

**Title:** Worship Musician (Organist/Pianist)  
**Job Type:** Part Time  
**Location:** Zion ELCA; Freeland, MI  
**Position(s):** Hiring one or multiple musicians based on applicants skills and interest.  
**Pay Range:** \$50-\$125 per service

### **Job Summary**

Zion ELCA is searching for one or more individuals to lead the musical portion of worship services at the church. Zion is seeking musicians who understand and celebrate the powerful impact music may have upon a worshipping community.

Zion's worship services are held Sunday morning at 8am and 11am, and Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. An eclectic rotation of music is used for services including traditional hymns and organ pieces, contemporary songs and piano accompaniment, gospel songs, and liturgical music.

One Sunday and Wednesday a month, service music is offered by Zion's Gospel Group. The Gospel Group is a band of volunteer musicians, organized by a volunteer, who enjoy worshipping God while providing a unique musical experience for the congregation. The Gospel Group practices 2-3 times per month, and piano accompaniment is requested.

### **Instruments Available:**

- 1- Baby Grand Piano
- 2- Pipe Organ: 1969 Hillgreen-Lane Organ with 6 ranks
- 3- Clavinova: Electronic Piano

### **Expectations:**

- 1- Prelude Music. The prelude is to start at least 10 minutes before service, and conclude with the beginning of the worship.
- 2- Service Music. Musician(s) will lead/accompany all service music, including hymns, contemporary songs, and liturgical music as needed. Service music will be selected by Zion's Worship Committee, unless otherwise negotiated.
- 3- Postlude. A postlude will conclude every worship service.
- 4- Collaboration with the Worship Committee. Musician(s) are expected to work with the Worship Committee as needed to develop Zion's musical offerings.
- 5- Special Music and Guest Musicians. Zion is blessed to have many musicians within the congregation, and special music from these members is welcomed. The Musician(s) will be expected to work with members wishing to offer special music during worship, and to accompany them. The Musician will also be encouraged to invite guest musicians from outside of Zion to perform in or out of worship.

### **Qualifications:**

- A strong love of music, and a passion for sharing music with others through worship.
- Possesses a creative vision to engage and share music in multiple forms.
- Is reliable, with a strong work ethic.
- Has good communication skills, both in person and in writing.

### **Compensation:**

Compensation will be negotiated based upon experience and agreed upon involvement.

### **Additional Notes:**

Employment is conditional upon successfully passing of a satisfactory criminal background check.

## **Application Process**

- 1.) All applicants are required to submit their application materials to the following email address: [jobs@zionfreeland.org](mailto:jobs@zionfreeland.org).
- 2.) Applicants should briefly and specifically identify in their email response which areas they are interested in at Zion. Applicants may specify their interests by preferred service times or styles of music.
- 3.) All Applicants should attach separate documents as described below:
  - A. Cover Letter. Please state in cover letter the service times/musical styles which interest you, and your experience with the instruments Zion has available.
  - B. Resume
  - C. Four Letters of reference
    - a. Two personal character references
    - b. Two musical skill references

References should include:

1. Reference's First and Last Name
2. How you know them, including length of time and in what capacity
3. Contact phone numbers
4. Contact e-mail

**Application Deadline is Friday, January 5, 2018** by Midnight - *all submissions will be acknowledged.*

Upon successful application, applicants will be scheduled for an interview and asked to play during a worship service at Zion. All interviews and auditions will occur during January, 2018.