

What is a Faith Statement?

A personal faith statement is a letter or essay that is written by a person who is professing his or her faith in God. These statements can be written anytime as you progress in your faith.

Why is it important for me to share this Faith Statement with the Ascension family, family members, friends, and others?

The day that you are confirmed, you are affirming your baptism.

Well what does that mean anyways...?

Affirming your baptism means, that you have been instructed in the Christian faith (you have gone to Sunday school, you received your Bible, you have gone to Confirmation Classes, taken sermon notes, etc.) and that you want to make your faith public. This is a perfect time to share a more personal side of your faith, by sharing a Faith Statement with those that have supported and loved you in your journey with Jesus Christ.

Where do I start?

Start your personal faith statement describing how you became a Christian. You may want to write about when and why you started going to church or about the date that you made your "leap of faith" and declared that Jesus was your Lord and Savior. Like most Lutherans, you were probably too little to remember when you were baptized; ASK YOUR PARENTS. What was your baptism day like? Why was it so important for them? Who are your sponsors? Why did they choose those people to be your sponsors? This portion of the personal faith statement should be a paragraph or two.

What else should I include?

Describe how you plan to put your faith into action. You could write about going to church every week, spending more time with the Word of God and in prayer, and also taking care of the poor and the needy. You could also quote the Bible verse that you chose for Confirmation and why. Conclude with a paragraph describing how your faith has changed your life. You could write about the peace and hope you have felt since becoming a Christian. You could also describe how becoming a Christian has benefited your relationship with other individuals.

***Remember that your personal faith statement should, in fact, be personal. While it's important to quote Bible verses when writing the statement, you should also emphasize why you personally have belief in those verses.*

If you have any questions, please contact Natalie.