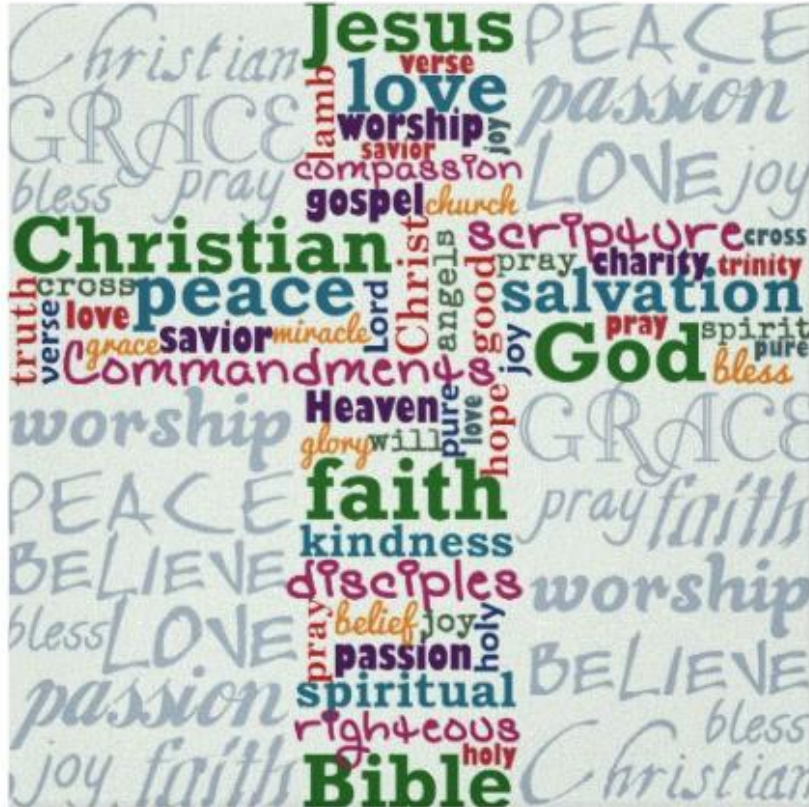


9th GRADE

St. John

Lutheran Church



9th Grade Confirmation

Faith Packet

Due Date OCTOBER 20, 2021

email to revkbahe@green-church.org

During these years of confirmation, you have learned about your own faith, the Lutheran faith, the Bible, and the Catechism. Learning about faith is a life-long goal for us as Christians, so this isn't a "final" project! This Fall Faith Packet serves as background for your last few classes of confirmation this Fall.

- As you are working on this packet, be sure to use all resources available to you! Ask parents, grandparents, look on-line, reference your Bible, ask Dan Hackbarth, your small group leader, and/or Pastor Bahe.
- This packet is due **OCTOBER 20, 2021**
Email to: revkbahe@green-church.org or put in Pastor's mail box at church [by the church office]
- Please write legibly if you print this out and want to turn it in as a hard-copy.
- Start Early!
- The Faith Statement and the verse you choose in # 21, will be shared with the congregation on the day of your Confirmation, the rest of the packet is just shared with Pastor, Dan and your Small Group.



Get started on this right now! Do not put this off. It is too involved to be doing the night before it is due!

Important Dates for current 9th Graders

October 20, 2021—*this faith packet is DUE*

October 13, 2021—**via Zoom 7 pm** *optional session with Pastor for help with your faith statement/packet [Zoom link on the website at www.stjohnlc.org on the Confirmation page]*

October 27, 2021 at 7 pm—*Rehearsal for Affirmation of Baptism—SJLC Sanctuary*

October 31, 2021 at 10 am—*Worship Service for the Affirmation of your Baptism*

1/ Write out the Lord's Prayer from memory.

2/ Why do you pray? *Or* Why don't you pray?



2--continued/ Read each box above for an explanation of each type of prayer, then write your own prayer in the boxes below

Write a prayer of ADORATION

Write a prayer of CONFESSION

Write a prayer of THANKSGIVING

Write a prayer of SUPPLICATION

3/ Choose either A or B to answer:

A: Imagine that you work as an artist for a book company. You have been asked to illustrate a picture book which tries to explain the Lord's Prayer to young children through pictures. Choose 3 lines from the Lord's Prayer and either draw or describe the pictures you would draw for the book.

