

Statement of Faith: Directions

Prayerfully chose your **Bible Passage**. Your passage should have significant personal meaning for you.

- Promptly* inform MaryAnn McMurry in the Church Office of your Bible Passage selection (mmcmurry@carmellutheran.org; 841-4252 x217).
- Begin developing your thoughts by *prayerfully* and *thoughtfully* answering the following questions:
 - 1. What does knowing Jesus truly mean to you?**
 - a. What does it mean to you personally that He is YOUR Savior?**
 - b. In what specific way(s) does He impact your day-to-day life right now?**
 - c. In what specific way(s) do you see Him impacting your life for years to come?**
 - 2. What does your chosen verse have to say about why Jesus means so much to you?**

Keep in mind that your Statement of Faith should speak primarily about your *spiritual life* in the context of your relationship with Jesus. As you write out your thoughts, remember to keep the focus on the *spiritual* benefits and blessings of having Jesus in your life!

- Using your answers to the above questions as a starting point, prepare a **Rough Draft** (limited to **250 words**) expanding further on your thoughts. You are encouraged to type it out on a computer so that it can be easily modified and sent via email.
- Consider how you will creatively portray your passage in your **banner**.
- At least three weeks prior** to giving your Statement of Faith, **submit your Rough Draft electronically via email** to one of the pastors.

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- Promptly resubmit any revisions that are made.
- Contact MaryAnn McMurry** in the Church Office (mmcmurry@carmellutheran.org; 841-4252 x217;) to **schedule a time to practice** in front of the microphone (Sunday @ 4:30 p.m., or Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.). *Please be prompt in scheduling this!*
- Spend time memorizing and practicing** your witness at home.

- Matthew 5:16 – “In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”
- Matthew 11:28 – “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
- Matthew 24:35 – “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”
- Matthew 28:19 – “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”
- Matthew 28:20 – “...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
- Mark 16:15-16 – [Jesus] said... “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved...”
- Luke 12:32 – “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.”
- Luke 21:19 – “By standing firm you will gain life.”
- John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
- John 3:30 – “He must become greater; I must become less.”
- John 5:24 – “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”
- John 6:35 – Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”
- John 8:12 – [Jesus] said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
- John 8:31-32 – ...Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- John 10:27-28 – “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.”

- John 11:25 – Jesus said... “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.”
- John 14:6 – Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- John 14:27 – “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”
- John 15:5 – “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”
- John 16:33 – “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
- Acts 1:8 – “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 16:31 – “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”
- Acts 20:24 – However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.
- Romans 1:16 – I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...
- Romans 3:22–23 – This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...
- Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Romans 5:10 – For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!
- Romans 6:4 – We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
- Romans 8:28 – And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
- Romans 8:38–39 – For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Romans 12:12 – Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
- Romans 14:8 – If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.
- Romans 15:7 – Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.
- Romans 15:13 – May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 1 Corinthians 1:8 – He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 1:18 – For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- 1 Corinthians 2:2 – For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 – No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.
- 1 Corinthians 10:31 – So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.
- 1 Corinthians 13:13 – And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

- 1 Corinthians 15:56–57 – The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 4:6 – For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 – But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.
- Galatians 2:20 – I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- Galatians 5:22–23 – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- Galatians 6:14 – May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
- Ephesians 1:3–4 – Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.
- Ephesians 2:8–9 – For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.
- Ephesians 2:10 – For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
- Ephesians 4:32 – Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- Ephesians 6:10–11 – Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.
- Philippians 1:21 – For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
- Philippians 3:14 – I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.
- Philippians 4:4 – Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
- Philippians 4:13 – I can do everything through him who gives me strength.
- Philippians 4:19 – And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
- Colossians 1:22 – But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.
- Colossians 2:6–7 – So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.
- Colossians 3:17 – And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
- Colossians 3:23 – Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,
- 1 Thessalonians 4:14 – We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.
- 2 Thessalonians 3:16 – Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.
- 1 Timothy 6:12 – Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

- Titus 3:5 – He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
- Hebrews 4:14 – Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
- Hebrews 4:16 – Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
- Hebrews 10:22 – Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.
- Hebrews 10:23 – Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.
- Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
- Hebrews 12:2 – Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- 1 Peter 5:7 – Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
- 2 Peter 3:18 – But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.
- 1 John 1:9 – If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- 1 John 4:10 – This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- 1 John 4:19 – We love because he first loved us.
- 1 John 5:12 – He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.
- Revelation 2:10 – “...Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.”
- Exodus 15:2 – The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.
- Deuteronomy 31:6 – “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”
- Joshua 1:9 – “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”
- 2 Samuel 22:47 – “The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God, the Rock, my Savior!”
- Psalm 7:17 – I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.
- Psalm 9:10 – Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.
- Psalm 13:5 – But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.
- Psalm 16:11 – You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.
- Psalm 19:8 – The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
- Psalm 20:7 – Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
- Psalm 23:1 – The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
- Psalm 25:4–5 – Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.
- Psalm 27:1 – The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
- Psalm 27:14 – Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

- Psalm 28:7 – The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.
- Psalm 31:14 – But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”
- Psalm 33:4 – For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.
- Psalm 33:18 – But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
- Psalm 33:20 – We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
- Psalm 33:22 – May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.
- Psalm 40:1 – I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.
- Psalm 40:2 – He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.
- Psalm 46:1 – God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- Psalm 46:10 – “Be still, and know that I am God...”
- Psalm 48:14 – For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.
- Psalm 50:15 – “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”
- Psalm 51:10 – Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- Psalm 52:9 – I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints.
- Psalm 55:22 – Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.
- Psalm 56:4 – In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?
- Psalm 56:11 – in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?
- Psalm 62:5 – Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.
- Psalm 71:5 – For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.
- Psalm 71:14 – But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.
- Psalm 91:2 – I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
- Psalm 95:1 – Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- Psalm 100:5 – For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.
- Psalm 103:11 – For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.
- Psalm 116:1 – I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
- Psalm 116:8–9 – For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
- Psalm 118:1 – Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
- Psalm 118:24 – This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- Psalm 119:105 – Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
- Psalm 121:1–2 – I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- Psalm 125:1 – Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.
- Psalm 126:5 – Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.
- Psalm 130:5 – I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

- Psalm 139:14 – I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
- Psalm 145:3 – Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
- Psalm 146:2 – I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- Psalm 147:11 – the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.
- Proverbs 3:5–6 – Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
- Proverbs 18:10 – The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.
- Proverbs 29:25 – Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.
- Proverbs 30:5 – “Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.”
- Isaiah 12:2 – Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.”
- Isaiah 12:3 – With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- Isaiah 26:3 – You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.
- Isaiah 26:4 – Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.
- Isaiah 32:17 – The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.
- Isaiah 40:31 – But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
- Isaiah 60:1–2 – “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.”
- Isaiah 60:19 – The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.
- Isaiah 61:10 – I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness...
- Jeremiah 9:24 – “Let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the LORD.
- Jeremiah 15:16 – When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty.
- Jeremiah 17:7 – “But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.”
- Jeremiah 29:11 – For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
- Micah 7:7 – But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.
- Nahum 1:7 – The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.
- Zephaniah 3:17 – “The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.”