

Lead Pastor
Orion Evangelical Free Church
Orion, Alberta
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Preferred Candidate

- Mature man (age 30s-50s)
- Married, preferably with children
- Theologically sound
- Gifted teacher
- Well-spoken communicator
- Passion for being involved in leadership within the church community
- Desire to be involved in the general community
- Graduate of an established Bible School (with a strong reputation for turning out biblically sound individuals)
- Preferably a seminary graduate
- Able to step into a leadership role and come alongside a well-established church

Church Culture and History

Orion Evangelical Free Church is a group of 40-50 congregants ranging in age from 18 months to 87 years. We strive for unity in essentials and grace in non-essentials. Many of our adult congregants have grown up in this church and are now raising children and even grandchildren within its walls.

We are very focused on Christian Education for all ages and have a desire for our congregants to have access to theologically sound teaching within Sunday School taught by congregational members.

We are a congregation that delights in fellowship with one another, and we enjoy hosting a variety of church and community events within our walls and on our large church property. With over 50 years as the Orion Evangelical Free Church, there is an established, valued and respected presence in the surrounding communities of Orion, Manyberries and Etzikom.

Most—but not all—of our congregants are farmers and ranchers, some with off-farm vocations as well. In the last 25 years, Orion EFC has had three pastors: the retirement of a more than 30-year pastor, an 11-year pastor resign and move to a neighbouring community with larger congregation and, most recently, a young pastor who moved on after four years of service to be closer to family and to further his education.

The pastoral parsonage is located in Etzikom, a 15-minute drive from the church. The parsonage is a well-kept two-level home with four bedrooms, office, fully finished basement, three bathrooms, fully equipped kitchen with modern appliances, and large yard with deck, lawn and vegetable garden area. The parsonage is in the Prairie Rose School Division No.8 with bussing to Foremost School for grades K-12.