



Brookfield
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran School Partnership Program

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Brookfield Lutheran Church–
Education Committee

Lutheran School Partnership Program
(Tuition Partnership)

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Introduction

This document is written to encourage Christian families, as part of Brookfield Lutheran Church, God's church, to live within the will of our Lord and to encourage our children in their Faith walk. Through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have received salvation rather than the damnation we deserve, giving us life and eternal hope. As Christians, our response to what God has done for us creates a desire to grow in our relationship with Him, and to lead a God-pleasing life. We want to ensure that the education and values our children are receiving at school are similar to what we are teaching at home and at Brookfield Lutheran Church.

Preface

God has given us the awesome responsibility to raise our children, His children! Proverbs tells parents to "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6) We are also instructed to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:5-9)

A child's walk with the Lord begins at baptism where parents hear "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28: 19). But baptism isn't the end of our discipleship journey! Children learn not only by what they are told but also by parental example. If the faith given by the Holy Spirit to the child is not fed, he/she will not grow in Life in Jesus. Children need to be encouraged and nurtured in the Gospel. In baptism, we as their family and church family pledge to bring up our children in the true knowledge and worship of God, and to teach them the 10 Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, to place the Holy Scriptures in their hands, to bring them to services in God's house and to provide for further instruction in the Christian faith. At Brookfield Lutheran Church, our mission is "Connecting People to Life in Jesus." We believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ is our Savior and Lord, and that through faith in Him we receive forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation. This is Life in Jesus.

As parents, you have chosen to join Brookfield Lutheran Church, standing before its members, affirming your commitment to the Lord and the congregation in your belief and practice. As a church, we believe we must be in the Word at home and in group study so that we may grow in love and devotion to Christ. "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Tim 3:16)

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Purpose of the Program

We are privileged as a church to assist and support all members to grow as disciples of Jesus in God's Word. At BLC, our discipleship development emphasis provides numerous growth opportunities from birth through death. For the Christian church to continue to grow and thrive, support of Lutheran Christian education is among our highest priorities as a congregation. While there are several scholastic options to choose from - public, private, parochial, homeschool, charter - each with its own set of advantages and disadvantages, BLC partners with families who choose to send their children to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) schools or homeschool to support intentional spiritual development in Jesus for children and youth, as a foundational principle of our mission. Since Brookfield Lutheran Church does not operate its own Christian Day School, it has opted to help parents, financially, if they choose a Lutheran Day School or homeschool. This privilege is extended to the membership in God's fellowship at Brookfield Lutheran Church and is not a right of membership. We pray that members choose to worship and study on a regular basis with the fellowship of believers they chose at Brookfield Lutheran Church. The Day School option may offer opportunities such as choirs, sports and other activities that interfere with regular participation in worship, Sunday Bible study or Life in Jesus classes at your home congregation, but with prayerful seeking of the Lord's wisdom, each family must decide where to participate.

Lutheran Special School

We are blessed that through the Lutheran Special School we have the ability to provide for students who have a need for special education within the Lutheran school system. Eligibility for these families with children enrolled in Lutheran Special School is the same as for all other Lutheran Day Schools.

Homeschool Families

For families who choose to homeschool, a flat rate is paid out in reimbursement for curriculum and teaching aids. Families submit receipts up to the amount of the flat rate and are then reimbursed by BLC. The rate is reviewed annually. Similar to LCMS Elementary School families, homeschool families fill out an application in the Spring and sign a covenant to participate in this program.

Eligibility and Payments

Members of Brookfield Lutheran Church may enroll their children in any LCMS day school of their choosing. Brookfield Lutheran Church will offer assistance for children enrolled in Kindergarten through twelfth grade. Once enrolled in a Lutheran Day School, you will be responsible for the school's member rate. Brookfield Lutheran Church will pay the difference between the member and non-member rate. In the case of high school enrollment, you are responsible for the Association Member rate, if one is offered

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at the chosen high school. The Association Member rate varies by high school. For all schools, all other book and school fees are the full responsibility of the parents.

Each family must file a “LCMS Day School/Homeschool Parent Application and Covenant” form annually, usually by March 31, prior to school starting that fall. New member families moving into the church after the March 31 date may be considered for assistance by the Education Committee on a case-by-case basis. Any late request for tuition support requiring an upward adjustment to the budgeted amount for day school tuition assistance will require a formal written request by the family, to be presented to the Education Committee for approval.

