

Mission Statement

“It is the mission of St. John Lutheran School to nurture the faith of students for their life and salvation through Christ in a respectful, responsible and safe environment.”

THE EAGLE WAY: Be devoted to one another in love. *Romans 12:10*

Be Respectful ✦ Be Responsible ✦ Be Safe

PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian education recognizes what many fail to learn...that this is still God's world. He is the Lord and His world is in His hands. With His guidance, we can see more clearly and realize the possibilities for progress and improvement in life. As they come into a relationship of service to the living Lord, Christians acknowledge the authority and supreme truth of God in His Word. We continually search the scriptures for meaning, relevance to this life, and the Gospel promise of eternal life.

Christian education views the human being, in Psalm 139:14 as God's creation, “fearfully and wonderfully made,” uniquely endowed with a rational mind and an impressionable personality. Education is a noble and highly complex calling, requiring an understanding of human growth and development, and a respect for the dignity, desires, and talents of each student. It provides for the needs of each child with mind, body, and spirit developing simultaneously. To accomplish this, each student's physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual needs must be met with specific and intended care.

St. John Lutheran School recognizes that any individual can be best utilized when motivated and illuminated by God's love. It recognizes that a loving relationship with God exists, and that growth in knowledge, skills, and attitude needs to be fostered in the lives of the students. To accomplish this, St. John Lutheran Church, established in 1869, supports the school both financially and spiritually. Most recently, the 1995 school renovation, 2002-2004 improvement projects, and updated computer lab in 2009 affirm our belief and support in spiritual growth for the future.

We believe that God's whole creation was designed to give Him glory and honor. By His design, humans serve God by serving others. St. John Lutheran School aims to proclaim that by God's grace, the student learns to choose God over self. Christian education promotes growth in the child of God to prepare for life eternal. It serves to help people relate with love and faithfulness to God, to others, and to all of His creation, “for without faith it is impossible to please God.” (*Heb. 11:6*) To fulfill these needs, the Christian home and the Christian school can make the greatest impact. Their efforts need to be integrated and strengthened to prepare our children for life.

GOALS (Philosophy)

As an important ministry of the congregation, the St. John Lutheran School helps fulfill each of the following goals through our philosophy:

Education – to encourage and support students and teachers to strive for excellence through up-to-date learning materials and equipment.

Worship – to provide and develop worship experiences as students and staff grow in their prayer lives and through chapel, Bible study, music, and church activities.

Evangelism – to bear testimony to one another and our community of the Good News of Jesus' love.

Fellowship – to provide a classroom atmosphere of love and joy, with each student encouraged by his/her teacher as a valued, accepted, and respected part of the school.

Service – to encourage students to volunteer and help others. We also encourage and help parents in carrying out their responsibility in Christian education.

Athletics – to provide fellowship with other area schools, foster good sportsmanship, and develop teamwork.

