

## WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

**Your child must complete the following before May 11, 2022:**

### **12 Service Hours total through church, school, family, or community.**

Ideas for service hours include babysitting, volunteering in the community, doing a volunteer project at school, singing in the choir or ringing bells at church, or any other service oriented project. Service hours during COVID might look a little different. Creativity is encouraged! You could sew masks, call a lonely neighbor or relative, call shut-ins from church or whatever you can think of to show love to others. Once you've completed any form of service, please complete the Service Hours form online: <http://abidingsavior.org/OutreachPro/confirmation-service-hours/>.

### **16 Sermon Notes**

This means going to worship or watching the service online and answering the simple questions on the sermon note form which can be found either in the Narthex at church or online: <http://abidingsavior.org/OutreachPro/sermon-notes/>. The form also asks what you as parents got as the main point of the sermon, so you also have to pay attention (not that you wouldn't!).

### **Retreat in February – Sunday, February 20th to Monday, February 21th (President's Day Weekend)**

Please mark your calendars NOW for this event as there is really no way to "make up" the retreat or the materials covered in the retreat. The retreat is a great time for all of us and a wonderful opportunity to build relationships between the kids and with the other caring adults on the trip. The retreat is held at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, Wisconsin.

### **Meet with a Mentor During Lent**

Each student is asked to choose a Mentor and to attend Wednesday Lenten services in person or online with their Mentor. There will be guided discussion sheets that they must complete and turn in each week. This has proven to be a wonderful experience for the students and their Mentors.

### **Regular Attendance**

It is important for parents to make Confirmation a priority amid all of the other activities your child attends. If church activities are not a priority for parents, they will not be a priority for kids. Please make sure your child makes it to Confirmation as often as possible. When they are not able to attend, discussion sheets that can be done in the home are available to make up for the absence.

### **Memory Work**

Students will be expected to memorize and recite the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, and the Ten Commandments at the end of each of those units.

### **Other Confirmation Information:**

#### **Curriculum:**

The Curriculum for Confirmation was written by Pastor Ryan and Pastor Lisa and is a three year rotating curriculum so that students in their three years will have covered all of the units. Topics covered include Old and New Testaments, Luther and Lutheran Theology, Worship, Stewardship, The Lord's Prayer, The Apostles Creed, The Ten Commandments, Sacraments, Stewardship, and the Church.

## Structure of a typical evening at Confirmation

- 6:30 Worship in Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 Opening in the Youth Room with Brad and Pastor Lisa or Pastor Ryan
- 7:15 Small Groups
- 8:00 Time to go home (please pick up your children on time)

## How can parents help?

- **Attend Wednesday evening worship with your child(ren) from 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm**
- **Attend Parent's Night on Wednesday February 23, 6:30-8:00, in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Participate in the Feed My Starving Children Service Night on January 19**
  - Parents and siblings are ***encouraged*** to join us that night for this service project.
- **Volunteer**
  - Be a Small Group Leader
  - Drivers for servant events or fellowship events
  - Subbing for your child's class if needed
  - Encourage kids to attend "other" events of the youth group
  - Encourage your child to attend summer camp
  - Bring your child!
  - Pick up your child on time after Confirmation