



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
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The Glad Spirit

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

June – July 2016



My Statement of Faith Confirmation Witness Speeches

By Taylor VanDommelen

As I get ready for my confirmation, Pastor gave me an assignment to see what my faith means to me. Being only 13 years old it was hard for me to put my faith into words. So I started asking people what their faith meant to them.

First I started by asking my mom. She said, “it means that I am never alone. No matter what challenges I have to go through, I know that God is always with me.” A lot of people I talked to said, “Faith is trusting in something you cannot see or feel, but you know it’s there.” A family friend said, “my faith is walking with my eyes

closed knowing God will lead me in the right direction.”

After I talked to many people about faith, I then went to the Bible. I came across Mark 11:24, “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

So after listening to what everybody said and what I read in the Bible, I realized that my faith actually started when I was born and baptized. Even from the time I was little my parents brought me to church and Sunday School. I was raised to believe in God. Faith means complete trust or confidence in someone or something. Having faith I know that Jesus died on the cross to save me.

As I have grown up, I have gone through some tough times, but one thing that has never changed is my faith. I know that God has been by my side, even though things didn’t go the way I wanted them to. I knew God was always with me. Like my mom said, I was never alone during these times. So I guess in the end my faith is being able to take a step without seeing the whole staircase, that no matter what I know that God will be there to guide me.



By Jenna Wiltjer

Today, I'm going to talk to you about my faith in God. One of the many bible verses that I think sums up my faith is Deuteronomy 4:39-40. The first part of the bible verse deals with how there is only one God. Verse 39 says, "Know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other." This is part of my faith because I believe that there is only one God. No matter what happens, my God will always have a plan for me. Even though it might not be what I want, I know it is what is best for me.

For verse 40, I will split it into two parts. The first part of verse 40 shows me what I should do to have a strong faith in God. The first part of verse 40 says, "Therefore you shall keep his statues and his commandments, which I command you today." This is showing that I need to keep a strong faith in God by keeping his commandments. I believe that I have to try my best to remember his commandments and try to follow them. Even if I might break one, I believe that God will forgive me. However, even though I know He will forgive me when I sin, I must not knowingly commit a sin because I will be forgiven later.

The second part of verse 40 shows me how my faith should go well with children that come after me. The second part of verse 40 says, "That it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time." This is part of my belief because I try to keep my commandments and I will try to make children that come after me believe in God's commandments. I know that if a child does not know about God, I have to try to teach them how great God is.

In conclusion, I think that the bible verse Deuteronomy 4:39-40 sums up my faith. It shows how I only have one God and to keep my faith strong, I have to keep his commandments and teach it to generations after me.



By Austin Brandy

You ask what my faith means to me? My faith means love. You have to have faith in love and the ones you love because they are the light

in the darkest of days. They are the umbrella to your rainstorm. Family and God make you feel the sun was made just for you and no one else.

My faith means love and trust. I can trust God and the people I love with my life and everything in it. The love of humanity is not in one man not a group of men but in all men. Because of God people have it in them to show love to the world.

My faith means that God is with those who need comfort. From the mother in labor to the soldier in the field who is there to comfort and love them when they are in need.

My faith means God loves.



Sunday School Corner

Can't believe another Sunday School year has come to a close. There will be no Sunday School during June or July. We will start back after Labor Day. Have a great summer and come join us for Veggie Tale Wednesdays beginning June 8th.



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NEW! Take a card and bring the item next Sunday to help restock the food pantry. They are on the pantry door in the southwest corner of the parish hall. A meal only lasts for a

few hours then you are hungry again. That is why the pantry is always running low. Gift cards and cash donations are welcome and are used to purchase perishable items. Those who are in need are always very grateful. This is done on your behalf and in the name of our dear Lord, Jesus Christ!

Jesus said "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

WITNESSING:

First, He sent His Son. Then He sent His Spirit. Now, He is sending His Church.
Being a Witness right where God has placed you. Wherever we are, we are the Church!

Witnessing

Do you know someone who has never been to church, or maybe came to church but left a long time ago? I cannot honestly say if I know someone who has not heard the name of Jesus at one time or another. I do know people who do not know the Love, Joy, Peace, forgiveness of sins that being loved by Jesus gives us. I have a few people whom I love very much who I discuss this with and I am sad to say some of these discussions do not end well, or the dreaded sigh and walk away shaking my head. Neither of these are the desired result I was hoping for. So what is a God loving Jesus girl to do? How can I affectively share the love and forgiveness Jesus so freely gives each of us and how our Faith is strengthened through our church.

Well, the Holy Spirit has been at work and opened my heart and my mind to go deeper and find out what does God want me to do, why is He choosing to have an unqualified sinner like me be involved in Evangelism? Because He is God and His ways are higher than my ways and His thoughts are greater than my thoughts, because He loves me and there is no greater gift. So I want to share this gift of love, and salvation to bring Glory to God. God prepares us even when we don't recognize it through Bible studies, daily prayer meditation, but most important through the gift of the Holy Spirit our counselor our comforter. EVERYONE HIS WITNESS is one of the ways the Holy Spirit is working and opening hearts, minds, ears, and eyes to why it is so very important we (The Church) witness to the people in our lives. Please join us on June 11 @ 8:00 am May 29 Newsletter delivery, we have an extra day off to deliver newsletters and reach out and touch someone!!!!

June 11 8:00 am-3:30 pm, EVERYONE HIS WITNESS, Coffee, rolls, light lunch all included.

June 8, 15, 22, 29 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm, Kids ages 3-8

Veggie Tales, Big Fun, Big Games production

June 3 Friday evening Prayer walks begin at church 7:00 pm

Crismon's in July: Date to be announced

Please continue to support:

Monday Morning Free Drive Thru Coffee
7:00am-8:30 am

Tuesday & Thursday Prayer and Praise 7:00 am

Sharing the Gospel one cup of coffee at a time.



