

Family Ministry Coordinator

Part-time: 15-20 hours per week

Job Summary

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is seeking an individual to help oversee ministry with children and their families within the wider Downers Grove community. This position is not focused on the implementation of curriculum, but rather on the growth of families and the empowerment of capable adult mentors through the creation of new ministries and the expansion of current ones.

Our mission at Gloria Dei is that everyone may live out *Real. Balanced. Life.* In ministry with youth and families, we work to achieve this by helping to create faithful autonomous young adults through a focus on two proven components in discipleship: 1. Families (in all their many shapes and sizes) that worship together and 2. Meaningful service and mission experiences.

The Family Ministry Coordinator will work closely with the Director of Youth & Family Ministries, and under the direct supervision of the senior pastor, and will be part of a larger staff at Gloria Dei. This is a flexible part-time position (with the potential for growth into a larger position), and will require some weeknight and weekend commitments, particularly on Sunday mornings.

The immediate primary responsibilities for this position will be the creation of a ministry for families with toddlers and babies, as well as the expansion of regular family ministry events where parents and children may come together to learn more about one another and their faith journey. Second to those duties, the Coordinator will assist in ministries with children and help to bridge the gap between age groups and the various milestones of childhood. Our primary focus is to “get the rites right” and see these special moments as steps along the journey and not as a “backdoor” or “graduation” out of the church.

The ideal candidate will be a faithful individual who can teach and lead from a Biblical and protestant perspective and be supportive of and value our Evangelical Lutheran roots. This person must be friendly and flexible, love working with children and their families, be passionate about their faith, value regular worship, be a servant leader, and possess good communication and organization skills while being a self-starter in this ministry. Also, this person must possess basic computer skills and social-media proficiency. Proven success in implementing programs with children is a must. Bachelors degree or 3-5 years experience in a similar field preferred.

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