

# Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (NALC)

**Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (Manistee, MI) - Pastor**

## **The Big Picture**

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church ([gslcman.org](http://gslcman.org)) is seeking to call a strong orthodox Lutheran Pastor to help guide and lead our congregation in living out our Confession of Faith.

## **The Church**

The church was established through the merging of the 3 churches Into Good Shepherd – 1969. This brought several small congregations together for the betterment of our church family. There was a move from the ELCA to the NALC in 2011. This was voted on and supported by the majority of the congregation. In 2020 our beloved Pastor went to be with the Lord. We grieved our loss. Our interim pastor has helped lead us out of our sense of loss.

The active congregation is around 75 people – primarily older, but there are a few young families. In this post-covid environment, we are discovering a new normal as confirmation, youth group, and other pre-covid groups returned. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church worship services are liturgical. We offer a Saturday evening service with casual dress and contemporary music, but the framework of the service is still liturgical. Our Sunday morning service uses the ELW hymnal with full vestments and organ music with choir. Holy Communion is offered at all regular worship services each week.

## **The Community**

Natural beauty. It's northern Michigan's claim to fame, and it flourishes in Manistee County. There are no big cities or suburban sprawl in our section of the Pure Michigan Mitten. Enjoy our 25 miles of sandy Lake Michigan shoreline, three Lake Michigan harbors, inland lakes, 270 miles of rivers and four-season fisheries. Visit our charming, historic towns and marvel at our fertile farms and lush orchards, and our thousands of acres of Manistee National Forest. There are opportunities year-round to explore our county by foot, bicycle, motorcycle and auto, x-country ski, snowshoe, ATV, snowmobile, boat, kayak and canoe, as roads, trails, rivers and lakes crisscross throughout the county.

## **The Qualifications**

1. A true and personal faith in God through the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Belief in the infallibility and authority of the Holy Scriptures.
3. Subscription to the Ecumenical Creeds and Confessions of the Lutheran Church (NALC) as faithful witnesses to the truth of Scripture.
4. A Master of Divinity or its equivalent.
5. Committed to participating in and developing a discipleship community, and actively living as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
6. Committed to living a faithful and Godly life in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and conducting oneself in such a manner as to not bring reproach upon themselves, their family, or the Church.
7. Self-motivated and able to work independently and with accountability toward directed goals of the congregation.

## **Compensation**

Total Package: \$114,000

## **The Process**

Please look over this job description and the church website. Along with your resume please answer these questions:

Why do you believe that you might be a good fit as the Pastor at Good Shepherd?

Describe your experiences in ministry and how you may be qualified to serve as the Pastor at Good Shepherd?

In just a few sentences please give a summary of your theology and how that is in line with the doctrine of Good Shepherd and the NALC?

Please send your resume, the answers to these questions and a link to at least one online sermon to [Dax@lancastersearch.com](mailto:Dax@lancastersearch.com)