Any family clearly demonstrating a general disregard for their worship and study life at Brookfield Lutheran as demonstrated through a lack of attendance at worship, Sunday School, Bible study, etc. will receive a referral to the Spiritual Life Committee, which will possibly suspend tuition payments to the school. If this should happen, the school will be notified in writing of full tuition payments now becoming the responsibility of the parents.

Application / Sign-Up

During the February/March timeframe, there will be a sign-up for all parents wishing to send their children to Lutheran Day Schools. Parents must sign-up every year in order to receive this assistance. During this time, families will be able to review eligibility and apply for the upcoming year. The Education Committee has to budget dollars for the program and hence a sign-up is required.

Family Commitments

1. Church Worship, Bible Study, and Sunday School

“Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker” Psalm 95:6

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119: 105

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy...but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.” Exodus 20: 8 & 10

We are all part of the Body of Christ. Each of us has a role to play in sharing God’s love with the world. By being committed to regular worship, Bible Study, and HOME Group meetings, as well as having our children actively involved in Sunday School and Life In Jesus classes, we show our commitment to the Lord and to His Church, our Church, Brookfield Lutheran. BLC emphasizes the importance of family worship, where parents and children worship together. This time together helps individual families grow together, which ultimately grows the Body of Christ. Please note that it is the responsibility of each family and child to sign in at worship, Bible study, and Sunday School each week through use of the Connect cards and attendance sign-ins.

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Further, as members of the Body of Christ, we are expected, through God's grace, to attend Church and Bible studies regularly. We should expect nothing less of our children. It is our role, as parents, to ensure that our children have a Heart of God. By attending church and Bible study regularly, we will be on the right path.

2. Tithing

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:3

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. 'Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have enough room for it.'" Mal 3:10

Besides regular church and Bible study attendance, tithing is a commitment to Christ and His Church. It is a way of expressing our gratitude, renewing our faith, and helping His Church. Our resources are actually God's resources, not our own. Tithing allows us to give back to God what is truly HIS.

3. Giving of Time and Talent

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. ...use it in proportion to his faith." Romans 12: 4-6

God gave us all unique skills and talents. He loves it when we use our skills and talents to help the Church. Giving our time and talents to God's people shows a love for the Lord, as well as a commitment to Brookfield Lutheran Church.

4. Life In Jesus

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

Jam 1:22

"Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Eph 5:17

We pray, as we pray you do too, that your child completes the Life in Jesus program at Brookfield Lutheran Church, your church. We recognize that Lutheran Schools sometimes teach our Life In Jesus course work as part of their regular curriculum. Nonetheless, students are expected to meet the requirements of the Life in Jesus program at Brookfield Lutheran Church, which may mean some duplication of effort on behalf of the students and parents. Brookfield Lutheran Church appreciates your commitment to growing as a disciple of Jesus in our faith community at BLC.

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5. Youth Ministries

“We must focus our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” Acts 6:4

“Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”

Heb 1:14

“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” Prov 18:24

Brookfield Lutheran Church has a very strong youth ministry program. The BLCYM offers activities and events for students in grades 5 – 12. This ministry allows youth to experience great opportunities such as mission trips and service events, both locally and abroad. More importantly, being around Christian friends provides accountability, helping to strengthen one’s faith walk. By attending BLCYM events and activities, our youth are growing closer to Jesus, and expanding their own ministry fields. Being a part of the BLCYM shows a commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ, and to our church, Brookfield Lutheran Church.

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2019-2020 School Year
LCMS Day School/Homeschool
Parent Application and Covenant

As a member/s of Brookfield Lutheran Church, I/we am/are requesting tuition assistance for my/our children for the 2018-2019 school year.

Family Name _____ Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Child/ren Name:

Grade Entering in Fall:

Describe your involvement at BLC including worship, discipleship, and service.

I/We the parent/s of the above child/ren, realizing the responsibility God has given me/us to raise my/our child/ren in His light, having read the Tuition Assistance Document, and recognizing the importance of commitment, and requesting tuition assistance from Brookfield Lutheran Church, hereby covenant with Brookfield Lutheran Church to comply with the expectations of this packet. I/we ask God to help and guide us.

Parent Signature

Date