

## Living Water Christian Church Lead Pastor Position Announcement

Living Water Christian Church is an open and affirming Disciples of Christ church located west of Parkville, Missouri in Platte County. LWCC is a small congregation established in 2007 with potential for growth. The lead Pastor resigned in 2021 and an Interim Pastor has led LWCC through a transition process for the past year.

We are seeking a humble leader who prayerfully provides inspiration, vision, and leadership to our church and community as we strive to grow in Christ. The Pastor's main responsibilities will be to communicate God's Word by leading regular worship services, ministering to the spiritual needs of congregants, staying true to the mission and core beliefs of the Disciples of Christ, and provide Biblical leadership.

## Job Duties:

- Sermon preparation and delivery during Sunday morning services
- Supervise staff and volunteer team leaders and provide guidance and direction
- Occasionally hold a Bible-based small group
- Council congregants offering pastoral care
- Lead the spiritual health, continued ministry development, and direction of Living Water Christian Church with the advisory oversight of the church council
- Supervision of administrative work including but not limited to: working with bookkeeper, maintenance of website, answering church phone, communications of weekly emails and Facebook Posts, etc.
- Lead/coordinate/delegate activities, Bible studies, extra events that build a sense of community within and outside the congregation
- Work with the church council according to the by-laws and protocol provided by the council. Attending monthly council meetings and additional meetings as needed.
- Represent Living Water Christian Church in the community and region events as appropriate.

## Minimum Requirements:

- The Pastor should be Spirit-filled and self-motived
- Minimum Education: Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies or another ministryrelated/seminary field
- Preferred Education: Master of Divinity degree or Master of Arts in biblical studies or other ministry-related field and/or training experiences which would qualify a person to pastor and administer to a Disciples of Christ Church or be willing to become ordained in the DOC within one year
- Licensed and ordained as a minister with a least 1 year of experience
- Spiritual and personal integrity and maturity
- Mature interpersonal skills, with experience in leading a staff team or volunteers
- Good communicator of God's word, demonstrated through a history of delivering Biblical and powerful messages, understandable to the spiritually young and relevant to the more spiritually mature
- Called by God to not only preach the word but lead and pastor a congregation
- Ability to plan, set goals, promote events, and organize leadership development.

We are hoping to fill this position before the end of the year. The Lead Pastor position is a part time position ranging from 20 to 25 hours per week. Weekly worship attendance averages approximately 30 to 40 congregants but has extreme opportunity for growth. The compensation package is \$40,000 annually. You may designate your salary as housing allowance, or as ordinary income, all within IRS guidelines.

On our website, <u>www.livingwaterchristian.org</u> you can find our Mission & Vision Statement, A list of affirming words the congregation recently created as part of "who we are as a church" and our Core Beliefs.

Please submit your resume and your response to the following to Darla Wilkerson/Church Moderator at darlajamie@gmail.com – position is open until filled.

- 1. Tell us about your faith journey and what draws you to pastoral ministry.
- 2. Describe yourself theologically and your view of scripture.
- 3. Briefly explain to us your philosophy of ministry.
- 4. Why are you interested in Living Water Christian Church?