



SENIOR PASTOR
Life Bridge Community Church

Overview

Life Bridge Community Church is a vibrant, welcoming church rooted in biblically-faithful preaching and a deeply relational, family-centered culture where people are cared for and genuinely known. They are seeking a Senior Pastor who embodies that same authentic shepherd's heart—bringing bold, clear spiritual leadership marked by conviction, wisdom and grace.

The Big Idea



Located in Wauconda, IL—about 40 miles from Chicago—Life Bridge Community Church, founded in 1953, is entering a new season following the retirement of its Senior Pastor after 15 years of faithful service. This multi-generational, biblically-grounded EFCA congregation is healthy, aligned and energized for growth. It is seeking a relational and spiritually-grounded Senior Pastor to lead with clarity and authenticity. The church is seeking to make a greater impact in their region, seeing people come to Jesus and become a contributing person in the Kingdom of God. Governed by an elder-led, staff-empowered model, the church is financially stable, minimally encumbered by debt, actively hiring key staff and positioned for expanded ministry impact in the Lake County region.

The Church



Affiliation: [Evangelical Free Church of America \(EFCA\)](#)

Attendance: 250 (200 adults and 50 in Kids Ministry)

About: Two identical contemporary services at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Services feature contemporary worship, a dynamic children's ministry and scripturally-grounded expository teaching.

The Candidate



The incoming pastor will enjoy the opportunity to lead Life Bridge confidently into a new season—strengthening unity across services, rebuilding youth and young adult ministries, clarifying discipleship pathways and mobilizing the church for greater local mission. The next Senior Pastor will be a spiritually-mature, relational shepherd who preaches biblically-sound, culturally engaging messages. This pastor will build trust through humble and transparent leadership, and collaborate effectively with elders and staff to cast clear vision and drive healthy alignment. With emotional intelligence and strategic insight, he will develop the team, innovate thoughtfully while honoring the church's legacy, and equip the congregation to live out its calling as disciples who make disciples.

The Location



Wauconda, Illinois is a welcoming lakeside community offering small-town charm with convenient access to the greater Chicago area. With strong schools, natural beauty, and a multi-generational, family-oriented congregation deeply committed to biblical faithfulness, Wauconda provides an exceptional quality of life and a meaningful ministry opportunity.

The Qualifications



Theological master's degree required; Master of Divinity preferred; Ten years of Associate or Senior/Lead Pastor experience in a growing ministry; Ordained or willing to pursue ordination; In agreement with Life Bridge's [values and beliefs](#); Theologically aligned with the [EFCA](#); Able to preach strong, biblically-based expository sermons approximately 40 times per year; Demonstrated ability to develop and oversee paid staff; Spiritually mature, emotionally stable and relationally intelligent.

Next Steps



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