

Educational Objectives

St. John's Lutheran School



I. To teach the child the Scriptures in its truth and purity.

- A. To teach the child God's plan of salvation as found in the Bible.
- B. To teach the child the basic Christian doctrines contained in the Bible.
- C. To apply all Scriptural truths to bring about the fruits of faith in the life of the child.
- D. To encourage the child to spread the good news of salvation to others.

II. To equip the child with those things essential for a Christian life during his time of grace.

A. To equip the child spiritually

1. by providing a Christian environment in which he can grow in faith;
2. by encouraging the child to live in his faith;
3. by instilling a reverence for what is sacred and holy;
4. by instilling in the child a love for God
 - i. through encouragement of individual and family Bible study and prayers
 - ii. through encouragement of devout public worship;
5. by instilling a desire to give freely of his time, talents and treasure to the church;
6. by encouraging the child to dedicate his life to the full-time ministry of the church;
7. by encouraging the child so that he may serve God in whatever walk of life he may enter; and
8. by modeling and encouraging repentance and forgiveness.

B. To equip the child mentally

1. by instructing the child in all appropriate branches of learning;
2. by treating each child as a unique individual;
3. by encouraging each child to use his God-given talents to the fullest;
4. by providing experiences which will help him to meet and deal with the problems of life; and
5. by developing in the child the ability to compare the correctness of the learnings of man with the absolutes of God's Word.

C. To develop the child physically

1. by teaching him to respect his body as a temple of the Holy Spirit;
2. by providing experiences which promote physical well being through a physical education program;
3. by encouraging good health habits; and
4. by awakening an interest in physical activities as a wise use of leisure time.

D. To prepare the child socially

1. by instilling respect for each other, for those in authority, and for their own and other people's property;

2. by encouraging Christian love toward all people;
3. by teaching the child to participate responsibly as a Christian citizen of his country; and
4. by teaching and encouraging good manners.

E. To care for the child's emotional needs

1. by standing in "place of the parents";
2. by helping him to cope with the feelings of the body such as pain, cold, bodily well-being, and sickness;
3. by helping him to understand and control the feelings that govern his thoughts and actions (such as sorrow, gladness, anger, surprise, love, hatred, trust, and distrust), and learn to give release to these feelings in a God-pleasing way; and
4. by developing aesthetic feelings toward the wonders of God's creation.