

LEVEL OF AGREEMENT

Please circle the response that best describes your level of agreement to the following statements. Please help us understand your agreement better by commenting in the lines under the responses.

- 1. **I confess the Triune God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit, proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and trust the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.**

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

Comments on Your Response: _____

- 2. **I want a congregation that creates and provides opportunities for fellowship among its members, guests, and visitors.**

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

Comments on Your Response: _____

- 3. **I use all or part of the Lutheran core documents as my guide to help me when thinking about difficult social issues.**

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

Comments on Your Response: _____

- 4. **I believe the Lutheran core documents should be the basis for the teachings of Faith Lutheran including youth and adult educational programs.**

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

Comments on Your Response: _____

5. I want Faith Lutheran to be affiliated with a larger Lutheran body that provides me with frameworks/resources in addition to the Lutheran core documents to assist me

- when thinking about and discussing social issues in the context of faith and life

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

- in my moral formation pertaining to my role in performing God’s work related to social issues in the context of faith and life.

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

Comments on Your Response: _____

6. I think an important function of the church is to be an agent of social change.

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

Comments on Your Response: _____

7. I want Faith Lutheran to be affiliated with a larger Lutheran body that has a political influence within the state and federal legislatures, advocating for changes in federal and state laws by promoting the following Biblical values: peacemaking, hospitality to strangers, care for creation, and concern for people in poverty struggling with hunger and disease.

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

Comments on Your Response: _____

8. I think that the core teachings on which our church is founded should also be the foundation of our church’s work in society.

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

Comments on Your Response: _____

9. I want to be a member of a church family that:

- does not discriminate against human beings and is truly welcoming of all people regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation and/or other differences

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

- supports anyone willing and wanting to seek a relationship with God, the Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and the Holy Spirit

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

- is non-judgmental regardless of the real or perceived sins I may have committed, recognizing that judgment is reserved for God alone

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

Comments on Your Response: _____

10. I believe that the Virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God, and that Jesus was man, he died on a cross and went to hell, he returned from hell to earth, he later ascended into heaven, he will come back to earth again someday, and that all of this happened so that I might have forgiveness of my sins.

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

Comments on Your Response: _____

11. The Lutheran core documents as well as the ELCA constitution and our Congregation’s constitution present the Triune God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- It is acceptable to recognize God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit using non-gender-based pronouns or metaphors (Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier, etc.).

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

- It is acceptable to recognize God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit using feminine pronouns or metaphors (she, her, Mother, Daughter, etc.)

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

- It is acceptable to recognize God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit using male pronouns or metaphors (He, Him, Father, Son, etc.)

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

Comments on Your Response: _____

OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS

Please help us better understand what you need from the ELCA and our Church by commenting on the following questions.

12. How important to you is the larger Lutheran body with whom Faith Lutheran is affiliated?

Very Important

Important

Neutral

Not Very Important

Not at all Important

Comments on Your Response: _____

13. What do you like best about the larger Lutheran body (ELCA) with whom we affiliate?

14. Is there anything that you are concerned about with the ELCA?

15. What purpose or function do you think the ELCA serves for Faith Lutheran?

16. What kind of activities/opportunities would you like to see offered by Faith Lutheran?

17. What do you admire, like or hold dear about the ELCA?

18. What do you admire, like, or hold dear about Faith Lutheran?

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY!