

AT DUBUQUE LUTHERAN SCHOOL **What Will They Teach My Child?**

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Lutheran schools are known for their academic quality and for their ability to aid moral development. They are religious schools, which include daily teaching about religion and integrate religious beliefs into everything they teach. Many parents who are considering enrolling their child wonder, "What will they teach my child about religion in a Lutheran School?"

Lutheran Schools Teach What Lutherans Believe

They believe:

- That the Bible is the source and basis for their beliefs. (2 Timothy 3:15-17)
- That all people are to be shown respect. (Matthew 22:39)
- That only through faith in Jesus Christ can people be saved. (John 3:16)

Lutheran Schools Teach About God

God is:

- The Almighty, loving Creator of everything and everyone. (Genesis 1:1)
- One God, but three equal persons (Trine). (Matthew 28:19)
- A Judge who requires us to fulfill His law perfectly. (James 2:10)
- A Savior who died for our sins & rose from the dead. (2 Timothy 1:10)
- A Sanctifier who gives us faith through His Word and sacraments. (1 Corinthians 6:11)
- The Author of the Bible who inspired men to write every word as He directed. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Love. He loves all people perfectly, in spite of how they may act. (1 John 4:8)

Lutheran Schools Teach About People

People are:

- Created individually & specially by God. (Psalms 139:13)
- Loved always & completely by God. (John 3:16)
- Required by God to obey His law perfectly. (Matthew 5:48)
- Unable to obey God perfectly (everyone sins). (Ecclesiastes 7:20)
- Saved from hell by Christ's sacrifice. (Galatians 3:13)
- Unable to earn God's favor or forgiveness. (Ephesians 2:8 - 9)
- Brought to saving faith in Christ by the Holy Spirit & given eternal life in heaven. (1 Corinthians 6:11)
- Condemned to eternal suffering if they do not have faith in Christ. (Romans 6:23)
- Given forgiveness of sins & eternal life through Baptism & the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion). (Acts 22:16; Luke 22:19-20)
- Motivated by God's love to love all other people & serve God. (John 14:23)
- Eager to share the good news (Gospel of God's great love for all). (Acts 4:20)

Many children are led, by the Holy Spirit, to believe what is taught in a Lutheran school. It is helpful for parents to know what they learn and reinforce that learning by discussing and taking them to church services. Many parents also want to learn more about the church that values children and their Christian education so much that they sponsor a Lutheran school.

The best way to learn about what Lutherans believe and what Lutheran schools teach in addition to attending church and Bible class or Sunday School is to attend an information class at the congregation that sponsors the school. Contact the congregation's pastor to learn more about such a class.