Confirmation Faith Statements

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith... for in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, The one who is righteous will live by faith.” Romans 1.16a, 17

After journeying along this path of discipleship training for 3 years, you have chosen to stand before your congregation, family, and God to affirm your baptism. On Confirmation Day, you will make public profession of your faith, a faith that started in your baptism and grows through worship, prayer, God’s Word, and the sacraments as the Holy Spirit moves among us.

Your final project is a faith statement project. This paper is a great way for you to reflect on your faith and to show what you have learned. This reflection is meant to be your confession of faith. Explore what your relationship with God means to you and what effect this has on your friendships and life. Your life has been influenced by parents, family, friends, other adults, Sunday School classes, youth group experiences, etc. Take some time to think about how these people and experiences have affected your faith. Your faith story statement should focus on your faith journey, what you believe, and your commitment to God. Be sure to include:

- Your experiences through the church with your family
- Those people who have been influential and encouraging during your faith journey
- What your baptism means to you
- Who is Jesus in your life (What difference does Jesus make? Why do you believe in him? What does Jesus do for you? Will Jesus have any impact on your future?)
- What Jesus’ death and resurrection means for you
- How being a Christian makes a difference in how you live
- The importance of Holy Communion in your life (What does it mean for you? Why is it important?)
- How important prayer is to you and why (When, how, and why you pray; what difference does it make?)
- How and when has your faith been challenged or grown (could be a retreat, a funeral, a worship service, a service event, a story you read, etc.)
- To what will you turn/what will you do in order to continue to grow in your faith?
- How you see yourself serving Christ in your life (Will you continue to worship? How? Will you pray? Serve? Give? Do you consider yourself to be part of the church? How? What will you give the church in the form of involvement/commitment/volunteering? What does your involvement in church have to do with your relationship with God? What spiritual gifts do you possess that you could use for God? How could/will you use them?)
- What you believe about God (what phrases/ideas would you use to describe God? If your best friend asked what God is like, how would you respond? What does God care about
the most? If the Bible didn’t exist, what would you write about God for people to know about God?)

Your paper should be no less than one page in length, single-spaced typed, using no larger than 12 point font. It is due by the end of April in confirmation class.

This is to be your own personal faith statement, but your mentor and parents will help you think about and talk through these questions so that you will be ready to write your faith statement. Pastor Sandra will be happy to review your rough drafts and help you express clearly what you believe.