Miss Nikki Gierucki and Mr. Timothy Kitakis were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony on April 23 at St. Paul's altar. We pray The Lord's blessings on this couple as they begin their life together.



Micci Van Dommelen and Brian Orth were joined together as husband and wife in a unique ceremony held at the bottom of the 2nd inning during a Cubs - Pirates game at Wrigley Field, May 13. Pastor Wahl officiated at the ceremony



Three young people at St. Paul were made communicant members of our congregation on May 15 through the right of confirmation. They are Taylor Van Dommelen, Jenna Wiltjer, and Austin Brandy. We congratulate these confirmands and pray the richest of The Lord's blessings on their walk with Christ

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
September - May

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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Church Office Hours
9 to Noon Monday thru Friday.

Bulletin Deadline
Thursday by 10 a.m.

Contact the church office to submit personal testimonials about what God has done for you. Or original art that is inspirational or humorous to the artist.

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Chairman	Bill Sommer
Vice Chairman	David Bloom
Recording Sec.	Tracy Middleton
Financial Sec.	Robert Brandy
Treasurer	Chris Carr
Elder	Ed Hoeksema Steven Michels Henry Sella Jack Swan Brian Wiltjer Jerry Wiltjer
Trustee	Dean Bloom Earl Bloom Jerry Smith

Stewardship

Evangelism Debi Brandy
Social Ministry Norma Allen
Sandy Budde

S. S. Super. Kathy Dejonowski

Asnt. Super. Dana Krieger

Adult Director

Youth Director

June

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| 1 Debbie Bloom | 18 Matthew Plecas |
| Taylor VanDommelen | 19 Richard Reichert |
| 2 Jennifer Saraivanov | 21 Deneen Keith |
| 3 Jeanette Ramirez | Melanie Wiltjer |
| 4 Ethan Smith | 22 Becci Steele |
| 6 John Gibson | 24 Jennifer Wisely |
| 7 Shirley Wahl | 25 Kurt Altmann |
| 8 Shawn Young | Lucas Durkin |
| 9 Travin Parker | 26 Roberta Chiattello |
| 10 Barb Leone | 28 Betty Wimmer |
| 14 Lisa Niemann | Sharon Zander |
| 15 Betty Dixon | 29 Jessica McCrary |
| Melanie Hudson | 30 Diana Carr |



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

July

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| 3 Dick Niemann | 13 Levi Robinson |
| 4 Gail Baumgart | 16 Zachary Sinise |
| Nicholas Durkin | 18 Judith DeCamp |
| Helen Hoeksema | 19 Jeanna Farris |
| 5 Bryan Lively | Tina Morse |
| 7 Andrew Hoover | 21 Chance Sinise |
| 9 Bob Crocilla | 22 Mark Brow |
| 10 Violet Rich | 24 Dave Bloom |
| 12 Bob Brandy | 27 Samantha Gibson |
| Joan Brow | 28 Kyle Burklow |
| Russell Budde | 7 Isabella Ramirez |
| Blake Hoeksema | 29 Jason Wiltjer |
| Rebecca McCrary | 31 Bev Oaks |



St. Paul Ev.
Lutheran Church

Presents "Big Fun, Big Games"

Four days of Veggie Tales, Games, Activities, Crafts and Snacks.

Wednesday Nights 6:00-7:30PM

June 8th - Where's God When I'm Scared.

June 15th - Are You My Neighbor?

June 22nd - God Wants Me to Forgive Them!?!

June 29th - Madame Blueberry, A Thankful Heart is a Happy Heart

Ages 3-8 years

Parent or adult need to attend with children

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Contact Church Office at 708-877-6564



VeggieTales

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WILL BE HOSTING:



June 11, 2016
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Check-in, coffee and rolls
begins at 8:00 am

Witness is the purpose of your everyday life.

This program is designed to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to share the Gospel in their everyday lives with the people whom God has placed into relationships with them. This workshop will cover:

- ✚ Witnessing: What's It All About?
- ✚ You are a Witness: What does this mean
- ✚ Vocation and Witness
- ✚ Going, Planting, Watering and Waiting Expectantly
- ✚ LASSIE: Witnessing approach teaches us to naturally share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This Workshop is of no cost to participants, coffee and Rolls will be available and a modest lunch will be served at noon.

The workshop will begin on June 11 at 8:30 am break for lunch and will end at 3:30pm.

For more information and/or to register visit www.splcms.org or email evangelism@splcms.org you may also register at the church office 708 877-6564. Please register by Monday June 6.



People of light

On Memorial Day, it is important to pause in gratitude to all those upon whose shoulders we stand. We should remember with great appreciation those who died making helpful, positive contributions — whether large or small — throughout human history. As Christians we should be especially grateful to those whose faith, service and love have enabled us to know the Gospel and its vast implications for the entire earth.

Without our Christian teachers, pastors, missionaries and the ordinary servants of Christ, we would not have the Good News which is like a great light shining in the world's darkness. They have made sure Christ's precious Light has not gone out or been diminished.

Memorial Day is a day for us to think about the people of the Light and to express to God our appreciation for them.

JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:00am Pray & Praise	3	4 8:00am Parish Hall In Use
5 9:45am Worship Service	6 7:00am Monday Morning Coffee	7 7:00am Pray & Praise 7:30pm Elders Meeting	8 6:00pm Big Fun, Big Games	9 7:00am Pray & Praise 7:00pm Book Club	10	11 8:00am Witness Workshop 9:00am Trustee Work Day
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