



Statement of Faith

My Journey

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My name is Michael David Thom. I am 16 years old. I attend Owatonna Senior High and I am a Sophomore. My name has great meaning to my parents. My first name is in remembrance of my dad's father, my Grandpa Mike Thom. He passed away in 1985 at the young age of 35. My middle name is in remembrance of my Great Uncle David Wencil, his is my Grandpa Wencil's brother who was killed at the age of 18 in the Vietnam War. So my journey with faith happened before I entered the real world.

My parents are Shane and Shelley Thom. I have one sister. Her name is Shanna Thom. She is 19 years old. I have been active in Wrestling, Baseball, Football and Hockey. My favorite sport is Hockey. My interests are Hunting, Fishing and Snowmobiling. I like to hang out with my friends and my family. My dad and I spend a lot of time in the winter Ice Fishing. I have a truck that I have made into my own to get me to my outdoor activities that I like to do.

What makes me; I was pretty large when I was born. I weighed 9lbs 4 oz. I was 21 3/4 long. I have bright blue eyes with natural curly brown hair. I feel what is my strength is my personality. I am the one who is there to help others if it is needed. I am funny and outgoing.

Dear Lord, I am thankful for you as you helped guide me through this process leading up to confirmation. I didn't do it alone. There were times when I didn't want to go to church, but then I remembered you are always next to my side helping me with anything. For that I say THANK YOU. I believe in all parts of the trinity: the father, son Jesus and also the Holy Spirit. You are the Father our creator, the one who

put us on this planet and made us who we are. You created all things, plants and animals. *Son-Jesus* the one who redeems us for all the bad and regretful stuff we have done. *Holy Spirit* the sustainer the spirit or ghost that keeps people on the earth. It's God's way living with them or in them.

God's plan for us here on this earth is to help me and everybody else as long as we believe in God and love God. My life has changed a lot since I now know that God has a very active role in my life. I now believe more and more in God because I have seen God do miracles that I thought would never happen. One miracle close to my family was when my great grandma had a stroke. In the next couple of hours, the swelling in her brain went down she opened her eyes and smiled. This was not supposed to happen but with the miracle of prayer and it not being her time to leave this earth she is still here with us. These miracles happened because God is very powerful to the people that love Him and have faith in Him. God is not only the creator, God is here to help guide us through life and when our time comes and we exit the land to the skies of heaven.

My plan to stay connected to Associated Church is that I will attend church and stay involved as much as possible. I will focus on my personal relationship with God by coming to church and praying more often on my own and with family. I will share my faith with others by talking to them and sharing my journey if they want to know about what my beliefs are in faith and my relationship with Christ. I plan to attend Wednesday night youth Group to stay connected with my Church friends and Classmates. I plan to attend church and continue my journey as I Graduate and attend College. I look forward to the future and my relationship with Associated Church.

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