

Job opening: Cantor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, (ELCA) 1500 W. Elmdale Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

Title: Cantor

Immanuel Lutheran is a progressive, liturgical, urban congregation, that strives to fulfill its mission of being “a living sanctuary of hope and grace.” This is a part-time position, estimated at 20 hours/week. Annual salary up to \$33K plus pension and benefits. The ideal start date is August 1, 2018.

The Cantor we seek will be able and excited to help all of us—children, youth, and adults, with many levels of ability and across a range of musical genres and styles—to praise God with our voices and instruments and to lead us in our shared liturgical life.

Apply by sending a resume to churchoffice@immanualchicago.org or mail it to: Immanuel Cantor Search Committee, 1500 W Elmdale, Chicago, IL 60660. To be considered, a resume must be received by June 15, 2018. Following review by the Search Committee, those being asked to continue in the process must complete an application form, and participate in an interview, keyboard (organ and piano) audition and choral conducting audition.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- In partnership with the Pastor, continue the rich liturgical traditions of the congregation through seasonal and weekly worship planning.
- Coordinate and implement Immanuel’s music program.
- Create the weekly service folder with the Office Administrator.
- Provide leadership to the volunteer Worship Team
- Serve as the primary musician (organ and piano) for the congregation.
- Rehearse and conduct the adult choir for weekly worship leadership.
 - Select appropriate anthems and liturgical music for the choir(s).
 - Develop and distribute a schedule for choirs and other musicians as appropriate for weekly liturgies.
 - Recruit musicians and instrumentalists for special celebrations and liturgies.
 - Oversee the paid section leaders
- Recruit participants for the music ministry program.
- Make available new resources and ideas for participants in the music and worship ministry.
- Attend relevant congregational meetings as well as weekly staff meetings.
- Determine and submit the annual budget for the music program and administer the expenditures of the approved budget.
- Maintain and administer the Immanuel Music Fund.
- Be well-versed in Lutheran liturgical practices and have a thorough knowledge of ELCA worship resources.
- Energize and enliven congregational singing through a variety of means, e.g., organ, piano, percussion, and paperless music.
- Re-develop a children’s music program.

- Re-envision outreach to the community through music e.g., drama, concerts, and special worship services.
- Connect with the musical and arts community of the neighborhood.
- Maintain the music library and resources of the music program.
- Oversee the maintenance of the organ and all instruments used by the congregation.
- Participate with the pastor, church staff, and other leaders to facilitate congregational goals and assume responsibility for tasks mutually agreed on with the pastor.
- Maintain professional competency by practicing, performing, attending continuing education opportunities, teaching workshops or seminars, and reading professional journals.
- Retains the right of first refusal to provide and perform music for weddings and funerals.

Resources:

3-manual 46-rank Schantz pipe organ, 1976 –recently upgraded with a multi-level combination action

2 octaves of Whitechapel Handbells

Samick Grand piano in the nave of the church

Samick upright in the choir loft

Knabe grand in the choir room

An array of hand percussion