

Don't Let This Opportunity Pass You By!

Position type: Solo Pastor

Denomination: Presbyterian

Ministry Area: Preaching/Teaching

Avg. Weekly Attendance: 30-40

Our Church:

First Presbyterian Church of LeRoy, MN., was established over 150 years ago. Our current church building was built in 1960. We reside in a small town, rural community in southeastern Minnesota. We are a traditional and conservative congregation. Even though we have been without a pastor for approximately 2 years, we are still fully operational. We have involvement by all our members and everyone utilizes their talents. We have an active choir that is sometimes expanded with other church's choirs to perform at the Eagle's Cancer Telethon each January and a joint service that is held the Wednesday before Thanksgiving every year.

We are a close knit church family but also welcoming to any visitors and newcomers to the community. A coffee fellowship is held every Sunday after morning worship. We offer Sunday School classes for ages 2 through adults.

Our church missions include: sponsoring a young boy from Honduras through Childfund International, assembling shoeboxes in November each year for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse; participating in One Great Hour of Sharing at Easter time; and giving to our local food shelf. We have established a "Good Neighbor Fund" which gives financial aid to those in our congregation and community when an immediate need arrives due to crisis. These needs are reviewed and dealt with by our church Session. We have good relationships with the other churches in our town. We are a member of LAMA, which stands for LeRoy Area Ministerial Association. This organization is made up of 4 local churches to aid those in the community in many ways. A fundraiser is

held by them every March to raise contributions for the local food shelf. Our congregation is debt free and we offer a competitive salary package.

The Building: Our Church is all on one level and handicapped accessible. Because of this, it is sought out by the community to be used for other uses as well as worship. Preschool screening meets in our Sunday School rooms, also history club and community theatre have used our facilities. It consists of the sanctuary, which can hold 200 people, a fellowship hall, kitchen, fireside meeting room, 6 classrooms, and separate office space for the secretary and the pastor. Our church has hosted a Good Friday concert by Jason Gray in the past. It was a successful night of music and testimony.

We offer a manse just a block away from the church. It is also located across from the town library and about 6 blocks from the k-12 school. The manse is newly remodeled with an open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, huge basement, 2 car attached garage and a big back yard.

The Area: The trailhead to the Shooting Star bike trail and Lake Louise State Park, are only 5 blocks from the manse. The park offers biking, hiking, horseback riding, canoeing/kayaking, camping and fishing. There are also two city parks. The school is located about 6 blocks from the manse and offers an indoor heated pool and hot tub for everyone, not just for students. Downtown amenities include a restaurant/hotel, bowling alley, Dollar General, fitness center, gas station, tire and care service businesses, chiropractor and two banks. A medical clinic is due to open soon in town. Mayo Clinic is in Rochester, Minnesota, about 40 minutes from LeRoy and the Rochester International Airport is roughly 30 miles away. Historic Lanesboro is 40 minutes away with more bike trails, tubing on the Root River and camping. Iowa is very close to the south of us and also offers more biking/hiking on the Wapsipinicon Trail, along with boating and camping at Lake Hendricks. Every July, LeRoy holds a celebration called "Summerfest". It is a two day celebration with a parade, tractor pull, games, street dance, and a joint ecumenical service in the park on Sunday morning. We take part in this service every year. We host a fall bazaar on the first Saturday of October that includes crafts, bake sale, and a delicious meatball dinner.

The Candidate: What we seek in a new pastor includes the usual duties such as preaching Sunday morning worship service, conducting weddings, baptisms, confirmation classes, funerals, visiting shut-ins and nursing homes with the aid of a Deacon/Elder administering communion to these people, being available to those suffering a loss, tragedies and emergencies in their lives, moderating the Session meetings. We aren't looking for someone to take over all the tasks of the church, but a person who can lead and create the spark to renew interest in the people who have fallen away in attendance. Someone who can connect/relate to our younger members. This candidate must believe that the scriptures are the infallible Word of God and preach and teach in line with that; someone who prayerfully seeks the Holy Spirit's direction in all decisions and actions.

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