

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL CURRICULUM

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PRE-KINDERGARTEN AT GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Pre-Kindergarten is a licensed, full day program from 8:30 am - 3:10 pm, Monday through Friday. The building opens at 7:15 am. After school childcare is available until 6:15 PM at a contracted or drop-in rate. Students must be 4 years old by July 31.

Pre-Kindergarten is a stepping-stone for Kindergarten. Certified, dedicated Christian teachers and aides use formal lessons in preparation for structured classroom learning as well as informal learning environments to prepare children for the Kindergarten experience and to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Pre-Kindergarten at Grace Lutheran School provides:

- A Christian environment
- Social and spiritual development
- Mentorship from an older student
- Music instruction and participation in school music programs
- Physical education classes
- Library and computer time each week
- Field trips with active learning experiences

A typical day in a Pre-Kindergarten classroom includes opening, Jesus time, structured conceptual learning, stories, recess, art, music, quiet time, movement, lunch and snack, and both directed and free choice play and exploration.

Tuition rates can be requested [here](#). Tuition is all-inclusive except for after school childcare and meals. Pre-Kindergarten qualifies for flexible spending accounts and childcare tax benefits, therefore we do not offer scholarships for Pre-Kindergarten. Our Pre-Kindergarten program is eligible for North Dakota Childcare Assistance.



KINDERGARTEN

AT GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Kindergarten is a full day program from 8:30 am - 3:10 pm, Monday through Friday. The building opens at 7:15 am. After school childcare is available until 6:15 PM at a contracted or drop-in rate. Students must be 5 years old by July 31.

Kindergarten is an important step in your child's education and serves as the first building block in Christian education. A licensed teacher provides your child structured group activities balanced with independent learning. Kindergarten students will experience music instruction and music programs, physical education, mentorship from an older student, field trips, and library and computer time.

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At Grace Lutheran School, financial aid is a ministry. Our financial aid decisions are guided by the same Biblical principles we integrate into our entire educational program. It is a profound opportunity for a better education. Grace Lutheran School utilizes the [FACTS online portal](#) to determine financial aid eligibility.

CURRICULUM

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KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM



RELIGION

The children apply Bible stories to their daily lives and memorize Bible verses through song. Children learn about God's forgiveness and how to respond to God's love.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Children participate in daily story time, journaling, Zaner-Bloser manuscript methods, writing basics, and visits to the school's library.

READING READINESS

Children learn initial consonant sounds, sight words, and additional reading readiness skills.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The social studies curriculum which includes units on the family, holidays, our neighborhoods, and much more, all presented from a biblical perspective.

MATH

The math curriculum includes writing numbers, identifying shapes, counting, making patterns, measurement, time, and money. An introduction to addition and subtraction along with technology skills are included.

SCIENCE

Units include identification of internal and external body parts, looking at the sky, exploring with the senses, and characteristics of living things.

ART

Creative expression is encouraged through activities that improve fine motor skills and the ability to follow directions.

MUSIC

The basics of songs and rhythm are taught; in addition, many musical instruments are introduced. Students participate in all of the school's musical performances.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students engage in large muscle activities and games that encourage the love of play and sport with low-level competition.

CENTERS

During the kindergarten day, there are work centers and play centers. Through the two types of centers, students learn to work independently and cooperatively, and they are able to make choices about their work. As a result, they feel more at home in the classroom.

GRADES 1-5

AT GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL



First, second, and third grade meet from 8:30 am - 3:10 pm. Fourth and fifth grade meet from 8:30 am - 3:20 pm. The building opens at 7:15 am. After school childcare is available until 6:15 pm at contracted or drop in rates. Tuition rates can be requested [here](#).

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RELIGION

- Develop an understanding of God and how to grow in Christian faith using the Enduring Faith curriculum.
- Create an appreciation of the value of leading a Christian life.
- Memorization work using Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism.

LANGUAGE ARTS/READING

Develop communication skills in reading and language structure, reading comprehension, writing, listening, speaking, spelling, handwriting, creative writing, vocabulary, independent reading, creative expression, and grammar and language structure.

MATHEMATICS

Understand concepts and perform skills in the areas of whole numbers, fractions, geometry, measurement, charts and graphs, logic and problem solving, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, percentages, calculator functions, and number theory.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Learn about the needs and responsibilities of God's people as they live and work in a family and community.
- Gain appreciation and awareness of other cultures.
- Study maps and globes, regions of the United States, and geography concepts.
- Learn about governments, jobs, and environmental needs.
- Gain an understanding of important events in American and European history and study current events.



