

What is Christian Education?

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding.” Psalm 111:10. If this doesn’t talk about education, Christian education, I don’t know what does. All the learning and knowledge in the world, all the degrees a person can accumulate, are useless if it doesn’t start with the fear of the Lord.

When do we encourage Christian Education?

The Apostle Paul wrote to a young man named Timothy whom he helped train as a pastor and it applies to all of us. ***“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 3:14-15.*** Notice the key words?

Who is responsible for Christian Education?

Fathers, I need to point the finger of responsibility at you and me first. ***“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4.*** And mothers, we all know that you are the key, the lifeline, in raising children. So it is the parents’ responsibility. And it is the responsibility of everyone in the church to assist our parents in whatever way we can. And one way was in opening and operating a Lutheran Elementary School to help parents teach their children the ways of God.

Why should we choose “Christian” education?

That’s an easy one. ***“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6.*** This really hit home with me when my daughter was a freshman in high school. Our local high schools provide a wonderful education for our children in most areas. But my daughter was taught about our beginnings as knuckle dragging cavemen who are only a link or two away from apes (her words, not mine). She was also taught how to avoid unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, not by abstinence and saving sex until marriage, but by safe sex. And she was taught tolerance of alternate life styles such as living together or homosexuality. And this tolerance was not the Scriptural kind of hating the sin but loving the sinner. It was complete acceptance of these alternate lifestyles. She may be taught, but I sure pray she doesn’t learn.

How does Christian Education help?

I fear for my children. I fear for your children. That is why Christian education is so important, so your children have the tools, the knowledge, the faith to combat the ideas and teachings of a sinful world. Your school is important, but parents, you are even more important. Here is what you need to do. ***“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.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7.***

Why choose St. Peters?

St. Peters has wonderful staff personnel who teach, preach, and work here. And yes, we do have a school that provides an excellent Christian education. We are here for you, so please, make use of us. We have plenty of room for your children.

What are your priorities?

The Israelite leader Joshua spoke these words as a warning and an encouragement for his people toward the end of his life, and I echo his words in my life. ***“Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness... But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:14-15.*** I ask you, whom will you serve?