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to serve and welcome all people.**

Unity Lutheran Church is looking for a volunteer Ministry Intern who is interested in learning more about becoming a church leader, whether that be in a lay or ordained role. The internship would be from June to June. Though it would be unpaid, a scholarship of \$15,000 is offered at the completion of the year to be used toward higher education.

About Unity:

We are a community of disciples who live to tell what Jesus is doing in our lives. We worship twice a week, on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings.

As our mission statement says, a large part of Unity is going out into the community. Our outreach includes Unity Soup Kitchen, God's Help Food Panty , Clothing Closet , Open Door Free Clinic, Summer Youth Work Program, and Active Adult Center. Unity is a host site for Cocaine Anonymous & Alcoholic's Anonymous meetings in addition to YouthWorks! and Divine Intervention.

Why you should be the next ministry intern at Unity:

- It provides a year of discernment for future plans
- Your relationship with God will be renewed, strengthened, and constantly changed
- You grow as a leader in Jesus' mission by providing an essential role on an innovative and creative leadership team including the Pastor, Director of Operations & Ministry, and Director of Outreach & Discipleship.
- With incredibly welcoming and loving people, Unity is an absolutely wonderful place to see Jesus every day
- Milwaukee is a great city for young people. During the summer there are free concerts nearly every night. The lake is readily accessible and the Milwaukee County Park system is one of the best in the nation. Milwaukee has a small town feel with all the perks of a big city.

Requirements, duties, and responsibilities:

- College Graduate
- Commitment to worship, prayer, and discussion about how Jesus is moving in your life and in the world.
- Eagerness to learn new things
- Plans to pursue higher education (whether it be a master's program, seminary, law school, med school, etc.)
- Willing to grow closer to God and learn about your faith, skills, challenges, and motivations while helping the Unity community prosper.
- General office work, including answering phones, updating and printing bulletins, formatting newsletter, filing, and crating publications as necessary.
- Become an active member of the Unity Community.
- Recruit the next intern and update the intern ministry as necessary.
- Dedicate time to one or two other special ministry projects of your choosing in addition to the intern program. You have the freedom to choose what those projects will be, such that they make your heart sing, help you grow in church leadership, and serve a need in the community.
- Shadow under the two directors and the pastor to learn the intricacies of leading a community of disciples.

To apply, please send a cover letter—explaining why you believe you are called to intern at Unity—and resume that includes education, jobs or volunteer experiences that will be helpful, etc.

Please also answer the questions below:

- What are some specific interests or talents God has provided you with and how can you use them in your ministry?
- What, if any, leadership roles have you held before?
- What is it about the Ministry Internship with Unity that intrigued your interest as a potential way of developing your gifts for ministry?
- What things do you know God has called you to, presently and in the future?
- What are your hopes and expectations for yourself during the internship year?

Include reference letters from your current pastor, an employer/academic advisor.

Please send completed applications to:

Unity Lutheran Church
1025 E Oklahoma Ave
Milwaukee WI 53207

Or, via email to pastor@unitylutheran.org

Applications are due by January 31.

Janine's Story:

Last fall in the midst of worrying about classes, sorority things, family issues, and writing a thesis my pastor talked to me about Unity. He knew I had begun the candidacy process for rostered leadership in the ELCA but that I did not want to go straight to seminary from undergrad. Pastor Kevan completed his Pastoral Internship at my home congregation before I was a member so my pastor knew he was one of the best people to work under as far as learning about the functioning of a church and what it really means to be a disciple of Jesus. What he didn't know is that Unity was in the process of restructuring their staffing model from 9 employees to 3. As you can imagine, that left quite a gap of things that needed to be done by volunteers that were once paid positions. I was unknowingly an answer to a prayer! And that's just the beginning!

I graduated from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio in the beginning of May. Less than a month later my tiny little car was packed to the brim with all the things I would need for the next year. I was moving to a city I had never paid attention to before in a state I had not visited. I didn't know a single person in the area, and had only talked to Pastor Kevan a few times on the phone. I was scared, excited, nervous, and kind of tired—8 hours is quite a drive when you are up packing until 4 hours before you are supposed to leave! I showed up on a Wednesday and was immediately blown away by Jesus' presence at the Soup Kitchen and Outreach Worship service that evening. In the following weeks I got my feet wet by learning the basics of my office tasks and learning all I could about Unity. I lived with the YouthWorks! Staff for the summer and had a great experience with others around the same age and living in an intentional faith-based community. After they left I moved in with a super fantastic host family. Their love and kindness is definitely an example of Jesus' abundant love in the world!

After a few weeks of getting acclimated Pastor Kevan and I sat down to give my intern experience more definition. The places that I saw the greatest need were Sunday School and the Active Adult Center. I am the co-coordinator for both of those ministries in addition to insuring that the Ministry Intern program continues. Additionally, I will shadow each director and Pastor Kevan for 3 months. So for August-October I am learning from the Director of Operations and Ministry about church finances, membership rosters, and other record keeping. After that the Director of Outreach and Discipleship will teach me how to run a non-profit and focus on grant writing. The rest of my time here will be spent learning pastoral care, how to manage a religious organization, and other things from Pastor Kevan.

So far I have absolutely had the experience of a lifetime. Because of this real-life experience I feel way more confident in the ministry I have been called to do. There are so many things you just don't see or experience by being in the pew on Sunday and occasionally volunteering throughout the week. This hands-on behind the scenes view has really opened my eyes to exactly where God wants me to be. I have overcome quite a few fears and know my strengths better because of this internship, and I'm not even half way done. I am honestly dreading the day I have to leave this place with these amazing people.

I came here saying "I know I want to make a difference and help people grow in their faith" but this internship means so much more than that now. My life is truly changed because of this experience. It makes me so happy to know that more people will have an amazing experience here in a community of disciples constantly growing and changing with the challenges being a follower of Jesus brings to the table every day. I want to be there for you to answer any questions you may have! Feel free to contact me at (414)744-6311 ext 207 or intern@unitylutheran.org. Thank you for considering this opportunity to be **"Transformed by Jesus, Our Lord, [as] we go into the community to serve and welcome all people."**

Many Prayers and Blessings,

Janine

Ministry Intern 2011-2012