

Director of Children and Family Ministries

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Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines, WA

Love kids? Love God? We'd love to talk to you! We're looking for someone to lead with vision and passion while developing a comprehensive Children's (Pre-K – 6th grade) Faith Formation Ministry for our congregation and community. In this role, you'll coordinate and oversee servant leaders, and lead us in creating a children and family ministry movement that brings new life to all! This position can be ½, ¾, or full time, and we hope you'll apply.

A little info about Grace... we're a vital, healthy congregation in Des Moines, Washington, located halfway between Seattle and Tacoma. Grace is called "the church that never sleeps" by the city of Des Moines, and we always have a lot going on! Our children's programs are well-known, and include Grace Children's Center (childcare for ages 18 months through age six) and Grace Lutheran School (preschool for ages two through five).

The Director of Children and Family Ministries will work collaboratively with our staff and the Children's Ministry Team to:

- *vision, inspire, strategize, unify and implement the faith formation goals of the church into an integrated and effective Children's Ministry*
- *develop, nurture, coordinate and oversee Children's Ministries, including: recruit, train, and support teachers, servant leaders, and staff for all Children's Ministry programs*
- *create weekday afterschool and year-round community wide initiatives that reach and serve the needs of the greater Des Moines community*
- *oversee annual Milestone and Children's Worship Programs*
- *incorporate our children and families into all aspects of our worship and servant life together*

Some required qualifications include:

- Bachelor degree in an education related field or equivalent experience in youth education and/or intergenerational ministry
- Ability to plan and execute a program calendar
- Ability to lead, motivate, and work with servant leaders and staff
- Excellent written and oral communication skills

Some preferred qualifications include:

- High level of organizational skills
- Passionate about teaching and interacting with children and their families
- Excellent team player
- A deep love of Jesus and the church

Please submit cover letter and resume to:

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