

## **Sinai Lutheran Church**

### **Director: Sinai Singers (part time)**

#### Job Description

Sinai Singers (youth choir grades 4-8) is seen as an important part of faith formation at Sinai in addition to their role as a music ensemble in worship. Toward this end, the learning of hymns and liturgical music is equal in importance to preparation of anthems, and the emphasis is on full participation and leadership in worship. Some occasional easy use of choir chimes has been included. The choir currently sings about once a month at the 10:30 Sunday worship service, singing liturgical music (psalm, acclamation) and an anthem; providing musical leadership during Wednesday evening Lenten services; and occasionally singing for special services. Rehearsals are currently scheduled 6:00-6:30 P.M. on Wednesday evenings September through May as coordinated with the Confirmation calendar.

#### Responsibilities of the Director:

- Conduct choir at those services for which the choir is scheduled to sing.
- Prepare for rehearsals, selecting music appropriate to the specific service/liturgical date, learning the music in advance of the rehearsal, and providing music to the accompanist in advance.
- Coordinate choral liturgical participation (psalms, acclamations, hymn stanzas, etc.) with organist.
- Conduct rehearsals in a manner that is welcoming and encouraging but educational and respectful of the need for quality.
- Maintain music library (or oversee volunteer librarian). Order new music within limits of annual budget.
- Arrange for a substitute when absence is necessary.
- Take advantage of continuing education opportunities through membership in professional organizations, attending relevant workshops and conferences, or by other means.
- Cultivate familiarity with denominational resources, including hymnals and supplements.
- Communicate with office staff, submitting information and materials for publication in a timely manner.
- Maintain communication with other music staff, working together to set schedules and plan participation.

The Choir Director is a member of the Worship & Music committee, which meets quarterly following worship. Staff members work as a team to lay groundwork for meaningful worship for all participants.

#### Qualifications:

- Bachelors degree in music or equivalent, with experience conducting children's vocal ensembles.
- Familiarity with Lutheran liturgical practice and hymnody or openness to mentoring.

All staff must participate in the Safeguarding God's Children training program or similar boundary program and complete a background check.

Estimated hours per month: 8 (September-May)

Compensation: \$1,500 annually (paid in 12 monthly increments)