



St. John's Lutheran
Church - School - Children's Center

Mission & Motto

Values & Purpose

LOVE • LEARN • LEAD

***The people of St. John's LOVE God and others,
LEARN to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, and
LEAD others to discover and live out their calling as God's people.***

"Love God and others"

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ... We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 1 John 4:16, 19, 20, 21

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

And he (Jesus) answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

"Learn to be and make disciples"

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation. 1 Peter 2:2

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, Hebrews 6:1

to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes ... speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him Ephesians 4:12-15

"Lead others to discover and live out their calling as God's people"

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

We Believe...

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and directs all of our teaching and practice.

- *John 20:31 - But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*
- *2 Peter 1:20-21 - Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*
- *Proverbs 30:5 - Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.*
- *2 Timothy 3:14-17 - But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed [inspired] and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

We believe that the only true God is the Triune God; one God made of three distinct and separate persons.

- The Father, who creates and preserves all things. (*Hebrews 11:1-3*)
- The Son, who redeems the world by His death and resurrection. (*John 3:16; John 5:39; Acts 4:12*)
- The Holy Spirit, who brings and keeps people in saving faith in Jesus Christ. (*1 Corinthians 12:3*)

We believe that God desires all people to be saved and know the truth.

- God loves all people and wants them to come to love Him and each other. (*Ezekiel 33:11; 1 Timothy 2:3,4; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 4:16*)
- We are sinful at birth, alienated from God, and must be born again in faith. (*John 3:1-8; Romans 3:23; Colossians 1:21; Ephesians 2:1-5*)

We believe that God so loved people that He sent His only Son Jesus to rescue us from our lost condition.

- Jesus Christ is both God and man. (*1 Timothy 2:5-6; Colossians 2:8,9*)
- Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for our sins, resulting in our forgiveness and acceptance before God the Father. (*Isaiah 53:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21*)
- Those who believe and are baptized will be saved. (*Mark 16:16; Romans 10:9,10*)

We believe that the Holy Spirit brings us to and keeps us in saving faith through God's Word as it is read, heard, shared, preached, and as it empowers Holy Baptism and The Lord's Supper.

- We cannot believe in Jesus or come to Him without the assistance of the Holy Spirit. (*1 Corinthians 12:3*)
- God's Word is true, powerful and has the ability to change lives. (*Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; Hebrews 4:12*)
- Through baptism the Holy Spirit offers all people new life, and makes us God's children. (*John 1:12,13; John 3:1-8; Titus 3:5; Acts 2:38*)
- In Holy Communion, Jesus offers believers His body and blood under forms of bread and wine for Christians to eat and drink. (*1 Corinthians 10:16,17*)
- In Holy Communion God offers believers the forgiveness of sins and increases the depth of their faith. (*Matthew 26:27,28; John 6:54-58; 1 Corinthians 11:26*)

We believe that through the church God equips and empowers believers to serve Him by serving others and sharing the good news about Jesus.

- God has uniquely gifted each person to do good works which He expects His children to do. (*Matthew 25:34-40; 1 Peter 4:10; Romans 12:3-21*)
- It is not good for people to live in isolation. God intends for us to share His love with nonbelievers and believers alike through intentional relationships. (*Genesis 2:18; Galatians 6:9,10; Hebrews 10:25*)
- The Christian faith is best lived in close relationships with other people — *i.e. Small Groups* (*Proverbs 27:17; Acts 2:42-47; Romans 12:9-13*)
- Our greatest purpose in life is to bring others into a saving relationship with Jesus their Savior. (*Matthew 28:19,20; John 20:30,31*)