B: Answer the following questions: Why do you think Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer to pray? Why is the Lord's Prayer an important prayer for you to know? Which line in the Lord's Prayer has the most meaning to you and why?

4/ In the Lutheran tradition, what are the two Sacraments we celebrate?

Holy Communion and Holy Baptism

What are the “earthly elements used in each?

Wine and Bread & Water

5/ What are some of your earliest thoughts and/or images of God? Have those changed? If so, what are they today? If they have not, what are some other images people might have of God?



6/ List the people who have been important to you in your faith.

7/ Do you know who your Godparents are? List them here. If you don't know, ask your parents!

8/ Imagine a friend who doesn't know very much about your faith or about God. How would you describe grace to him or her? [*hint*: look at Ephesians 2:8]

Grace is---[do not just copy the verse from Ephesians, put this in your own words, how you would talk about grace to a friend]

9/ Click this link to watch this YouTube video: [Linus and the Gospel](#) [about 1:30 minutes long] *If your family does not allow you to be on YouTube, ask your parent to write a note here. If you have problems with the link, the video is easy to find on YouTube with the search words: Linus Christmas Speech.* Watch the one that is 1:30 long.

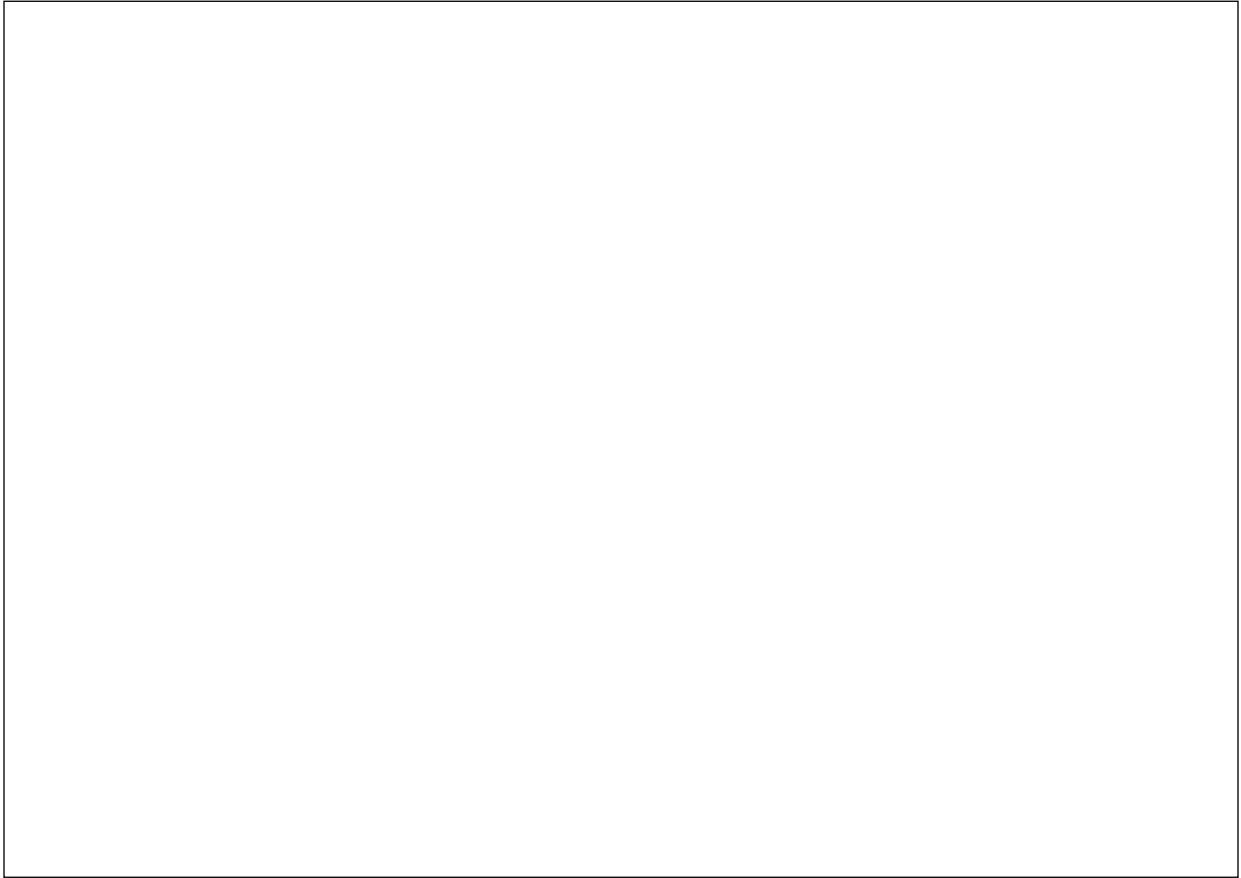
Watch it through once before reading below. Then.....

