

Mission Statement of St. Paul's Lutheran School

St. Paul's Lutheran School assists the families of our congregation, and also our community, by providing a Christ-centered education for training lifelong disciples of Christ.

PURPOSE

The purpose of St. Paul's Lutheran School is to share the gospel of Christ and to provide its students with a quality Christian education. God does not consider training in spiritual truths an option. He inspired Moses to write, "These commandments that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). In Proverbs 22:6 God promised through Solomon, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." The primary responsibility for this training lies with parents. God commands in Ephesians 6:4, "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." St. Paul's Lutheran School was established to assist parents with this training.

Our Christian education is not merely a teaching of "the three R's" plus religion. Just as a good foundation cannot be built by pouring mortar over a pile of stones, so only one period of religion added to the curriculum cannot cement a Christian education. Religion must permeate, influence, and give true meaning to all subject areas that are taught.

It is God's will that the whole world should know of His love and mercy for all sinners. It is the plan of our school also to share this knowledge to all children entrusted to its care. Trusting in God's promises that the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of hearers, we are confident that the final aim of Christian education (to train God-fearing disciples of Christ) is achieved and each child will learn to use his talents in all academic branches.

ENROLLMENT POLICY

St. Paul's Lutheran school admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, and all school-administered programs.

St. Paul's Lutheran School is owned and operated by St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Consequently, the school was originally founded to provide a Christian education for the children of St. Paul's congregation or of congregations that are in fellowship (doctrinal agreement) with St. Paul's Church.

However, St. Paul's School also desires to serve families who may be interested in the gospel ministry of St. Paul's Church. Families who are not members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), especially those who have no church home, are welcome to enroll their children in our school as classroom space is available. All parents from non-WELS families are expected to take an "Introduction to Lutheranism" class. This one session class is usually held on an evening in September. A Bible Information Class is also offered for those who are interested in learning more about Lutheran teaching and/or pursuing membership. With these purposes in mind, children who meet the other entrance requirements stated below will be enrolled in St. Paul's Lutheran School according to the following priority as classroom space permits:

1. Children of families who are members of St. Paul's congregation and who are willing to support the school and church according to their God-given means.

2. Children of families who are members of congregations in fellowship with St. Paul's and who are willing to pay the current tuition rates.
3. Non-WELS families, especially those who have no church home, are welcome to enroll their children as space is available. All parents from non-WELS families are expected to take an "Introduction to Lutheranism" class, which will help them better understand what Bible training their children will be receiving at St. Paul's, reduce the opportunities for confusion on the part of the child in spiritual issues, and promote a better school-home relationship. A Bible Information Class is offered for those who are interested in pursuing membership.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

St. Paul's Lutheran School provides a Christian education for children entering preschool through eighth grade. For kindergarten enrollment, state law requires that children must be five years of age by December 1st of the year in which they enroll. The faculty reserves the right to establish the grade level of any child. Grade placement may be determined by special tests and/or analysis of past and present performance. Children whose parents are not members of the congregation must meet with the principal prior to enrollment. Consultation with the pastor(s) and/or board of education may be necessary in special circumstances. Enrollment applications for children of non-members may be reviewed annually for compliance with the enrollment policy.

COST OF EDUCATION

Since the cost of maintaining and operating our school (over \$3500 per child per year) is a part of the church budget, no tuition is charged to member parents. As parents who are directly receiving the benefits of Christian education, your dedicated and diligent use of your regular church envelopes will help make possible the continued maintenance of our school. Parents are expected to make contributions that are in accordance with their income and in line with the cost of our education.

EDUCATIONAL FEE, UTILITY FEE, and TUITION

An educational fee and a utility fee are charged to all students. The educational fee for kindergarten is \$300 and for grades 1-8 is \$405. This fee covers the cost of textbooks and special curricular expenses (music, art, athletics, etc.). The utility fee is \$300 per student. The utility fee covers a small part of the operation of the school. Both the educational and utility fees are required to be paid in full on enrollment day.

Tuition may be paid in full, by semester, or monthly. One monthly payment is due in early August on enrollment day and the remaining balance can be paid in monthly installments September through May. Tuition is to be paid in advance. The tuition amounts are as follows:

	1 st – 8 th Grade	Kindergarten	2-yr old	Pre-3	Pre-4
Non-member-Mission Prospect	\$3,000	\$1,800	\$95 per semester	\$90 per month	\$135 per month
WELS sister congregation Rate	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$95 per semester	\$90 per month	\$135 per month
WELS Called Worker Rate	\$1,500	\$900	\$95 per semester	\$90 per month	\$135 per month
St. Paul's Member Rate	\$0	\$0	\$95 per semester	\$90 per month	\$135 per month

In keeping with our congregation's outreach endeavors, all families entering our school for the first time as a "mission" family will receive a reduction of 50% on tuition for additional children. However, if after the first year of enrollment membership in our church has not occurred, the 50% tuition reduction on the additional children will no longer be in effect.