### **GOALS**

# LIFE CONCEPT: GOD GATHERS PEOPLE INTO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## FAITH STATEMENT 1: THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS THE COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS CREATED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

To help students hear, explore and reflect on this faith statement, teachers will provide opportunities for students to:

1a explore the Christian understanding that people who believe in Jesus are in God's family,	1a investigate the Christian church as a community of believers	1a investigate the Bible's descriptions of the Christian church	1a investigate the life of the church described in the New Testament
the church			
<b>1b</b> identify churches in the local community	<b>1b</b> identify the structures and roles within a local church community	1b explore similarities and differences in local Christian denominations	1b analyse the similarities and differences in Christian denominations and sects
1c become familiar with the activities of a local church	1c examine the benefits of belonging to a local Christian church	1c explore how the word and sacraments are central to the life of Christian congregations	1c explore how the Holy Spirit works through local Christian communities

### FAITH STATEMENT 2: GOD HAS GATHERED HIS PEOPLE TOGETHER THROUGHOUT HISTORY

To help students hear, explore and reflect on this faith statement, teachers will provide opportunities for students to:

2a explore Bible stories of people in the early Christian church	2a become familiar with the life and work of Martin Luther	2a investigate important events and people in the development and history of Christian denominations	2a investigate the major historical movements within the Christian church
	2b explore the impact Luther's work had on the Christian church	2b investigate the history of the Lutheran church in Australia	2b investigate the contribution of significant leaders in the Christian church
		2c explore what has been constant	

and what has changed in the Christian church

#### FAITH STATEMENT 3: LUTHERANS IN AUSTRALIA WORK TOGETHER IN MINISTRY AND MISSION\*

To help students hear, explore and reflect on this faith statement, teachers will provide opportunities for students to:

- **3a** investigate the ministry and mission of the Lutheran Church of Australia
- **3b** investigate the ministry and mission of a Lutheran school
- **3a** identify ways Lutherans in Australia carry out their mission and ministry
- **3b** investigate the work of an organisation of the Lutheran church in Australia
- **3a** investigate ways the Lutheran Church of Australia carries out its mission and ministry in the world
- **3b** investigate the work of an organisation of the Lutheran Church of Australia in the world
- **3a** investigate the Lutheran church's contribution to Australian society
- **3b** investigate ways Lutheran congregations minister to their local community

Items in the LIFE Menus which follow are grouped according to Faith Statements and coded to Band-specific Goals, eg (2a) indicates an item related to **Band-specific Goal a**, under **Faith Statement 2**.

<sup>\*</sup> Here we use the Lutheran Church of Australia as an example of a denominational church body.