- Notice that Linus drops his security blanket while sharing what Christmas is all about.
- At what point in the speech does he drop his security blanket? [write the approximate time mark within the video]_____
- What is Linus saying when he drops his blanket?

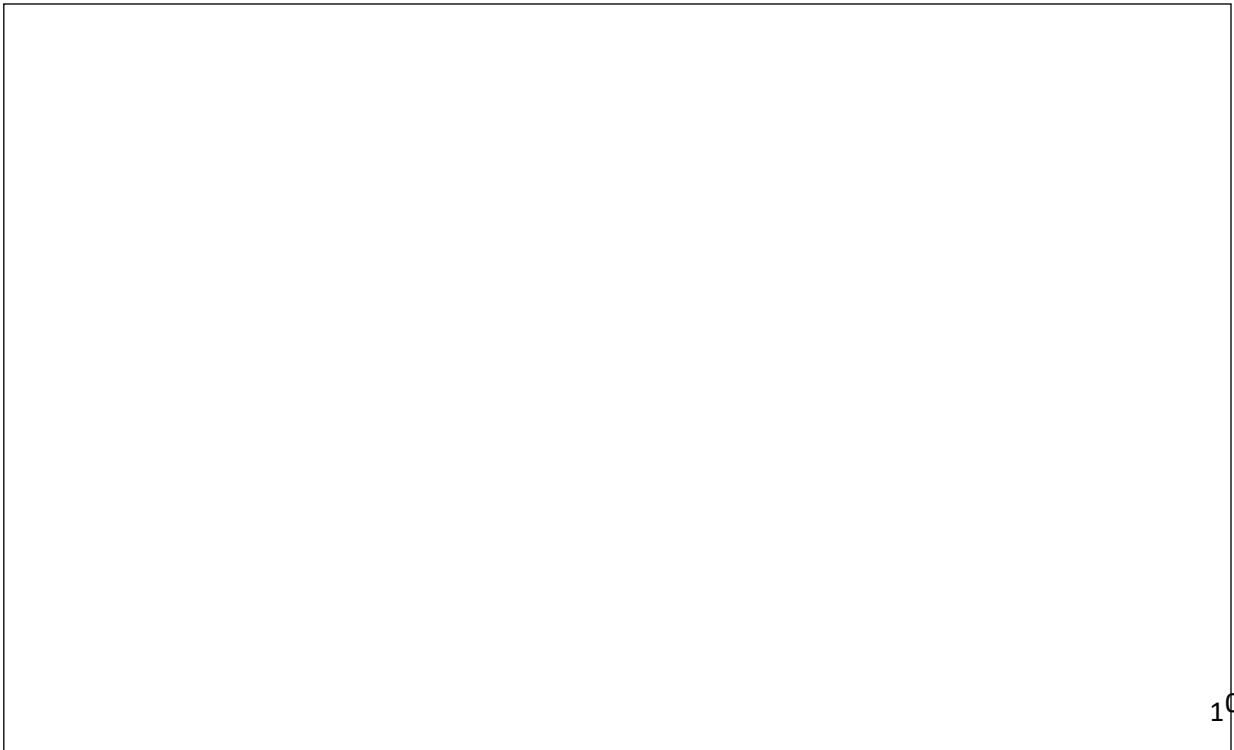
Read Luke 2:10~ "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Do you think Charles Schultz [from Minnesota, by the way] chose to have Linus drop his security blanket deliberately at this point? If so, why? If not, why not?


10/ If you could ask God any two questions, what would they be?



