



Foundations of Our School Ministry

We Believe...

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that:

- ✚ God, the Divine Creator, has created all things including man who is the crown of His creation.
- ✚ God created man in His own image -- without sin.
- ✚ Man, through disobedience, has destroyed that image and continues in sin.
- ✚ God, in Christ Jesus, has rescued man from his lost state through faith and the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ✚ The message of God's love, in Christ Jesus, as given to us in His Holy Word (The Bible) needs to be taught to everyone, especially those of the household of faith.
- ✚ The responsibility for bringing up a child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord lies primarily with the parents.
- ✚ A Christian school, in which every subject is taught from a Christian point of view, and where teaching reflects the spirit of Christ, can be more successful in leading children to a vital Christian life than any other agency except the home.
- ✚ Effective education is carried on through quality learning programs directed by qualified and dedicated teachers so that the child develops spiritually, academically, emotionally, physically, and socially.
- ✚ St. Peter's Lutheran School is a mission and ministry arm of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, serving our members, members of sister congregations, and members of the community.
- ✚ St. Peter's Lutheran School confesses and teaches the doctrines of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Congregation Purpose Statement

Our purpose as the Body of Christ at St. Peter's is to:

- ✚ Be Rooted in Christ
- ✚ Cultivate Loving Relationships
- ✚ Reflect Jesus in All We Do

For the transformation of lives and the growth of God's Kingdom

Core Values

As we work to carry out our Mission, the following Core Values will serve as our fundamental working principles:

- ✚ People Matter
- ✚ Diversity
- ✚ Teamwork
- ✚ Excellence

School Purpose Statement

The purpose of St. Peter's Lutheran School, in partnership with parents, is to equip children to be responsible, productive adults in the 21st Century, who above all else, love Jesus.

Vision

The people of St. Peter's reflect the Heart of God:

✝ By Walking Alongside one Another

The people of St. Peter's walk alongside others regardless of their situation. An environment of transparency exists where we all acknowledge that we are vulnerable, experience turbulence, and have things with which we struggle.

✝ By Demonstrating the Heart of a Disciple

We are all equipped to demonstrate the heart of God to all whom we come into contact regardless of circumstances or challenges including intellectual, physical, emotional, economic, cultural, and other.

✝ By Reaching Beyond Our Campus

We are partnering with others in the Body of Christ to bring the presence of Jesus to those beyond our walls.

✝ With a Personalized Approach

We all realize each person is unique. Therefore, our approach to ministry will be personalized when needed.

Ministry Initiatives

As we strive to achieve our vision, five ministry initiatives have been developed.

✝ Cultivate the Heart of a Disciple

We will begin to create an environment and foster a culture to live out our Core Values and Vision.

✝ Design and Pilot the Parachute Model

We will intentionally gather and equip the people of St. Peter's to serve in the areas of their gifting and passion to respond to those in turbulence.

✝ Design and Launch Life | Community

We will gather a design team to create new ways to connect the people of St. Peter's into smaller church homes, caring communities, or life groups to reflect the heart of God.

✝ Design to Maximize School Potential

We will reach unchurched families with the Gospel through their students enrolled in our school, increase the diversity of students, define and expand the parameters of student needs that can be successfully met right now and in the future, and increase retention and foster growth.

✝ Design Future Campus

We will enlist a design team and an architect to create a schematic design based on current and future specific needs. The schematic design will include an assessment of the existing campus, a master plan, new floor plans, a rendering of the design concept, and a cost estimate to build and annually operate a new facility.

Student Outcomes

Our School Ministry has the honor, privilege, and responsibility to equip students for many different facets of life. While there are many outcomes of a quality Christian education in a Lutheran School, we have narrowed our student outcomes to three categories: Spiritual, Academic, and Character.

Spiritual

Upon 8th grade graduation, students will consistently reflect the Heart of a Disciple. Students will:

- ✝ Know That They are Dearly Loved and Forgiven Children of God
- ✝ Put God First in All Things
- ✝ Trust God in All Things
- ✝ Be Willing to Endure Persecution Related to our Christian Faith
- ✝ Forgive All Who Wrong Them
- ✝ Act in Love Toward All People
- ✝ Be Reconciled with All with Whom They are at Odds
- ✝ Not be Judgmental or Condemning of Anyone
- ✝ Be Generous
- ✝ Act or Speak on Behalf of the Weak, the Oppressed, the Ignored, the Defenseless, and the Voiceless
- ✝ Not Boast
- ✝ Be a Conduit through Whom Jesus Touches Others

Academic

Upon 8th grade graduation, students will:

- Possess the Skills to Function Well in the 21st Century World
- Be Academically Responsible
- Possess Good Organizational and Study Skills
- Demonstrate the Desire to be Life-Long Learners
- Be Well-prepared for High School
- Demonstrate Problem Solving Skills
- Be Confident and Skilled Communicators
- Be Proficient in Current Applications of Technology
- Possess a Diversity of Experiences

Character

Upon 8th grade graduation, students will:

- Be Secure in Their Strengths and Weaknesses
- Be Confident
- Possess the Skills to Choose Friends Wisely
- Know that It is OK to Follow What is Right, But Not Necessarily the Most Popular Things to Do
- See the Value of Choosing to Be a Positive Model for Others
- Be Self-Assured
- Respect Others
- Demonstrate High Integrity
- Live Healthy Lifestyles
- Practice "Balance" in Life
- Use Good Judgment and Common Sense
- Value Service to Others
- Be Passionate Toward All People