



Since its organization in 1888 St. Paul Lutheran Church has had a strong commitment to Christian Education for all ages. It can truly be said that **we are life-long disciples corporately and individually worshipping, learning, and teaching.**

“ . . . devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.” 1 Tim. 4:13 (ESV)



The education ministry which is probably most familiar is our Sunday School for children age 4 through grade 8. Sunday School is in

session on Sunday mornings, 9:15 – 10:15 AM, September through May.

Also for children we conduct a Mid-Week School for children in Grades 3 through 8 on Wednesdays, 4:15 – 5:15 PM on days when the public school is in session. This includes Confirmation instruction for 7th & 8th graders conducted by our pastors.

High School youth are also given an opportunity to grow in their faith in the Youth Bible Class in session year-round at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings. This class is convened in the Youth Room in the lower level of the education building. Other opportunities are offered in special events, retreats, and gatherings.

Adults also have many and varied opportunities to grow in their faith.

- The Adult Bible Class is open to everyone who wants to grow in spiritual well being. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a cup of coffee while we read and discuss the Word of God and how He is here for us yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
- Get up early and join us for Bible Study and a cup of coffee or maybe even breakfast at 6:30 AM at the Family Table Restaurant. Start Wednesdays off right with the nourishing Word of God.

- Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room study the Bible with a group of friends. Grow in your understanding of God's Word and share in fellowship and discussion.
- On Wednesday mornings (September – May), at 10:00 AM, ladies of all ages are invited to gather together. Renew and refresh yourself in the study of what God's Word has to say to us. Please come and bring a friend. Childcare is provided.



As a member of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod we believe that education should address the whole person -- body, mind and spirit -- beginning in early childhood and through higher education. Through early childhood programs, elementary schools, and high schools, the congregations of the LCMS are dedicated to providing a solid Lutheran Christian education for our children by operating the largest Protestant parochial school system in America. Schools are located throughout the United States. The closest Lutheran elementary School to Ida Grove is Zion Lutheran School in Dennison.

The LC-MS also operates 10 colleges and universities across the

United States through the Concordia University System. These universities offer more than 160 undergraduate and 50 graduate programs. While each institution is unique, all ten campuses approach learning from a Lutheran context. The common goal is to develop Christian leaders for the church, community and world. Scholarships are available to members, attending one of these colleges or universities for the purpose of entering full-time church work.

God has blessed the LC-MS with two excellent seminaries. One is located in St. Louis, Mo.; the other in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Through a combination of residential and distance education programs, both seminaries form pastors and deaconesses for service in the LCMS.

As the mission field expanded beyond the United States, the LC-MS opened schools throughout Asia in keeping with its strong focus on education. Today, the LC-MS operates three international schools.

Our Mission

Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.

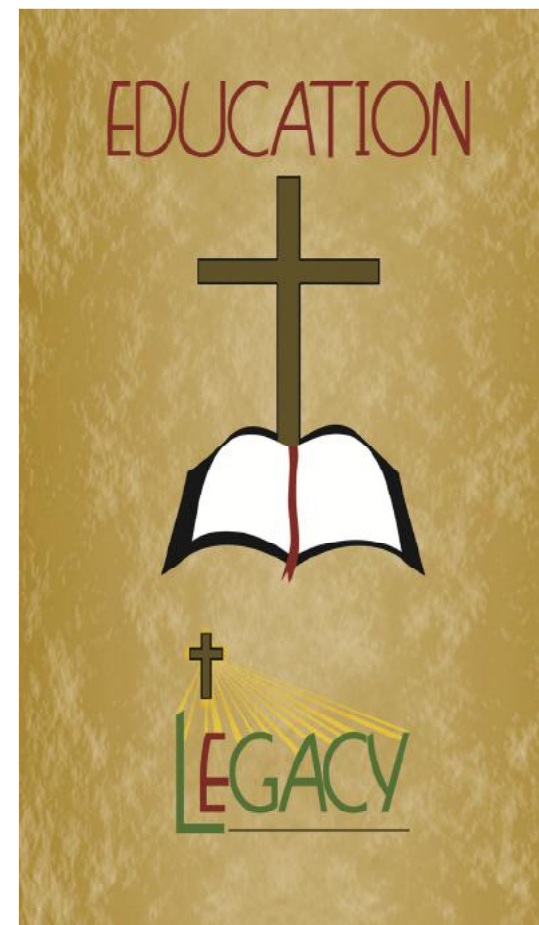
Our Vision

Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.

Our Strategy

We have a message and a way of life that the whole world needs to hear and experience. We must pass it on. It is our desire that you would experience the love of Jesus Christ and become imitators of him through a process we know as **Learn, Live, Lead**. Our strategy is to be a community where the legacy of faith is **learned** in such a way that people grow to **live** that legacy and **lead** others to become part of that legacy.

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