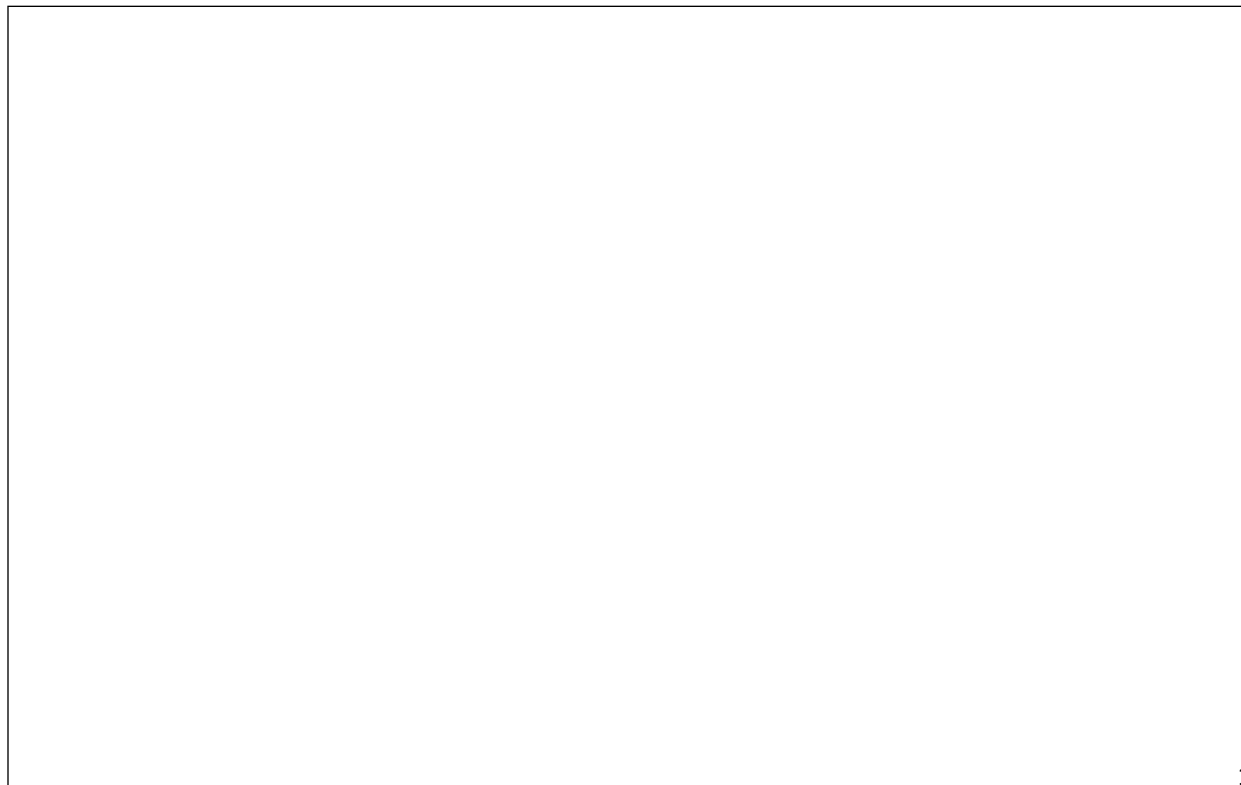
11/ One thing you know for certain about God is...



12/ Ask your parents: why do they want you to be confirmed? Write the answer here.



