



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

School Tuition Plan - Brochure

2026-2027

The 2026–2027 School Year will begin with a newly created SPLS School Tuition Plan, built by the SPLS School Tuition Committee, endorsed by the SPLS School Ministry Board, and approved by SPL Church Council. In the Spring of 2025, Indiana Senators voted into law a bill that allows the IN School Choice Scholarship to be **awarded universally to ALL students of Non-Public Schools**, regardless of family income, going into effect July 1st, 2026. This award is **estimated** to be worth approximately \$6,500 per student to go towards private school tuition costs for the 2026-2027 school year.

(For more information: www.in.gov/doe/students/indiana-choice-scholarship-program/)

With the implementation of this universal award, **our new school tuition plan will reflect a universal tuition cost approach**. We believe this model provides simplicity, consistency, and allows ample time for parents to budget for the tuition costs required to attend St. Peter's Lutheran School.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Using these principles as our guide, we are confident that God will continue to bless our school's tremendous efforts to provide affordable Christian education to all families who desire to be a part of our School Ministry.

- **Family Partnership** is a core value in our School Ministry.
- Maintain funding levels to ensure excellence in our school: teaching, technology, and safety.
- Keep the paperwork clear and simple.
- Provide predictability in tuition costs for family budgets.
- Maximize funding through participation in the **Indiana School Choice** and **Indiana Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)** programs.
- All families will contribute something towards tuition, in addition to the required, non-refundable \$75/student Registration Fee.
- Tuition Assistance may be requested annually and awarded, based on needs, as available.
- Donations/Contributions to St. Peter's Lutheran Church or the IN Lutheran SGO will not count towards tuition fees.
- St. Peter's Lutheran **church membership** must be established and active **at the time of enrollment to qualify for the member rate**.

COST TO EDUCATE

At St. Peter's Lutheran School, **NO students' charged tuition is equal to the full cost to educate!**

For the 2026-2027 school year, the estimated cost to educate is \$12,550 per student. However, thanks to the generous support of the church members of St. Peter's Lutheran and our schools' efforts to seek out and secure scholarship opportunities:

- ☐ **All** students will be awarded a tuition discount, provided by St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- ☐ **All** students will receive the Indiana School Choice Scholarship.
- ☐ **Qualifying** students may be eligible to receive the IN Lutheran SGO Scholarship.
- ☐ **Area LCMS and other local churches** contribute financial support for their members who have children that attend St. Peter's Lutheran School. *(Have your church leadership reach out to our Tuition Team if they would like to consider providing tuition support for their members.)*

PLAN A. FAMILIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR IN LUTHERAN SGO SCHOLARSHIP*

CHARGED TUITION	
St. Peter's Member+	Community
\$900 / student	\$1,400 / student

The majority of our school families will choose PLAN A on the Tuition Form. Please read the qualification information below regarding the IN Lutheran SGO Scholarship eligibility. If your families' income fits within the stated guidelines, then your charged tuition will be found in the table to the left. Even

though the total per student cost to educate is \$12,550, a charged tuition of either \$900/student for St. Peter's Lutheran Church members or \$1,400/student for community members will be required.

+St. Peter's Church Membership must be active at the time of enrollment.

*QUALIFYING FOR THE IN LUTHERAN SGO SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility is based on Adjusted Gross Income from the prior tax year. To determine if you are eligible, please view the chart. Based on the number of people living in your household, if your income falls at or below the corresponding income amount, your family could qualify. Families must turn in a copy of their 2025 Federal Tax Return [Form 1040] as soon as taxes are completed for income verification requirements.

(For more information: www.lutheransgo.org)

DEADLINE: July 1st, 2026. Even if you file a tax extension, you **must** turn in required 2025 income data by this date to be eligible for the IN Lutheran SGO scholarship and receive the charged tuition stated in PLAN A.

IN Lutheran SGO Income Guidelines	
Household Size	Maximum AGI Income
2	\$156,510
3	\$197,210
4	\$237,910
5	\$278,610
6	\$319,310
7	\$360,010
Each addt'l	+\$40,700

PLAN B. FAMILIES THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR IN LUTHERAN SGO SCHOLARSHIP

CHARGED TUITION	
St. Peter's Member+	Community
\$3,150 / student	\$3,650 / student

Families that do not meet the income eligibility requirements for the IN Lutheran SGO Scholarship must choose PLAN B on the Tuition Form. Your families' charged tuition will be found in the table to the left. Even

though the total per student cost to educate is \$12,550, a charged tuition of either \$3,150/student for St. Peter's Lutheran Church members or \$3,650/student for community members will be required.

+St. Peter's Church Membership must be active at the time of enrollment.

TUITION ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Assistance is made possible through the generous donations of our St. Peter's members. This assistance is awarded based on financial need, commitment to partnership with the school, and availability of funds. **The deadline to request tuition assistance is APRIL 1st, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year.**



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TUITION FORM 2026-2027

STUDENT INFORMATION:

FIRST NAME, LAST NAME	Grade in 2026-27	FIRST NAME, LAST NAME	Grade in 2026-27
1)		4)	
2)		5)	
3)		6)	

PRIMARY HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION: [FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS]

PRIMARY PARENT / GUARDIAN
Name:
Address:
REQUIRED Email:
REQUIRED Cell #:

SPOUSE - PARENT / GUARDIAN - (if applicable)
Name:
REQUIRED Email:
REQUIRED Cell #:

- ONLY IF APPLICABLE -

DIVORCED FAMILIES - SECONDARY HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION: [FOR TUITION INVOICING]

SECONDARY PARENT / GUARDIAN
Name:
Address:
REQUIRED Email:
REQUIRED Cell #:

TUITION INVOICES - REQUIRED
_____ Tuition Costs are split 50 % Primary and 50 % Secondary
Other - Costs Split: _____ % Primary and _____ % Secondary

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - **REQUIRED** please select one

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St. Peter's Lutheran Church Member - to be considered a member for tuition purposes, church membership must be established at the time of enrollment. Membership is verified and approved by SPLC Pastors for enrollment purposes.

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Community Member - for all others, please select this option.

Name of Church (if applicable): _____

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Tuition Support provided by our church.

TUITION PLAN - **REQUIRED** please select one

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PLAN A. FAMILIES - ELIGIBLE FOR IN LUTHERAN SGO SCHOLARSHIP (*please complete form BELOW)

In grateful response for the educational and spiritual opportunities my child receives at SPLS, our family elects to fund the stated cost of our child's education.

INITIALS:

_____ 2025 Income Verification Requirement: I will turn in a copy of my 2025 Federal Tax Return (Form 1040) as soon as taxes are completed and no later than July 1st, 2026.

CHARGED TUITION	
St. Peter's Member	Community
\$900 / student	\$1,400 / student

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PLAN B. FAMILIES - NOT ELIGIBLE FOR IN LUTHERAN SGO SCHOLARSHIP

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St. Peter's Member	Community
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INITIALS:

_____ I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE AS STATED.

_____ I HAVE ENCLOSED THE \$75/CHILD NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE. **(CURRENT STUDENTS ONLY)**

Printed Name

Date

Signed Name

If you have any questions about completing this form, tuition costs, or required income verification requirements, please contact:

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PLAN A. *IN LUTHERAN SGO SCHOLARSHIP FAMILIES – REQUIRED

ADDITIONAL ADULTS IN PRIMARY HOUSEHOLD including college students – first and last names	
1)	3)
2)	4)

LIST ALL CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 IN HOUSEHOLD	If child is NOT claimed on the 2025 Federal Tax Return, please explain:
1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	
6)	