

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Preschool- Kindergarten</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce common themes within Bible through reading, drama, crafts, and music • Explain the parables through demonstration of daily life • Make a connection to service and parents • To develop an understanding of common Bible Themes: God is love, God made the world, God protects us, Jesus is God's son • To develop a basic understanding of Bible stories • To develop a basic awareness of people from the Bible 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>First-Second Grade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To define and apply Bible stories through reading, drama, and song • To connect with God through prayer • To have a working knowledge of the Lord's prayer • To assemble as a group and worship
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Third-Fourth Grade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To define and apply Bible stories through reading, drama, and song • To connect with God through prayer • Write prayers and help prepare for "Children's Church" • To understand "God loves me for who I am" • Relate faith to real life through modeling from teenagers and other role models • To describe and become familiar with Martin Luther 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fifth-Sixth Grade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify and have a working knowledge of the 10 Commandments • To construct knowledge of the sacraments in preparation for First Communion • To present their knowledge of communion to other Sunday School children • To construct a deeper understanding of Bible stories • To construct a deeper understanding of prayer • To display personal faith through involvement in "Children's Church" and community activities • To organize their own service project
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Seventh-Eighth-Ninth Grade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify and explain the basic principles of the Lutheran faith based on Martin Luther's teachings (Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone) • To be able to recite and explain the meaning of the 10 Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer • Write and verbalize their own personal faith statement based on Lutheran principles • To be able to connect their faith to their world through community service, fun activities with peers in church, school, and community • Participate in Be the Church activities, Youth Group, Lock-ins, Summer Camp, and Jr. Counselors at Day Camp, Adopt a Grandparent • To construct a deeper understanding of prayer • To display personal faith through involvement in "Children's Church" • To organize their own service project 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>High School</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify with our St. John Christian community • Participate in activities that foster a connection to Christ and a personal knowledge that God is our rock and salvation • To develop and display personal faith through active involvement in church activities (i.e. Family Fun Night, Pumpkin Patch, Sunday School, Children's Church, Camps, Lock-ins) • Create and belong to a safe supportive youth group with and without parent involvement that fosters faith and community in Christ • To construct a deeper understanding of prayer • Develop a deeper awareness of the Bible and Jesus' teachings to apply to personal life • To organize their own service project
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Adult</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify with our St. John Lutheran Church Christian community • Participate in worship and praise • To develop and participate in open discussion groups regarding the Bible, Martin Luther, Faith, Religious Book Club • To develop, support, and participate in small group communities to foster Christian fellowship and personal faith (i.e. Senior Saints, choirs, Men's Club, Women's groups, Bible studies, Family Fun Nights, Service projects) • Support and participate faith education programs • Gain a better understanding of what it means to be a Lutheran Christian (Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone) • Create a personal connection with Christ • To better understand and support our Lutheran congregation's role in the community and the Synod • To construct a deeper understanding of prayer • Share the word of God and faith with others 	

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