



## PLC LEARNING PRINCIPLES

**Prairie Lutheran Church embraces the Five Holy Habits as guiding principles for its ministry.** One of the Holy Habits is **Learning**. The following are guiding principles which inform our programming, staffing and budgeting.

**God has revealed himself to humanity.** God created the world and left his fingerprints that point to His authorship. God sent his Son as the fullest revelation. Holy Scriptures were written and collected to reveal this historic encounter between God and humanity.

**Jesus calls people, by means of the Holy Spirit, to become his disciples.** A disciple is simply a student of a teacher. Jesus teaches by inviting people to follow Him. This is a life-long journey and is chiefly relational.

**The Bible, as contained in the Old and New Testaments, is our chief resource for learning.** These divinely inspired books inspire us to grow in our faith. This diverse collection of writings point to the saving message of Jesus Christ. They are the Good News which compels us to learn and share them with others.

**In our learning, we Think Orange!** By this we mean that the Bible is a light that points to Jesus, symbolized by the color yellow. Also families are at heart, where God blesses relationships, symbolized by the color red. Orange means PLC equips families to develop an active and confident faith. This instruction includes retreats, small groups, classroom and multi-sensory formats.

**Our learning is designed to make us vessels of Grace.** Learning is not an end in itself, but a tool to reshape our hearts to become servants of Jesus in the world. We will not stay the same as we regularly encounter the living Christ in our daily lives and serve as beacons of light.

**Learning is a life-long endeavor.** Faith draws us to stand at the intersection of hope and suffering. Answers lead to new questions. Doubt is a companion to welcome and not flee. Learning equips us with an active and confident faith. God's wisdom surpasses all human understanding but keeps our hearts and minds in peace.