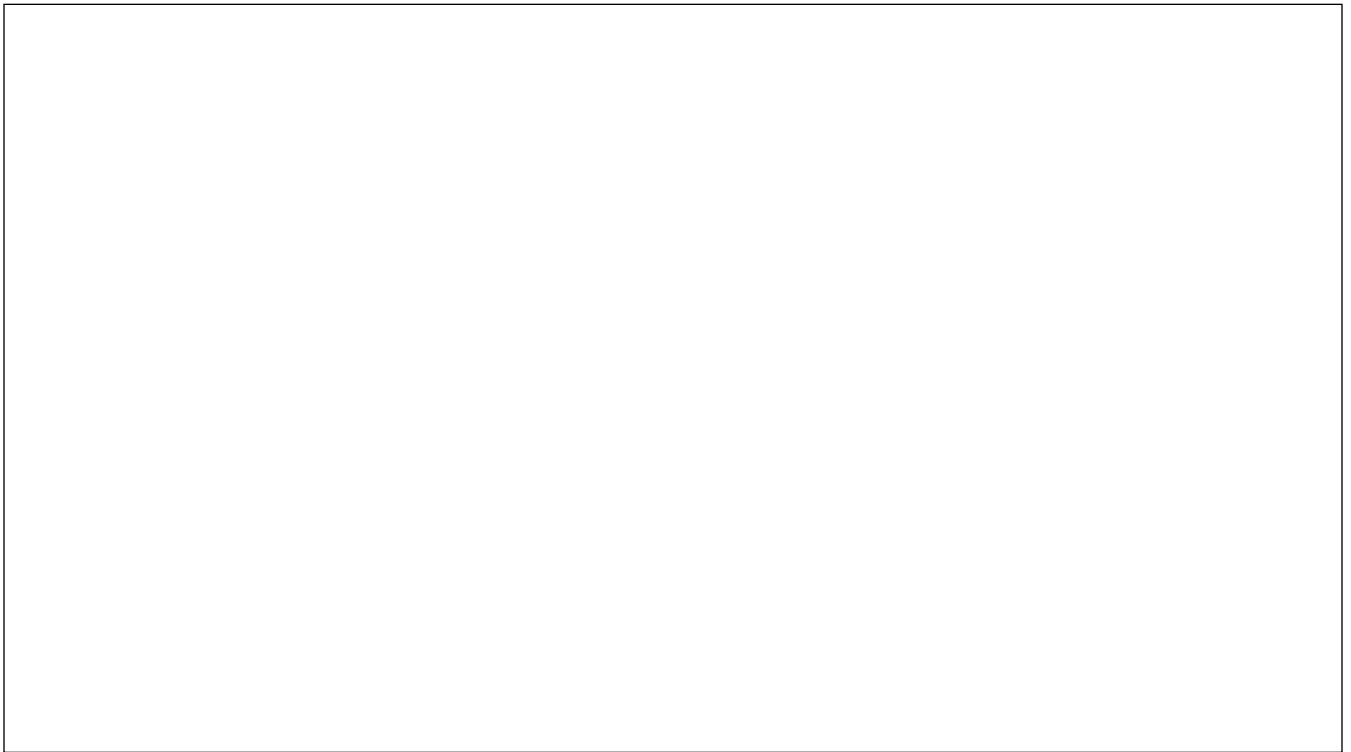
13/ How would you finish this statement? *One thing I really don't understand about faith is...*



14/ **Read** Ephesians chapter One, verses 3 through 14 [**Ephesians 1:3-14**], what are the blessings we have been given, according to these verses?



15/ **Read** Isaiah chapter 43, verses 1 through 7 [**Isaiah 43:1-7**], What does this passage tell you about our God?



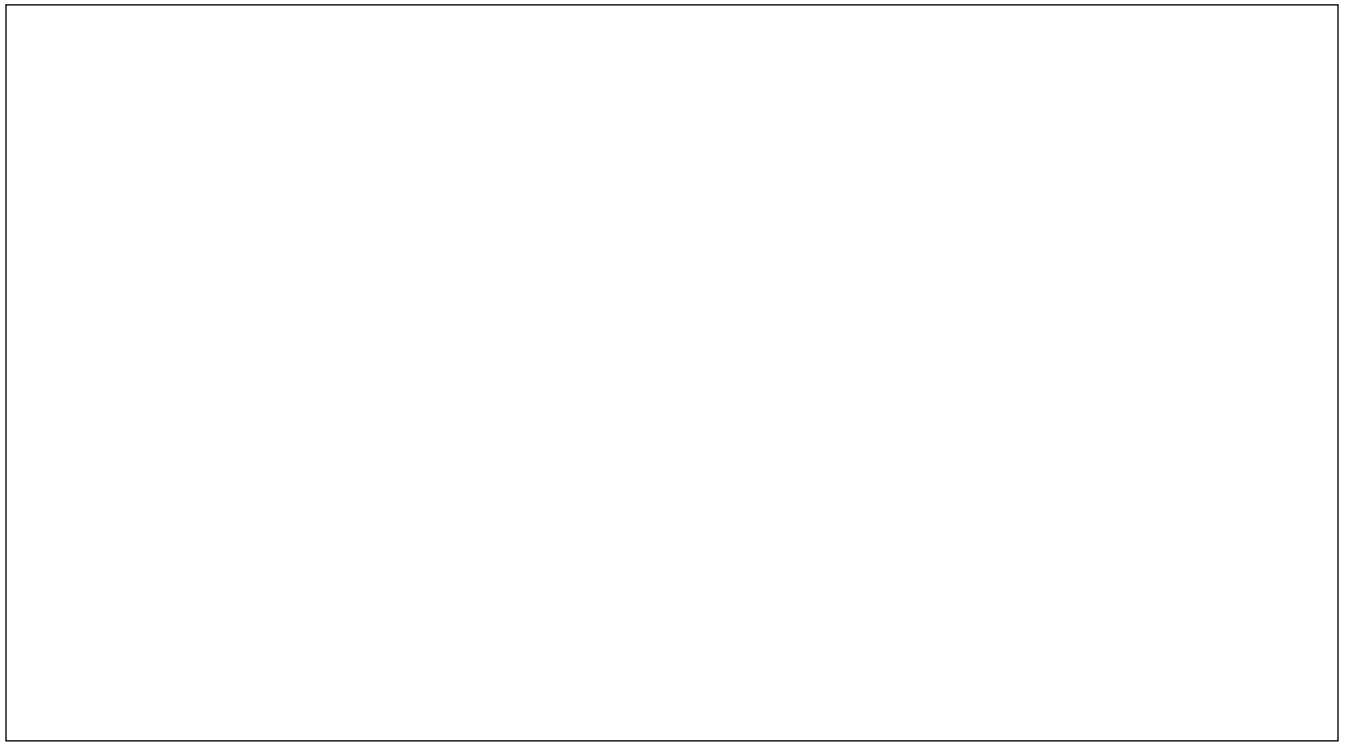
16/ Five words that describe me are...

