



## Scandia Lutheran Church

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*Gather in Faith, Celebrate God's Love.  
Serve in Jesus' Name.*

Affirmation of Baptism  
Reformation Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007

### **Statement of Faith** *Due by Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

#### **Information about writing your "Statement of Faith":**

Write a short statement on each and every one of the following questions to best of your ability from the Questions for "Statement of Faith" section below. It may be typed or written by hand. These "Faith Statements" may be shared with the Deacons. You will also be asked to read a portion of your "Faith Statement" during the Confirmation Recognition Night, which is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Each student will meet with the Pastor and/or Deacons after the Statement of Faith has been completed and turned in. Interviews will take place from Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> by appointment.

Your parents or any other person may help you write your "Faith Statement", but put it in your own words. You may also ask the pastor or your confirmation guides to help you with your "Faith Statement".

#### **Questions for "Statement of Faith"**

1. The Church has long claimed the Apostles' Creed as its "Statement of Faith". In your own words, define your faith in God. What do you, as a Christian, believe? What kind of God do you believe in? Describe how you understand God in your own words. (*You may use the Apostles' Creed, Luther's Small Catechism and help from others.*)

2. What does it mean to confirm or affirm your faith in Christ Jesus? How has being a Christian made a difference in how you live? How are you planning on becoming involved in the life of the church now that you will be a confirmed member? How do you see yourself serving Christ throughout your life? What can you do to help your faith to grow in Christ Jesus?

3. At your baptism, your parents made promises to God, the Church, themselves, and to you about sharing the Christian faith with you. When you are confirmed, you will be making your own public affirmation of your faith in Jesus Christ. In that affirmation, you will be making these promises to God, to the Church, to your family and to yourself. They are (LBW – Page 201):

- a) To live among God's faithful people; (actively participate in church events and groups.)
- b) To hear his Word and share in his Supper; (attend worship and communion regularly)
- c) To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; (Know, share & act with others what you believe)
- d) To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus; (both inside & outside the church)
- e) And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. (Care for others).

4. Tell about a time when you felt close to God. Describe or tell me about a time when God has been active in your life - when you felt the presence of God most strongly in your life. Who have been the people most influential and encouraging to you during your faith journey so far?

5. What is your favorite Scripture verse that you would like to be used as your "Confirmation Verse"? What does it mean for you? Write a short paragraph explaining why this verse of the Bible is important to you.

*(Here are just a few Bible verses you may want to look at to give you an idea, but you may certainly choose from any other Scripture passage from the Bible that is important to you: Luke 10:27, Psalms 19:1, Proverbs 3:5-6, 1 John 4:7-8, Ephesians 5:1, John 3:16, Matthew 7:7, Proverbs 1:7, Psalms 91:11-12, Matthew 6:33, Romans 6:23, Psalm 118:1, Matthew 5:16, Matthew 6:20-21, John 1:16, John 8:12, John 12:14-15, John 11:25, John 14:6, Romans 8:28, Romans 12:2, Philippians 3:13, Colossians 2:6-7, 1 Timothy 6:12, 1 John 4:16, 1 Peter 2:9, Revelations 2:10)*

6. Fill out "Growth Giving Worksheet for Youth" with the help of your parents. Tithing is the Biblical example of giving 10% back to God of the gifts that God has first given you. If you have "not" been tithing already and 10% seems too high, will you consider giving 5% (\$.05 of a dollar) of your allowance or income to the mission of Christ's church?

7. Fill out the "Time and Talent" sheet.

8. Pick a favorite hymn as a class to be sung by the congregation on the Sunday of your Confirmation Day. You may choose any hymn from the "Lutheran Book of Worship" (green worship book) or the "With One Voice" (blue worship book).