

**MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE POLICY  
AS RELATED TO SCHOOL TUITION  
September 2005 (revised July 2010)**

Our goal is to have our families worship together regularly and often at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, our home church – which is one of our membership expectations. In this way our people not only demonstrate their faith and take opportunity to praise our Lord, but also receive God's blessings in corporate worship. They also demonstrate their commitment to Holy Cross Lutheran Church congregation.

**Purposes and rationale for school tuition/attendance policy:**

To help our school families understand and embrace the truth that regular and faithful worship is essential to the spiritual health, growth, and development of their Christian lives.

To help our school families understand that regular and faithful worship is God's expectation for their life and faith.

To encourage our school families toward the healthy practice, and positive habit of regular and faithful worship.

To remind our school families that when they joined Holy Cross Lutheran Church, they chose to commit themselves and their families to a life of regular and faithful worship.

To help our school families understand that their failure to worship as a family on a regular and faithful basis minimizes and undermines what we seek to teach and model for our students on a daily basis at Holy Cross Lutheran School and Concordia Lutheran High School.

To help our school families understand that their regular and faithful worship helps to strengthen the whole Body of Christ at Holy Cross as they give a positive witness to the importance of Jesus Christ in their life.

To help our school families understand that since they are receiving a significant financial investment and benefit from their brothers and sisters in Christ at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, there is an important responsibility to be a regular and faithful part of Holy Cross' worshipping community.

**Policy**

**Classification of Members for Tuition Purposes**

- A. We have two classifications and levels of tuition for Holy Cross Lutheran Grade School:

**Member** – Discount in tuition: as decided by the congregation each year;

**Inactive and Non-Member** – One who is not in good standing with church attendance at Holy Cross; or is not a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and will pay the full tuition rate.

We have two classifications and levels of tuition for Concordia Lutheran High School (CLHS)

**Member** – Association Member rate of tuition (a discounted rate)

**Inactive Member** – The non-member CLHS rate of tuition

**Criteria for Membership Classification**

**To be considered a Member for these purposes, it is expected that worship be attended at least 20 times during the 9 month period from September 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.** Attending multiple times on a regular weekend will not count, but attending special (other than weekend) services will count as meeting this standard. Those who do not meet the requirements are considered Inactive Members for tuition purposes.

An Inactive Member will be responsible for cost of tuition the same as a non-member; for the next school year. If the member(s) become in good standing (meeting the 20 church attendance requirements within the given dates), they will go back to member rate. For the next school year, if the member(s) does not meet the criteria they will remain at non-member rate.

Parents are responsible to meet with one of the Pastors to deal with any special circumstances. The exception to the criteria must be by the Senior Pastor.

This policy is applicable to all parents and students who are members at Holy Cross.

**Monitoring**

Worship attendance records are based upon the pew pad registration, completed by worshipers and Holy Cross' posting of such attendance.

**Notification**

It is the individual families responsibility to track their attendance. They may contact the church office at anytime and request a status report. Letters will be sent out by June 30<sup>th</sup> notifying families who have been classified as inactive for the next school year.