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Bethany Lutheran School

A CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

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FOR YOUR CHILD
GRADES 1-2-3-4-5-6
and KINDERGARTEN

Plans for 1956 include the adding of Grades 7 and 8.



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Thorndale and Magnolia Avenues
Chicago 40, Illinois
(1244 West and 5940 North)

Why Should You Send Your Child to a Lutheran School?

THE FOUR PHASES OF A CHILD'S GROWTH.

The Lutheran School provides a *complete education* for the child. What do we mean by "complete education"? A child should grow in four ways: physically, mentally, socially, and *spiritually!* The average school emphasizes three of these phases. Spiritual growth is neglected. This is not the fault of the school; it is compelled to do so. But the fact that religion is not included in the school program and that the Bible is not used for instruction or guidance relegates the Christian religion and the Bible to a relatively unimportant place in life.

LUTHERAN EDUCATION IS COMPLETE

In contrast to this, the Lutheran school provides a *unified program of education*. Not only does the child grow physically, mentally, and socially. He grows spiritually. All School subjects are taught from the Christian point of view, and the Bible is used not only for instruction in the Christian religion, but also as the basis for both discipline and motivation. This means that in the Lutheran school the Word of God influences everything the children learn and serves as a unifying force in the school program.

THE BIBLE DESCRIBES IT.

The Bible describes such a complete education in Luke 2, 52: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." To paraphrase this, Jesus grew mentally and physically, spiritually and socially.

Therefore, we believe you should send your child to our school for the *complete education* he will receive.

THE STAFF



Mr. Donald Huebner will be Principal of the School and Teacher for the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Mr. Huebner has a rich Christian experience. The son of a Lutheran missionary, he was one of six children born in South America, coming to this country in 1941.

He completed his preparatory schooling in Milwaukee, graduated from Concordia Teacher's College, River Forest, Illinois and formerly taught at Bethlehem Lutheran School in Lakewood, a suburb of Denver, Colo.

Mr. Huebner realizes the great need of today's youth for a well-rounded Christian Education program, and for this cause his life is dedicated. Young and personable, his special interests are youth work and athletics.

The teacher for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades will be Mrs. Doris Huebner. Mrs. Huebner graduated from Concordia Teacher's College in River Forest, Illinois with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

A sincere Christian and an experienced teacher, Mrs. Huebner formerly taught in Lutheran Schools in Oak Park, Illinois and Lakewood, Colorado.

Musically inclined, Mrs. Huebner plays the organ and piano and has often directed operettas and other musical programs.



Mrs. Vera Quermann will again teach our Kindergarten this year. Mrs. Quermann is a graduate of Washington University, St. Louis with a Bachelor of Science degree and has taken special Kindergarten training at Concordia Teacher's College.

Very much loved by her pupils and with a rich background of Christian service, Mrs. Quermann is a former President of Bethany Ladies Aid and Bethany Woman's Missionary League. Also she recently served for two years as President of the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Women's Missionary League of the English District and has been a member of Bethany Church for twenty-five years.



Pastor Ralph J. Pomeroy has been at Bethany Church for ten years, coming to this congregation from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He has always promoted youth activities and Christian education and spearheaded efforts to establish Bethany Lutheran School.

Pastor Pomeroy will be the spiritual head of the school. He will conduct the Chapel services in which the children will participate. He will guide and lead both pupils and teachers to a richer Christian life.

THE SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board consists of consecrated Christian men, chosen because of their interest in bringing Christ into the lives of children. The members of the Board have devoted many hours of time and much effort to develop a modern, well-equipped school.

L. to R.: Edwin A. Ruehrdanz, Trustee; Albert Kopping, Treasurer; Robert H. Martin, Chairman; Pastor Pomeroy; Gerald Mader, Trustee; Forrest Finley, Secretary.



The School Buildings

The School Building is of brick construction with plenty of large windows so the classrooms are light and airy. Improvements this year include painting and decorating. All of the school equipment is new with the latest type of pupils desks, and the most modern green chalkboards.

There will be three classrooms for our six grades and kindergarten. Plans for next year include enlarging the school when grades 7 and 8 will be added. The modernization of the School Building is directed by a registered architect, and all health and fire codes and school building regulations will be rigidly adhered to.

Parents can feel confident that the safety and health of their children will be fully protected in our school.

A constant surprise to visitors of Bethany is the Parish House. Because the Parish House is located at the rear of the Church Property, visitors are at first unaware of the existence of this large structure. The Parish House includes a spacious dining room, a well-equipped kitchen, a beautiful lounge for meetings and receptions, a Boy Scout room and a complete athletic department including a combination gymnasium and auditorium with stage, also two handball courts and locker rooms for boys and girls.



THE SCHOOL



THE PARISH HOUSE

THE CHURCH

The Church is our third main building complete with its fine Austin organ. Chapel services will be held here regularly for the students. All of our buildings are inter-connected so that it is never necessary to go outside to pass from one building to another.

GETTING TO THE SCHOOL

Bethany Lutheran School is located in the Edgewater district, near the lake on Thorndale Avenue (5940 North just one block west of Broadway).

Broadway street car, the Elevated trains, and Sheridan Bus all stop at Thorndale within easy walking distance of the school.

Daily private bus service is available for students living at a distance from the school.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod has always recognized the need and value of Christian education. Its thousands of elementary and high schools underline the belief that whatever makes a child a good Christian makes him a good citizen.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Bethany Lutheran School is a church school, open to everyone. Pupils who wish to enter the first grade as beginners must be six years old on or before December 31st of that year.

Others with advanced standing will be enrolled as regular pupils, provided their transfer indicates a satisfactory standing.

Enroll your child on or before the days set for registration. Late registration means the possibility that classes will be filled or the loss of time for both pupils and teachers.

BOOKS

The Bethany Plan includes rental of textbooks at a nominal charge and purchase of workbooks which are used up during the year. Each parent upon registering his child will be provided with a list containing book costs for the entire year.

SMALL CLASSES AT BETHANY

Believing that small classes lead to better education the Board of Education has decided to limit the size of classes to **thirty pupils**. This is a decided advantage over crowded schools which are forced to have classes of 35 to 50 students or a double-shift system. The small class gives the teacher better control of discipline and more time for personal attention to the needs of the individual students.

THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL

Bethany Lutheran Church maintains a School requiring heavy expenditures. The majority of needed funds flow out of the general church treasury. Other added funds are needed for the support of the School.

Bethany members pay \$5.00 per month for each child. In this case a Bethany member is any family of whom the mother or father or both are regular communicant members and who contribute regularly to the support of the church and school through their church envelopes. If for any reason a member parent feels they cannot meet our financial requirement, they should contact the Principal of the School.

For non-members the tuition is \$12.00 per month for 10 months. Where a family has several children, the parents pay for the second one-half of the first, and for the third the payment is one-half of the second. For Kindergarten, the contribution would be one-half of the foregoing amounts. All contributions to the Church or School are tax deductible.

REGISTRATION

Registrations will be accepted from now until September 6, but it is expected that classes will be filled rapidly so parents are urged to apply soon.

School begins September 6 at 9:00 a.m.

FINAL REGISTRATION WEEK

August 29 to September 3, 9-12 a.m. at the School Office.

For further information call or write

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