

Description:

New Hope Lutheran Church (LCMC-Augustana District) located in Comfrey, Minnesota is seeking an enthusiastic, faith-driven pastor to lead and inspire our congregation into the future. Comfrey is a small farming community located in Southwestern Minnesota about 125 miles from Minneapolis/St. Paul. At the present time our current active membership is 140 households, 297 baptized with 236 confirmed. New Hope Lutheran Church emerged out of two century-plus congregations, Faith Lutheran and Salem Lutheran. On March 29, 1998, a tornado devastated the town of Comfrey and both Lutheran Church buildings were damaged beyond repair. The spirit of the two church bodies came together and was physically reborn in 1999, as New Hope Lutheran Church with a new building dedicated in November of 2000.

As a joint congregation we offer a Sunday morning worship service with an average attendance of 65 that is also live streamed on Facebook. Following worship and fellowship, we offer Sunday school for K-6th grade. Confirmation class is held on Wednesday nights. Men and women's bible studies are offered once a month and the youth group meet on a routine basis. The Church staff includes a secretary, two pianists, a custodian, and many volunteers.

The church building includes a large sanctuary with removable partition walls for overflow seating, TV displays with live stream cameras and a digital sound system, Sunday school rooms, a chapel, and a fireside room with library for Christian educational opportunities as well as a large fellowship hall and narthex. The Parish Secretary and Pastor's office are also in this building. New Hope Church owns a 4-bedroom, 1.5 bath parsonage with an attached 3 car garage that is available for the Pastor and his/her family. The home is located across the street from the K-12 school and community library.

Responsibilities:

- Lead Sunday worship and administer the Sacraments
- Lead special services including but not limited to weddings, baptisms, and funerals
- Lead Confirmation class
- Advise the Sunday school, youth group and bible studies
- Advise boards and committees as asked within the church
- Visit the sick and shut-ins
- Visible member of the community

Qualifications:

Minimum Qualifications

- Graduate or near completion of Seminary

- 1-3 years of ministry experience or equivalent
- Strong communication skills
- Servant heart for God and people

Preferred Qualifications

- Certified in LCMC
- Skilled musician (vocal or instrumental)

If these are beliefs and talents that you have, we would love to hear from you. Please submit your cover letter, resume, and references by email or mail to the address below by October 1st. However, we do reserve the right to re-open the application process if the Call Committee feels it is necessary. Sending taped or recorded sermons are strongly encouraged.

Address:

New Hope Lutheran Church
 Attn: Jody Anderson, Call Committee
 204 Court Street South
 Comfrey, MN 56019

Contact: Jody Anderson

Phone: 507-276-8577

Email: Jodylynn12@gmail.com

Position: Full-Time Pastor

Online: www.facebook.com/NewHopeLutheranChurchlcmc/

Appendix

The mission statement is as follows: We, the members of New Hope Lutheran Church, saved by grace, are called, gathered and united by God's Spirit to:

Nurture our faith through worship, God's Word and His Sacraments,

Encourage people of all generations to share their gifts and talents to serve God,

Work together to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Hear the concerns of our neighbors,

Open our church to all people,

Proclaim God's message of hope,

Express God's Love in word and deed.