

ELCA STUDY TASK FORCE SURVEY

Dear Fellow Church Members,

The Faith Lutheran ELCA Study Task Force was formed to complete the following tasks:

- Gather substantiated information related to the ELCA and Faith Lutheran;
- Report findings of our research to the Church Council;
- Make recommendations to the Church Council; and
- Provide information to the members of Faith when asked to do so by the Council.

To complete these tasks, our Task Force is expected to:

- Investigate the ELCA Lutheran Body and the resources the ELCA provides;
- Investigate Faith Lutheran to learn what our church members want and expect from a Lutheran Body such as the ELCA; and
- Investigate the History of Faith Lutheran, our church's roots, and to learn what is important to our church members.

This survey asks a series of questions generated to help the Faith Lutheran ELCA Study Task Force gather information from church members to help the Task Force further investigate the ELCA, what it does for our church, and what is important to our church members.

When completing the survey, a couple of items to note:

- The **“Lutheran core documents”** include the Scriptures (the Old and New Testaments) and the Lutheran confessional writings (“The Lutheran Confessions”) in The Book of Concord which include the three “universal” [Christian] creeds - the Apostles’, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds.
- **“Larger Lutheran body”** refers to a Lutheran Church with whom our congregation could affiliate with. Our congregation currently is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). There are more than 35 different Lutheran bodies that exist in North America (ELCA, LCMS, WELS, ALC, NALC, ELS, AALC, to name a few).

Your time dedicated to completing this survey is greatly appreciated. Please mail or return your completed survey in person to the church by May 15, 2019.

Sincerely,

Faith Lutheran ELCA Study Task Force