Current Staff: 1 Administrative assistant - casual, a few hours a week, and she also volunteers extra hours a month. 1/2-time Pastor (Level 3, greater than 5 years experience), and 1/8 Deacon (Level 1, greater than 5 years experience) all other roles are volunteer

The areas of ministry to prioritize in the next 1-5 years of ministry, as listed in the Congregational Profile:

1. Worship Leadership: plan and conduct inclusive worship services to all
2. Visitation: priority for shut-ins, or those in hospitals or care homes, or in need of additional spiritual support
3. Transformational/Redevelopment: Lead a congregation into hope and new possibilities

4. Community Work: Represent the church and motivate persons to cooperate in community activities
5. Inter-personal climate: Exhibit and inspire a spirit of community, and ministry with youth and young adults.

In summary: We are looking for a team player, someone who isn't afraid to talk to people, and is level-headed.

Learn more about our congregation at www.ericksonlutheranchurch.ca and on Facebook @EricksonLutheranChurch

Interested persons may request a detailed Congregational Profile and the procedure for call process in the MNO Synod from:

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