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Faith Statement

In 6th grade I went to “LOMC”, a Lutheran church camp, and this was a great experience for me to better know my faith and understand God. During the camp me and my group were walking back to our cabin at night. The instructors told us to turn off our flashlights and walk the path back. The path was barely visible, but they told us that God will guide us through safely. When they told us this I thought they were crazy because there were roots and rocks that we could trip on and hurt ourselves. I didn’t know it then but now that I look back at it, that hike was kind of like my journey with God. See, I had to choose to walk with God blindly through the dark and trust that he will guide me the right way. I had to choose to trust God to guide me along the obstacles in my path. I like to think that those obstacles represent the difficulties I have faced during my life. One of the most difficult being the time I had my tonsils and adenoids taken out. I had also suffered a perforated eardrum and had hearing loss. This was a very difficult time for me and I didn’t know it then, but I was trusting God to make me healthy again. Through my blind faith I was able to recover and now do not suffer from constant ear problems. God will always be there for me even in the dark to guide me through my hard times. He will always have a plan for me and every time I will come out stronger. I will always have a special bond with God and he will always be there for me and I love and adore him for that.