

St. John's Lutheran Church
Parish Nurse/Congregational Care Nurse – Part Time (20 hours)

St. John's Lutheran Church is a congregation of the ELCA in Northfield, Minnesota, serving over 500 families of every generation. St. John's ministry is centered in a strong musical and liturgical tradition, commitment to forming all ages in the Christian faith, and welcome to God's grace for all. The Northfield community is growing in its population of people 65 and over, and St. John's is committed to providing vital ministry for the last third of life as well as healing ministry for all people.

Purpose

The St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Nurse/Congregational Care Nurse is called and committed to the health and healing ministry of the church, helping to care for its emotional, physical and spiritual well-being.

Supervision: Reports to the Senior Pastor

Supervisory roles: none

Qualifications

Required

- An active license in baccalaureate nursing in the state of Minnesota with a minimum of five years of experience in clinical nursing (medical surgical nursing or home health care, long term care, community health/public health nursing).
- Excellent communication skills, spiritual maturity, and active involvement in a church.

Preferred

- Completion of a Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nursing certification program, or a willingness to pursue this.

Responsibilities

- In cooperation with the pastoral staff, coordinate ongoing care to congregation through visitation, prayer, and communion for those hospitalized or recently hospitalized, ill, homebound. Work with volunteers involved in St. John's caring ministries to provide additional care.
- Oversee caring ministries and coordinate needs of congregation members with church volunteer groups such as:
 - Stephen Ministry
 - Grief booklet distributors
 - Called to Care
 - Healing ministry
 - Communion ministry (members take communion to home-bound)
- Provide leadership and training for congregation members to care for others in our church and community.
- Discuss health issues with those seeking guidance and information.
- Work with the Faith and Health Board to educate St. John's congregation on health issues about faith and health.
- Organize special gatherings or services at St. John's for those who are grieving, dealing with divorce, etc.
- Advise congregation members about services offered in Northfield to assist those with health related issues (i.e. home health care, hospice, Meals on Wheels, counseling, mental health, grief groups, AA, Al-Anon, etc.)
- Participate in organizations such as the Northfield Grief Coalition and Northfield Advance Care Planning.
- Meet with Parish Nurses from other Northfield congregations (St. Dominic's, Emmaus Baptist, Northfield United Methodist, etc.).
- Participate in staff and board meetings, working as a team member with members of the St. John's staff.
- Serve as staff liaison to the Faith and Health Board.
- Other duties as assigned

TO APPLY, SUBMIT RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO office@stjohnsnorthfield.org by September 15.

