



What Parents Need to Know:

Your child must complete the following before May 12, 2027:

12 Service Hours Total through church, school, family, or community.

These service hours can be done at church or on their own. When your child has completed their service project, please fill out the Service Hour Form and turn it into the office. **We do not know that your child has done their service hours if you do not turn in the form.** Servant Events completed as a part of Confirmation (Feed My Starving Children, Fall Service Night, Lenten Soup Suppers) do count toward the twelve hours.

It is preferable that students have a variety of different service experiences here at Abiding Savior. For this reason, we ask that students complete at least two hours in each of the following categories: **Worship** (*greeter, reader, special music, help in the sound booth, etc.*), **Youth Fundraiser** (*Cinnamon Rolls, Christmas Cookie Trays, Maker's Market, etc.*), **Community Events** (*Trunk or Treat, Fall Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, Smorgasbord, etc.*), **Help around church** (*fall/spring cleanup, spring cleanup, decorating/undecorating for holidays, help with brunch or Wednesday night supper, etc.*). Throughout the year students will be given the opportunity to sign up to volunteer for these church activities through email or a sign up sheet passed around at Confirmation class.

Students are limited to claiming 2 hours per activity (not per category). Students should not submit service hours for projects they have already received separate credit for (e.g. Scouts or school projects).

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 here: <https://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!). Sermon Notes should be turned into the church office.

Retreat in February – Sunday, February 14th to Monday, February 15th (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. The cost of this retreat is covered by the registration fee.

Meet with a Mentor during Lent

From Ash Wednesday (2/10/2027) – Maundy Thursday (3/25/2027), 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 foundation for the Confirmation curriculum is a three-year rotating curriculum that allows students to cover all the requirements in their three years of Confirmation. This year, we will include many new and exciting resources from Sparkhouse Digital to provide an engaging experience that encourages students to both learn and ask questions about different aspects of their faith. 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 Opening Worship
- 6:45 Large Group Lesson
- 7:15 Small Group Check-Ins, Activities, and Discussion
- 7:40 Regroup & Activity
- 8:00 Time to go home (please pick up your children on time)

How can parents help?

Attend Parent's Night on Wednesday February 3rd, 6:30-8:00

Participate in the Feed My Starving Children Service Night on January 20th

Parents and siblings are **encouraged** to join us that night for this service project.

Get Involved:

- Be a Small Group Leader
- 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 to church, Confirmation, and other events (and pick them up on time)