17/ **Read** First Peter, chapter two, verse 9 [**1 Peter 2:**], what words does God use to describe you?

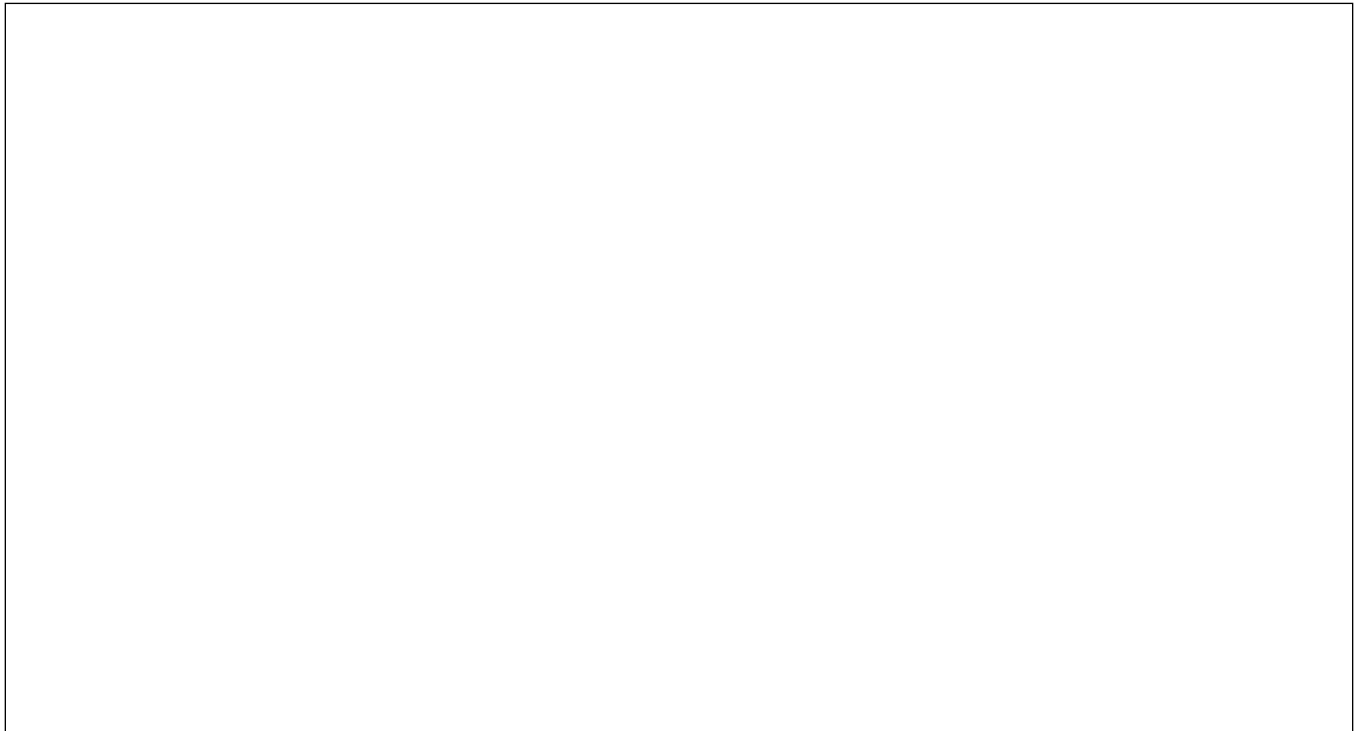
18/ Something I have to offer the world is...