GRADES 1-5 CURRICULUM CONTINUED

SCIENCE

- Appreciate and understand God’s creation of life, weather and seasons, stars, planets, and earth’s land and water.
- Develop processing skills in order to acquire knowledge through experiments.
- Study life science, physical science, earth science, plants, populations and ecosystems, energy, work and machines, light and sound, and the solar system.

HEALTH

- Recognize the uniqueness of being created human and learn about the proper care of the human body.
- Enhance physical, mental, and emotional well-being in relationship to self, others, and God.
- Learn the parts of the human body and how they function.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Develop sensory-motor skills, sport skills, and locomotor skills.
- Gain knowledge of game rules, strategies, attitudes, and the importance of teamwork.

ART

- Express individual ideas, thoughts, and feelings using a variety of media and art concepts.
- Use visual arts to provide a basis for positive personal growth and development.

MUSIC EDUCATION

- Study the elements of rhythm, melody, form, expressive controls, literacy, texture, harmony, and movement.
- Use music as a way to praise and honor God.

TECHNOLOGY

Learn computer operations, functions, and software and have familiarity with the capabilities of computers to enable students to participate in the fast changing world of technology with applications in all content areas. Each student has a Chromebook available to use.



GRADES 6-8

MIDDLE SCHOOL AT GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Grades six, seven, and eight go to school from 8:30 am - 3:20 pm. The building opens at 7:15 am. Tuition rates can be requested [here](#).

Middle School is a unique time in a child's life. Grace Lutheran School is committed to making the middle school experience as distraction-free as possible. Middle school students are taught and shown how to be leaders, mentors, and character role models. They also assist in many tasks around the building.

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RELIGION

- In-depth study of the Old and New Testaments using Scripture and the Enduring Faith curriculum
- Continued development of a biblical worldview that looks at each day through eyes of faith
- Memorization work using Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Develop communication skills including grammar, writing, listening, public speaking, spelling, and vocabulary
- Increased focus on critical thinking and writing skills
- Learn to analyze literature from a Christian perspective
- Devoted class time is double that of peers in area schools.

HEALTH

- Recognize, understand, and value the uniqueness of the human body as God's creation through the study of human body systems, as well as social and emotional health concepts
- Develop healthy, Christian relationship skills
- Learn respect for our bodies through age-appropriate sex education



GRADES 6-8 CURRICULUM CONTINUED

MATHEMATICS

- Grade 6 uses a middle-school specific curriculum with a comprehensive algebra base and continued reinforcement of all math skills.
- Grades 7 and 8 use a middle-school specific curriculum with an algebra base in preparation for Algebra 1.
- Algebra 1 is available as an online course for 8th grade students.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- World History is a two-year curriculum, studying ancient history to current times. Scripture is used as an additional resource. Seeing God at work in human history is a major theme.
- American History, focused on the 1500s through the Civil War, is a one-year curriculum. Integrated into this study is a look at Christian values and leaders that influenced the development of the nation.
- Geography is integrated into each unit of study.
- North Dakota Studies are offered each year.

SCIENCE

- Understand and appreciate God as creator of all within the study of life, earth, and physical sciences
- Lab activities are key components in all levels of science.
- Grade 6 primarily focuses on physical science with an emphasis on chemistry, electricity, energy, and motion. Life and earth science are integrated where applicable.
- Grade 7 and 8 life science includes the study of the scientific method, cells, viruses, monerans, protists, fungi, plants, and animals.
- Grade 7 and 8 earth science includes the study of the scientific method, geology, meteorology, and astronomy.



GRADES 6-8 CURRICULUM CONTINUED

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Care for our God-given body by learning the health benefits of exercise and planning for a lifetime of fitness participation
- Increase knowledge of sport skills and develop an appreciation for teamwork

ART

- Continue to develop art skills and art appreciation using a variety of media
- Use art as a basis for positive personal growth and development

MUSIC

- Study elements of rhythm, melody, form, and harmony within music
- Use music as a way to praise and honor God
- Provide opportunities to participate in performance groups such as choir

TECHNOLOGY

- Each middle school student receives a laptop to support learning in all content areas.
- Increase knowledge and proficiency using Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint software
- Learn how to use technology and navigate social media in a God-pleasing manner