

Position Description:

Pastor – Preaching and Worship

Woody Nook CRC values worship. “Wise is the worshipping community that “does not neglect meeting together” (Heb 10.25), but joyfully gathers in Jesus’ name, eager to proclaim the Word of God, to offer praise and prayer, and to celebrate the sacraments, each of which are actions of the whole people of God, “the royal priesthood” (1 Pet 2.9).” (Worshipping the Triune God)

All of life is worship and we desire that our worship experience brings our gratitude to God, supports life with the Lord, encourages faithfulness in all areas of life, and finds us enjoying our relationship with God.

Shared Responsibilities

All Pastors are expected to work as a team providing mutual encouragement, learning and support to each other. The expectation is that pastoral staff will meet weekly to coordinate ministry and share each other’s workloads.

All pastors will be expected

1. to preach and lead in worship (about 1/3),
2. teach (CATCH, Woody Nook 101, Alpha, etc),
3. engage in pastoral care (visit members of the congregation who are in need (physical or mental illness, mourning, loneliness), families new to the church, baptismal visits, and support groups).
4. and participate in various community development opportunities (work with ministry areas to help our members develop deeper and more meaningful relationships with each other and with the surrounding community)

Each pastor will also be expected to:

1. Be willing to work with a coach
2. Do your continued learning.
3. Be subject to regular reviews.
4. Engage in spiritual self care.
5. Engage in team development activity.

Area of Primary Responsibility

The Pastor responsible for Preaching and Worship ministries at Woody Nook will have primary responsibility for facilitating and supporting the worship practices of the church. This will include

1. preparing the preaching schedule for the year (sermon topics, preacher, special services, visuals). This is done in coordination with other pastors and in the light of the the church year.
2. Supporting the work of Worship Committee and Praise Teams
3. Schedule and plan the celebration of sacraments including the preparation of appropriate liturgies.
4. Preparing liturgies for Prayer Services and other special occasions
5. Prepare a newsletter to inform about the sermon series and guide the congregation’s response
6. Prepare materials for personal and small group conversations and reflections
7. Support the work of Projection and Sound Teams
8. Support the Sunday School Coordinators in order to engage children in Worship Practices (ie prayer, singing)

Accountability

Pastors are accountable to the other staff and the Administration Board.