

Church Leadership Connection
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	09382
Ministry Name	First United Presbyterian Church
Mailing Address	258 Lodi Street Lodi, WI 53555
Phone	608-592-4310
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E-Mail	office@lodifpc.org
WWW Address	www.lodipresbyterianchurch.org
Ministry Size	101 - 250 members

Ethnic Composition	
	White 98%
	Other 2%

Average Worship Attendance	40
Church School Attendance	0
Curriculum	
Yoked	False
Presbytery	JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES
Community Type	Small City

Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization [Show Statistics](#)

Information about the position

Position:	Solo Pastor
Experience Required:	No Experience
Specific Title:	
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

Other Language:	
Statement of Faith Required:	
Clergy Couples:	

Training/Certificate Requirements:

Other Training:	
Brief Church Mission Statement:	

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"We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." (Adapted from Philippians 4:13). We believe in the Bible, the word of God as the foundation of our faith. We believe in salvation through Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for us. We rejoice that all who believe are forgiven and saved through Jesus Christ. We are all unique and wonderfully made. We believe in spiritual gifts and serving, using those gifts to reach out to others in the church and community. Christ in whom we trust is constant, the joy and center of our lives. As brothers and sisters in Christ we worship God in spirit and truth. We believe in the Holy Spirit who is always with us. Prayer and study enrich our lives. We value love, joy, faith, compassion, and acceptance.

What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry:

Our vision for ministry has been summed up: "*With Christ. Loving. Serving. Growing. Together.*" We seek to show and share the love of Christ with one another, grow in our faith, and serve and minister to others in the name of our Lord as we walk together in Christian fellowship. We live out our actions as a committed core that works together, is flexible, and able to adapt in an ever-changing world. The pandemic has taught us to expand our minds and talents enabling us to continue our worship services safely and reach others outside of our church walls. We have added an online streaming option along with our in-person worship thus expanding the reach of God's word. We are a people with deep rooted faith, open minds, and caring hearts. We strive to continue to grow as a whole, both spiritually and physically.

Our current vision for meeting spiritual needs involves providing meaningful worship both in person and virtually, quality Christian education programs, baptism, open communion, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

We reach out to the community helping others locally, regionally, and internationally. For over 10 years we have sent a commissioned group of volunteers to help build an educational mission at Leona Vicario, in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. While the pandemic put a temporary stop to safe travel, we plan to return and continue this work into the future.

How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency:

As a church, even though we are small in number, we have a strong financial commitment within our congregation. Our church designates 10% of our offerings for missions including local, national, or international.

Lodi is a charming community of 3,100 surrounded by beautiful, natural areas with extensive opportunities for outdoor recreation, but there are families and individuals in our area who are struggling to provide for their basic needs. Therefore, we actively support Reach Out Lodi, a local citywide community "store" which provides food, personal essentials, clothing and school supplies all in one location. We also support Blessings in a Backpack to providing food on the weekends for school children who might otherwise go hungry.

Our Deacons act as shepherds to all our members and friends contacting them regularly, praying for them, and offering in-home communion. We also provide funeral luncheons for families suffering losses.

Our building hosts weekly AA and Al-Anon meetings, Bible study groups, an annual community pig roast and periodically rummage-sale fundraisers.

We reach beyond our local community by supporting Habitat for Humanity, River Haven homeless shelter, Hope House, Buckhorn Children's and Family Services Center, Hearts in Unity, Yucatan Peninsula Mission, and Presbyterian Mission Efforts. For further info. see the optional links section.

For various reasons our physical participation has been somewhat limited: however, our financial support has been constant.

How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals:

The right person in this position will equip and partner with our committed lay leadership to discern God's vision for us as a congregation, challenging us on our faith journey and guiding the laity to live out our faith in Christ. This individual will deliver sermons that inspire and reaffirm the importance of our relationship with Christ. The position calls for someone who will teach, encourage, and guide the congregation in both nurturing and leadership skills.

She/he will be a partner with the Session in the governance of the church, recognizing and supporting the role of ruling Elders and Deacons. The position calls for someone who communicates well orally, in writing, via email and by social media in order to relate to all ages. This individual will understand the importance of developing and revitalizing our Christian education programs for both youth and adults. He/she will be open to change and new ideas including supporting and expanding the development of our virtual presence. With strong social skills, he/she will participate in fellowship events and share our commitment to Lodi by being actively involved within the community.

Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization:

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- Be compassionate toward those with differing needs.
- Effectively leads worship to include sermons that inspire when delivering the message of God.
- Has leadership qualities that encourage and motivate in a team effort utilizing inclusion, sensitivity, and integrity.
- Has the ability to delegate or ask for help with tasks as needed.
- Adapts to change and brings new perspectives both within and outside of worship.
- Is skilled at building relationships both within the congregation and throughout the community.
- Embodies a spirit of hope for our congregation's future.

What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

The Pastor's responsibilities would include but not be limited to the following:

- Will lead worship and preach the word of God faithfully.
- Will provide care and counseling, call on the sick and elderly and provide home communion when needed.
- Will be familiar with budgeting and be accountable for time and expenses.
- Will be a resource to church leaders and committees and assist them in setting clear plans and goals to carry out our ministry and mission.
- Will be visible within the community, making connections and promoting an ecumenical spirit.
- Will foster support for yourself by reaching out to other church leaders in Region 5, Presbytery, and fellow pastors in the Lodi area.
- Will take vacation and study leave to re-energize your body, mind and spirit and thus better serve our congregation.

Optional Links:

<https://mailchi.mp/85495cee5561/the-angel-monthly-newsletter-6050754>

<https://reachoutlodi.org/>

<https://riverhavenshelter.org/>

<https://www.hopehousescw.org/>

<http://www.heartsinunity.org/>

<https://www.ypmusa.org/>

<https://www.cityoflodi.us/>

<https://www.blessingsinabackpack.org/>

<https://www.hfawiriver.org>

Leadership Competencies:

Hopeful

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Communicator

Technologically Savvy

Advisor

Strategy and Vision

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

Motivator

Flexibility

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$52,785

Housing Type: Open to Manse/Housing Allowance

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References:				
Name	Address	Phone Numbers	Relation	Email
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Dave Hankins	120 W. Pleasant St. Box 222, Portage, WI 53901	608-742-6006 or 608-617-2	Presbyterian Pastor in neighboring community	pastordave@portagepresbyterian.com
Jessica Scholten	1140 Raymond Rive, Naperville, IL 60563	630-357-5104	Former Interim Pastor	jess@riverglen.org

Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?

Yes

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