

# St Peter United Church of Christ

47 Church Street, Lake Zurich, Illinois

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## Director of Youth Ministry

**Hours:** approximately 10/week (flexible office hours; weekends and some evenings required; one full-time week traveling in the summer; one 8 am - 12 pm week in the summer)\*

### About Us

St. Peter United Church of Christ in Lake Zurich, Illinois, is a Christian community of where all (ages, orientations, genders, political/theological perspectives, etc) can belong, engage their gifts, and be empowered to act out their faith in God (Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit).

Youth Ministry is part of St. Peter's Hearts & Minds programming. Formerly known as Christian Education, Hearts & Minds was adopted as "Christian Education" generally denotes a teacher leading a classroom of obediently listening pupils, but research shows this isn't an effective way to grow faith. Christian Education also implies a left-brained (analytical, linear) approach to faith, but again research shows that transformation happens best when we engage our whole person, both our hearts and our minds. Our Director of Youth Ministry will embrace and embody this philosophy.

### Position Summary

The Director of Youth Ministry builds strong, healthy relationships with middle and high school students and their parents through creating excellent youth programming in order to foster the development of their Christian faith.

### Core Responsibilities:

- Plan, coordinate, and lead Middle & High School programs, including:
  - Weekly Middle & High School gatherings
  - Yearly Middle & High School mission trip (including fundraisers)
  - Special events (e.g. lock-ins, Vacation Bible School, etc)
- Identify creative, age and theologically appropriate curriculum for students grades 6-12
- Support students through attending extracurricular activities and important milestone events
- Train, coordinate, and provide ongoing support to Middle & High School adult volunteers
- Reach out to college age students to help them remain connected to their church family
- Begin to foster relationships with elementary students
- Create and maintain a safe and vibrant Youth Room & equipment
- Coordinate mailings, calendar, and office-oriented business with appropriate staff members
- Communicate program offerings with youth, parents, and congregation (including via social media)
- Oversee youth ministry budget, registration files, and attendance records

### Other Responsibilities:

- Regularly communicate and meet with Lead Pastor about pastoral and program concerns and to assess ongoing program needs and growth areas
- Attend and participate in worship services at least twice a month (could include preaching occasionally)
- Participate in occasional All Church Fellowship Events

**About You**

- A growing, vibrant, personal faith in God, Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit
- Passion to help Middle & High Schoolers grow, most notably in their Christian faith
- Preferably College degree (ideally in Bible, Theology, or Education)
- Experience working with youth
- Knowledge of appropriate behaviors and developmental milestones for students grades 6-12
- Excellent project management, organizational, and communication skills
- Innovative spirit and desire to think outside the box
- Outstanding interpersonal/leadership skills with people of all ages and backgrounds
- Ability to work independently and on a team (with a wide variety of staff and volunteers)
- Clear sense of ethics, emotionally healthy, and ability to maintain confidentiality and good boundaries
- Superb computer (including G-Suite) and social media skills
- LGBTQ+ friendly
- 21 years of age or older
- Must be able to pass a background check

\*There is room for this position to grow if the candidate has various other skills needed by the church.

Send a cover letter and resume to [pastorruth@stpeterlz.org](mailto:pastorruth@stpeterlz.org).