

Pastor Wanted for Historic Rural Congregation

Location: Parkersburg, IA,

About Us:

Founded in 1891, Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church is a vibrant and multigenerational congregation nestled in the heart of Parkersburg, IA. With a rich history of faith and community engagement, our church has been a beacon of hope and spiritual growth for over a century. Situated in a rural area, our congregation enjoys access to a variety of essential services while cherishing the close-knit bonds of our community.

Position Overview:

We are seeking a dedicated and dynamic full-time pastor to lead our congregation into the next chapter of our journey. The ideal candidate will possess a deep commitment to Christ, exemplary leadership skills, and a heart for serving people of all ages and backgrounds. This position offers an exciting opportunity to shepherd multiple generations in a welcoming community rooted in tradition and poised for growth.

If you feel called to serve as our pastor and meet the qualifications outlined below, we invite you to submit your resume, a cover letter expressing your interest and vision for ministry, and any relevant supporting materials to Stacy Ascher.. We look forward to prayerfully considering all applicants and discerning together God's leading in this important decision.

Responsibilities:

1. **Preaching and Teaching:** Prepare and deliver biblically-based sermons that inspire, challenge, and encourage the congregation to grow in their faith and relationship with God.
2. **Worship Leadership:** Lead worship services, guiding the congregation in prayer, praise, and participation in worship experiences that glorify God and edify the body of believers.
3. **Pastoral Care:** Provide compassionate pastoral care and counseling to individuals and families within the congregation, offering support, guidance, and spiritual direction in times of joy, sorrow, and need.
4. **Sacramental Ministry:** Administer sacraments such as baptism and communion in accordance with the church's beliefs and practices, facilitating opportunities for spiritual renewal and transformation through these sacred acts.

5. Community Engagement: Engage with the local community, building relationships, serving others, and sharing the love of Christ through acts of compassion, outreach initiatives, and partnerships with other churches and organizations.

6. Leadership and Administration: Provide leadership and oversight for the church's ministries, programs, and activities, working collaboratively with church staff and volunteers to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation.

7. Discipleship and Education: Equip and empower believers for ministry through discipleship initiatives, including teaching of the Heidelberg Catechism to the high school youth, available as a participant in Vacation Bible School.

Qualifications:

1. Ordination: Possession of valid ordination or licensure for pastoral ministry within a recognized denomination.

2. Character and Integrity: Exemplify qualities of godly character, including integrity, humility, compassion, and servant leadership, as outlined in the biblical qualifications for church leaders.

3. Communication Skills: Excellent verbal and written communication skills, with the ability to articulate biblical truths clearly and effectively.

4. Interpersonal Skills: Strong interpersonal skills, with the ability to build rapport, foster relationships, and provide pastoral care to all generations of the congregation.

5. Collaboration: Ability to work collaboratively with church staff and volunteers, fostering teamwork, unity, and a shared sense of mission and purpose within the congregation. In addition serve as a representative for the church with the Parkersburg ministerial association.

Please email Stacy Ascher with interest and any application materials to mssrascher@gmail.com

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