

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Lead, South Dakota, United States

SENIOR PASTOR

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- **Position Title:** Senior Pastor
- **Position Type:** Full Time

Description:

The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.

The Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is seeking an individual to fill the role of Pastor. The Pastor will preach and teach the word of God, administer the Sacraments, and give primary leadership in the ministries of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Desired Personal Characteristics:

1. A vibrant relationship with Christ.
2. Excellent communication skills that relates a message to the lives of the congregation in worship and demonstrates compassion and love and service to the individual.

3. Strong Christian values demonstrated in a life led through Christ.
4. Willingness to involve the congregation in the ministry of the church.
5. Strong computer skills that will communicate the love of God through a variety of media.

Minimum Professional:

A Master of Divinity degree from an accredited Lutheran seminary, a solid foundation in biblical knowledge and ordination with a reputable church (or a willingness to be ordained in a reasonable time frame). Prefer candidates that are LCMC certified.

Responsibilities:

1. To regularly preach and teach the Word of God and administer the Sacraments in the congregation.
2. To officiate at special services such as weddings, funerals, nursing home services, etc.
3. To conduct public worship.
4. To provide pastoral care in conjunction with other staff, boards committees, and member care-givers through visitation, counseling, and prayer.
5. To supervise all schools and organizations tasked in the teaching of children, youth, and adults in the Christian education program of the congregation.
6. To install regularly elected members of the Congregation Council and be a member of the Council.
7. Coordinate all aspects of worship.
8. Provide counseling, corrective action, healing and growth.
9. To speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world.

10. To seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel.
11. To strive to extend the Kingdom of God in the community, in the nation, and abroad.
12. To endeavor to increase the support given by this congregation to the work of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

The pastor is to be fully engaged in the life and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills. In some areas, the pastor is the key leader. In other areas, the pastor plays a supporting roll, encouraging the ministry of the laity and other paid staff. No pastor is equally gifted in all the areas mentioned above. In areas of weakness, the pastor should be encouraged to ask for help so that the congregation can be closer to all that God has called it to be.