

Welcome to Peace!

We're so glad that you value your student's faith formation. At Peace you'll find parents like you—parents who want to raise their children loving Jesus and being part of a church family. You'll also find parents striving to learn more themselves, and who also grapple with big questions and face difficult life situations.

Our mission is "growing a community that nurtures a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ." Peace is here to help you and your family on that journey with worship, education, fellowship, and community, and we hope to share in it together with you.

—Pastor Mark Nelson, Senior Pastor



Baptism Promises

The Children, Youth, and Family ministries at Peace begin with the promises that you make to your child in their baptism:

- To live among God's faithful people
- To bring your child the word of God and the holy supper
- To teach your child the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and the Ten Commandments
- To place in your child's hand the holy scriptures
- To nurture your child in faith and prayer

...so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Our program helps you and your child every step of the way!

Sunday School

Peace uses a Lutheran curriculum with 80 lessons—Old Testament lessons in the fall and New Testament lessons in the winter and spring. Every lesson includes prayer; discussion; and age-appropriate crafts, games, and activities to enhance the core message. Students will read the Old Testament in the fall and the New Testament in the winter and spring.

Vacation Bible School



VBS is held mornings one week during the summer for children ages 4 through 5th Grade in the fall. We encourage youth (6th Grade+) and adults of all ages to volunteer during this lively, fast-paced week!

VBS helps spread the Good News of the Gospel to Peace members and non-members! The lessons children learn over the week are succinct and useful in everyday life. VBS provides a great way for children to bond with one another over the summer and participate in the joy of worship and song.

Summer Camps

Every summer brings the opportunity to adventure! With options like Camp Wapogasset, Wilderness Canoe Base, and the National ELCA Youth Gathering, there is something for everyone at every age.

Family Activities

Regular family activities are planned throughout the school year to help families "live among God's faithful people." Family activities include movie nights, game nights, service nights, sledding, park hangouts, and more!



Confirmation

Confirmation is for 6th-8th grade students. Over the three years, we spend time asking and discussing deep questions about the Old Testament, New Testament, and the Small Catechism. We go on two retreats each year, and also participate in worship and other service opportunities.

High School

High schoolers are invited to gather monthly with other students to grow in community, serve their neighbors, discuss their faiths—and to have a lot of fun while doing so! Dates vary.

Faith Formation at Peace

Here at Peace, we value each and every child of God, and it's our goal to raise generations of Christians who are passionately aware of, and engaged in, God's movement to renew the world. We also understand that each child is unique, as are the different phases of their development. Here's a brief snapshot of how we understand spiritual formation:

Birth - Kindergarten

Primary Goal: Experience God's love
Theological Truths: God created me, God loves me, God wants to be my friend

Elementary School (1st-5th Grade)

Primary Goal: Understand God's love
Theological Truths: God is trustworthy, God loves my imagination, God cares about me

Middle School (6th-8th Grade)

Primary Goal: Be affirmed in God's love
Theological Truths: God created me in God's image, God desires for me to love and include others, Nothing can separate me from God's love

High School - Adulthood

Primary Goal: Share God's love
Theological Truths: God first loved us, so I am called to share that love with the world; God calls me into relationship with God and with each other; God's never done forming me

Recognition

In worship at Peace, we publicly recognize students who:

- Receive age-appropriate Bibles, presented at baptism and in 3rd Grade
- Complete our Communion education class
- Affirm their faith and baptismal promises through the Rite of Confirmation

Ministry Schedule

Sunday School

Pre-K through 5th Grade
Sundays, September-May, 10:45-11:45am

Confirmation

6th through 8th Grade
Wednesdays, September-April, 6:30-7:30pm

High School Hangout

9th through 12th Grade
Monthly, times vary



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Don't forget to sign up for the Thursday CYF Blast!



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FAMILY MINISTRIES**

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