Think in terms of gifts God gives you---

19/ **Read** Galatians chapter five, verses 22 and 23 [**Galatians 5:22-23**], what does the Lord say you have to offer the world?



20/ Who was Martin Luther? When did he live? Where did he live? What is one of the things he wrote? [Google it if you don't know—he wrote many, many things] Why do Lutherans need to know about him?



21/ Why is service {caring for others} an important habit for Christians?

Empty response box for question 21.

22/ Do you think serving others is necessary to be a Christian? Why? Why not?

Empty response box for question 22.



Being a Christian is more like falling in love than
understanding a series of ideas.

— Donald Mille

23/ Click the link below to watch the following YouTube video [about 7 minutes]. If you have any problems with the link, the video is saved on the St. John Lutheran Church Zimmerman YouTube page under “CONFIRMATION Faith Packet Videos” and is easily searched for on YouTube with the words: *Studying the Bible using 5 easy Questions. It is made by **Impact Video Ministries.*** [Studying the Bible using 5 easy Questions](#)

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What are the 5 Questions to ask when reading the Bible?

24/ Choose a Bible verse for yourself that you could use as encouragement for living the Christian life. Write it out below. Be sure to write which book of the Bible it is from and chapter/verse [i.e.: Romans 8:1-10]. The verse you choose **will be your Confirmation verse and will be shared with the congregation.**

*There are many Bible Apps that may be helpful to you for this question. Including: *Bible Gateway, Blue Letter Bible, Olive Tree, Daily Bible, You Version.* Web-sites: Biblegateway and BiblestudyTools may be helpful. Be sure to check with parents about which apps are ok to download, and which web-sites to use.

BOOK of the BIBLE it is from:

CHAPTER of the BIBLE it is from:

VERSES of the BIBLE:

Type/write your verse here:

25/ My Faith Statement

In the Lutheran church, we use 3 creeds [Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian] to publicly state our faith. However, being able to profess [say] our faith in our own words is important too.

In your own way, tell what you believe about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. You may use the above creeds to help you get started {just google them}.

Some questions to help you get started [these are just thought starters, you do not need to answer each one]

Who is God?

What does God do?

What is God like?

How would you answer someone who asks you: "who is Jesus"?

What does it mean to you that Jesus died on the cross? That He rose again?

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

How would you explain who the Holy Spirit is?

Describe a time when you think the Holy Spirit was active in your life.

What does it mean to you when you say "I am a Christian"?

It is important to remember that we believe in the Triune God, so your Faith Statement should include something about God the Father, Son {Jesus}, and the Holy Spirit.

Some ideas: Use any format you wish for this! Be creative!

- Write a poem
- Draw something {be sure to write an explanation about your drawing and how/why it expresses your faith}
- Photographs {be sure to write an explanation about your pictures and how/why they express your faith}
- Make a video

- Write a story with 1 of the characters being a person of deep faith, and the other a person who doubts God even exists
- Describe a favorite movie and how it relates to your faith
- Describe a favorite book and how it relates to your faith
- Write a skit about your faith
- Write a faith statement {a personal creed: I believe...}
- Write a song about God
- Any other ideas you may have!

You may have to add pages to this document to write out your draft of your faith statement.

These faith statements will be displayed on Confirmation Sunday.

If you feel stuck or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me either by email or call my cell at 701-306-9687.

By **October 20th** please email your faith statement along with the rest of this packet to revkbahe@green-church.org [or attach and put in Pastor's mailbox at church, if you print this packet out or your project can't be emailed.

