



Title: Membership for Children of Non-Members

Policy #: 68

EXPIRES: When Replaced

ISSUED BY: Church Council

SIGNED:

1 History

VERSION	DATE APPROVED	UPDATED BY	PURPOSE FOR CREATION/UPDATE
1.0	12/1/25	STEFANIE TRAKEL	TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN OF NON-MEMBERS

2 Scope

This policy is part of St. Paul Lutheran Church's organizational policies. It applies to children that are baptized or confirmed through St. Paul but whose parents are not members of St. Paul.

3 Policy

To become a member, anyone under the age of 18 must have one parent or guardian as a member of St. Paul. When a child is baptized or confirmed, non-member parents are given the opportunity to become a member through AIM Class, at which time their child will also become a member.

4 Procedure

Baptized Children

1. The baptism application has the statement "To best fulfill the promises you are making in your child's baptism and to ensure your child is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, one parent must be a member or complete AIM (Adult Introduction to Membership) within 3 cycles to become a member."
2. At the time of baptism, the child will be entered into the baptism register, but they will not be added to our membership software as a member.

3. Once their parent attends AIM, the child will be entered as a member.

Confirmation Children

1. The Confirmation information sheet in binders has the statement "If no parent or guardian is a member of the church at the time of Confirmation, the child will not become a member of the church."
2. At the time of registration, the child will be entered into the membership:
 - a. Member Type: Not a Member
 - b. Non-Member Status: Family Ministry
3. Once their parent attends AIM, the child's record will be changed:
 - a. Member Type: Baptized or Confirmed
 - b. Member Status: Active Member
4. At the time of Confirmation
 - a. All confirmed students are recorded in the Confirmation Register for church records.
 - b. Those whose parents are still not members will have their record change:
 - i. Member Type: Not a Member
 - ii. Non-Member Status: Visitor
5. If at the age of 18, the child would like to become a member of the church without taking an AIM class, they need to talk with the Senior Pastor.

5 Forms

None