

2026 October Bulletin Sentences

October 4, 2026

Including a statement of your Christian faith is important in your estate plans. Creating that statement of faith is something we do in community. We might call your statement of faith a Christian Preamble (if you include it at the beginning of your will) or a Family Blessing if you just tuck it away with your will/trust documents. But where do I start in summarizing what I believe? Think about the creeds, both Apostles and Nicene, which we recite together regularly in worship. In the community of faith, we have a great common statement of our faith. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to get started on writing your personal statement. Contact...

October 11, 2026

Including a statement of your Christian faith is important in your estate plans. Creating that statement of faith is something we do in community. When beginning to write a Christian Preamble or Family Blessing, it is wise to have conversation with others, such as your pastor, a mentor in the faith, or specific friends, so that in community you can focus your thoughts in a concise way. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in having those discussions. Contact...

October 18, 2026

Including a statement of your Christian faith is important in your estate plans. Creating that statement of faith is something we do in community. If you write a personal Christian Preamble/Family Blessing, it is important to remember that you aren't writing it for yourself, but for your target audience such as family, friends, or maybe even fellow Church members. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can ask you some questions, focusing on your audience. Contact...

October 25, 2026

Including a statement of your Christian faith is important in your estate plans. Creating that statement of faith is something we do in community. The goal of writing a Christian statement in your estate plans is not to be novel, but to offer a gift, confidence in Jesus, in His forgiveness and resurrection power, offering that gift to those close to you. It is more valuable, by far, than all the financial things you can direct through your estate. Who are the people you want to receive this blessing from you? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started. Contact...

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Bill asked his friend, Mike, “Do you have an estate plan in place?” Mike answered, “I really am not very motivated to get after that task. Our children are far better off financially than we are, and they really don’t need the small inheritance we will give them. So why bother?” Bill responded, “What a blessing that your children are so financially secure. But have you ever thought that you have something far more valuable to share with them? All their life, you have pointed them to Jesus. What would you think about summarizing that focus in one final statement that you include in your estate documents?” Mike replied, “I haven’t thought about it before. I should have. But that does sound like something I should be doing. I don’t want to put that off.”

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor has some examples of Christian Preambles/Family Blessings. Even a simple worksheet, to get you started on the task of creating your concise statement of faith, as you exhort future generations coming after you to continue walking in the faith, just as you have.

For help getting started, contact...