



# K-8 Elementary Education 2017 - 2018

Christian education at St. Peter Lutheran is funded through congregational support, tuition, our financial assistance fund and other third source income. For the upcoming school year, in anticipation of our projected enrollment and expenses, the cost of educating a child at St. Peter Lutheran School is approximately \$5600. The tuition set by our Church Council for the 2017-18 school year is below. All families, and especially those with multiple children, are encouraged to apply for financial assistance.



### Tuition for 2017-18 School Year

• St. Peter Lutheran/CORE Church Family	1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$2200
• St. Peter Lutheran/CORE Church Family	2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$1850
• St. Peter Lutheran/CORE Church Family	3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	\$1500
• St. Peter Lutheran/CORE Church Family	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Child	\$1200
• Friend of St. Peter Lutheran	1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$4200
• Friend of St. Peter Lutheran	2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$3900
• Friend of St. Peter Lutheran	3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	\$3700
• Area WELS Friend of St. Peter Lutheran	\$5600 per child	

### Tuition Explanation

- **St. Peter Lutheran/CORE Church Family Tuition:** Families that have chosen St. Peter Lutheran Church or The CORE as their church home are charged the rates above as set by our Church Council. These families also support the overall ministry of our congregation through their offering contributions.
- **Friend of St. Peter Lutheran Tuition:** St. Peter Lutheran School serves families that have made other churches their church home. These families are charged a "Friend of St. Peter Lutheran" tuition rate.
- **Friend of St. Peter Lutheran from area WELS Congregation:** St. Peter Lutheran School serves families that have made other area WELS churches their church home. Many area WELS churches offer tuition assistance to their church families. Families should contact their pastor or congregational leadership for tuition assistance information.



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## Tuition Payments

Parents have three options in paying for their child's tuition. The first option is full payment on school registration day in August. The second option is parents can make two tuition payments. The first payment is due on registration day. The second payment is due in January 2018. The third option is for parents to make monthly tuition payments. These payments are automatic withdrawals from either a checking or savings account. Parents will need to complete a registration form for this service. The first payment is made in September.

## Financial Aid

All families are eligible and encouraged to apply for financial aid. Financial aid applications are available from the St. Peter Lutheran School office from April 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

St. Peter Lutheran is participating in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for the 2017-2018 school year. St. Peter Lutheran School encourages all eligible families to apply. For more information, please see the *FAQ about School Choice* or contact Principal Phil Punzel at (920)739-2009 or [ppunzel@new.rr.com](mailto:ppunzel@new.rr.com).

## School Accreditation

St. Peter received full WELSSA accreditation in September of 2008. Every year since, WELSSA has reviewed and granted St. Peter Lutheran School full accreditation status. As an accredited school, St. Peter believes students benefit from being in a school that knows itself thoroughly. Consequently, the students benefit when their school undergoes objective evaluation. The student will also benefit from being in a school that constantly strives for improvement. We believe that our school must show stability and continuous improvements in striving to reach these goals.

St. Peter has already been noted for meeting standards for:

- Defining appropriate educational goals and providing programs to achieve them
- Maintaining a qualified faculty and an effective school organization
- Responding to concerns of parents and needs of the school community
- Providing for the continuity of its programs and planning for their future
- Developing plans and activities for continuous school improvement

*St. Peter Lutheran School is committed to meeting these standards as well as exceeding them!*

## Our School Staff

St. Peter Lutheran School offers a Christ-centered education for 3 year old children through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our staff is blessed to partner with families in carrying out our mission of assisting parents in providing an exceptional Christ-centered education.

Thank you for your interest in St. Peter Lutheran School! If you have any further questions, please contact our school office or Principal Phil Punzel at (920)739-2009 or via email to [ppunzel@new.rr.com](mailto:ppunzel@new.rr.com).



## Frequently Asked Questions School Choice Program

**Q: How are students chosen for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)?**

**A:** Students from families who meet the income guidelines are chosen through a lottery system governed by the state of Wisconsin. Selected students will receive a voucher from the State of Wisconsin to apply to their schooling. (The voucher amount for 2017-18 is set at \$7,323). Families selected will be notified by the State of Wisconsin and will have the opportunity to accept or decline the voucher.

**Q: Does St. Peter encourage parents to apply for the "School Choice" program?**

**A:** The grade-entry level points for the 2017-18 WPCP are 5K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. St. Peter hopes that all eligible families will apply for this voucher program. If a family receiving financial aid qualifies for a voucher, financial aid resources can be used for other students who may need tuition assistance but aren't in the WPCP.

**Q: What if my family qualifies, but my student is not chosen for the "School Choice" program?**

**A:** In addition to applying for the WPCP program, qualifying families are also encouraged to apply for financial aid. Each year, St. Peter provides financial aid for many families and students.

**Q: Why is St. Peter participating in the "School Choice" program?**

**A:** St. Peter believes that parents are the best equipped to decide what school is the best fit for their child. The WPCP allows parents who meet eligibility requirements to choose a Christian education for their son or daughter. This state-funded program allows more families to choose this educational option for their children. Most importantly, St. Peter will continue to share Jesus with the students of all families enrolled at our school as we provide their children with an excellent Christ-centered education.

**Q: Will the "School Choice" program compromise the mission of St. Peter Lutheran School?**

**A:** Our curriculum will continue to be taught incorporating Scriptural values. The Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI) allows religion classes and chapel to be counted as part of our students' required instructional hours. We will continue to monitor the WPCP and evaluate how it allows St. Peter Lutheran School to carry out its mission.

**Q: What can be done to promote the "School Choice" program?**

**A:** Please share the news about this exciting way to provide high-quality Christian education with your friends, neighbors, and associates who might be interested. For those who are politically minded and involved, you may wish to share your thoughts with your state leaders on the value of this program.