

“I Believe” Statement

As a very personal part of preparing for your confirmation you are being asked to write a 2-3 page “I Believe” statement. This is your personal faith story, and explores why you’ve chosen to confirm your faith. We ask that you turn in your “I Believe” statement to class by **Wednesday, January 10th**. Ally Klug, Mary Toufar, Pastor Dale, Pastor Christine, or a council member will read your statement and will create a Sign-up Genius to set up a time to converse with you about it before the 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat, **Friday, April 19th to Sunday, April 15th** at Green Lake Bible Camp.

We will not be judging on whether your beliefs are “right” or “wrong”. There is no need to try and guess what you *think* we want to hear! What we want to hear is *what YOU believe* and how *these beliefs shape your life*. Here are some questions you might consider:

- Why have you chosen to confirm your faith? What will this day mean to you?
- How have you seen God at work in your life’s story?
- How has God sustained you through some of the high and low points of your life?
- Who are some people who have modeled faith for you?
- What have you learned by observing their faith?
- Who do you understand God to be? How do you see God working in your life?
- There are many names for God. What names have the most meaning to you?
- Who is God the Father?
- Who is Jesus, God’s only Son?
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What is the most difficult thing for you to believe about God?
- Do you have favorite Bible stories or characters? When do you read the Bible? Do you think it is important to read the Bible, why?
- Worship attendance was required for confirmation. Why do you think it is important to worship? Will you continue to worship? Does your family worship? Why? Or Why not?
- We talked about the Lord’s Prayer. What is prayer? When do you pray? What are your feelings about prayer? Does God hear you? Does God answer prayer? How?

These and any other thoughts you have had during the last few years are welcome ideas for your paper. It is not necessary to answer each question, rather let the questions help you form your thoughts.

The “I Believe” paper should be all your original thoughts. Feel free however, to discuss your beliefs with friends, family members, and your mentor. Ally is happy to help too! The paper should be 2-3 pages, double-spaced, in a 12 point font. Please proofread! **Your “I Believe Statement” is due to Ally by Wednesday, January 10th.**

With this, please choose a Bible verse that means something to you. This verse should be one that speaks to you and should be shared in your “I Believe” Statement. This will be used as a verse for your Confirmation announcement at Faith.

We look forward to celebrating this milestone in your faith with you. We hope that your confirmation experience has been meaningful and that God’s presence in your life has become important to you.

God bless you as you continue to grow in faith throughout your lifetime.