

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to have you as a part of the family we call Saint Michael! Not only are your children experiencing a quality education in the Christian environment of our school, there are also additional opportunities for all of you to grow in your faith in Jesus Christ and to use the gifts and abilities that God has blessed you with for His service.

We have often said that Saint Michael has an incredible school and a whole lot more to offer. I would encourage you again to take advantage of some of those opportunities.

I also want to encourage you to carefully read the, ‘**Eligibility Policy for Reduced Tuition for Members in Good Standing of Saint Michael Lutheran Congregation, Fort Myers, Florida,**’ which is printed on the reverse side of this letter. Sign it and return this document if you are a member in good standing and you desire to receive the reduced tuition rate. Remember that there is an explicit commitment to regular worship participation, financial support in tithes and offerings, as well as personal involvement in service opportunities. This standard will be used for all congregational members including those who request a reduced tuition rate. Obviously those who do not meet the minimum standards of being a “member in good standing” will not receive the member rate.

If you don’t have a current church home we encourage you to try Saint Michael. You are a part of one of the major ministries of Saint Michael, the school, and I would be glad to talk with you about the 2-session membership class and further explain the membership commitments as detailed in this document. You would be entitled to the reduced tuition rate for the 2011-2012 school-term.

I look forward to assisting you and your family as you grow to “grasp just how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge.”
(Ephesians 3:18-19)

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jon". The letters are stylized and cursive.

Pastor Jon

“Saint Michael Lutheran exists to draw people to God’s love for them in Jesus and to empower them to become fully devoted followers of Christ” (Mission Statement)

**Eligibility Policy for Reduced Tuition for Members in Good Standing of Saint Michael
Lutheran Congregation, Fort Myers, Florida
2011-2012 School Term**

Members in good standing of the parish are offered a reduced tuition rate. This special rate is given to members of the parish. It is expected that they are already supporting the **TOTAL MINISTRY** and **FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS** of the congregation by the fulfillment of their covenant with God made in connection with Saint Michael's Stewardship Commitments.

Because member rates are below the actual cost of educating a student at Saint Michael School, this reduced rate can be offered **only to active members in good standing**. Such members are defined as:

1. MEMBERSHIP

At least one parent is to be an active, serving member of Saint Michael Lutheran Congregation, Fort Myers, Florida.

2. PARTICIPATION

Regular and faithful participation in Sunday worship, regular study of the Bible, and the Sacrament of the Altar are expected as is consistent with the need to foster and nurture any Christian's life of discipleship. **The children must also be regular in their worship and Sunday School participation.**

3. CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to **support the financial commitments** of the congregation are made in harmony with the principles of and motivation for Christian living, which are always to be based upon our response to God's love for us in Jesus Christ. These principles are expressed in our annual Stewardship presentations as pertains to our use of time, talents and treasure.

As in consistent with the Word of God and the life of the Body of Christ, the pastor and Board of Elders in their scriptural capacity will monitor the faithfulness of all congregational members and, if necessary, will feel it their responsibility to give brotherly admonition. Questions concerning this policy may be directed to the pastor, the principal or members of the Board of Elders or Board of Christian Education.

ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH, PLEASE SIGN:

We have read the above policy, which defines eligibility for receiving an annual reduction of school tuition per child. In conformity with this policy, we hereby state that we are eligible for and desire a reduced tuition rate as a member in good standing of Saint Michael Lutheran Congregation and that we will faithfully meet the requirements of a member in good standing during the coming school year.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

***RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE PROMPTLY IF ELIGIBLE.** The Board of Elders will evaluate requests for member tuition rates and return this document to you as your notification.

BOARD OF ELDERS USE ONLY:

Approved

Disapproved Notation: _____

Date of Review: _____ Reviewed By: _____