

What Parents Need to Know:

Your child must complete the following before May 12, 2021:

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. This year we will be using the honor system for these service hours trusting parents to hold their kids accountable for their service hours.

16 Sermon Notes

This means going to worship or watching the service online and answering the simple questions on the sermon notes form. 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 –

Unfortunately, we are currently not planning to have a retreat this year. If things improve with Covid-19 we will reassess this plan or adjust to a one-day retreat if needed.

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 Apostles' 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 of Abiding Savior 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 Fall 2020

- 6:30 Opening Worship on Brad's Pad in the backyard of Abiding Savior
- 6:45 Teaching by one of the pastors or Deacon Brad
- 7:00 Small Groups
- 8:00 Time to go home (please pick up your children on time)

Adjusted Schedule for 2020-2021

Please know that during this time of Covid-19 we will be continually assessing our program and whether we will be in person or online. We will be beginning our year meeting *outside* for Confirmation in Abiding Savior's big backyard area 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Kids and leaders will be wearing masks and we ask everyone to bring their own chair. We plan to remain outside for Confirmation through October 14 which will also complete our first unit on the Apostles' Creed. After October 14 we will reassess our situation hopefully moving Confirmation indoors socially distanced in Abiding Savior's large Sanctuary area. If that is not possible, we will begin an online program using both videos and Zoom calls for our next units on Stewardship and The Church running October 21 through November 11.

After November 11 we plan to take a break until January 13. In January, we will again reassess our Confirmation program in light of the global pandemic and plan either in person sessions socially distanced or virtual sessions. January 13 to February 3 we will begin our study of the Old Testament. During the season of Lent we will take a break from weekly Confirmation meetings and instead have the kids attend Lenten services at Atonement or Cross of Glory on Wednesday evenings with their mentors. We do not yet know if these services will be in person or virtual. Lent starts February 17 with Ash Wednesday and runs through Easter Sunday. We will finish off our Old Testament unit and our Confirmation year meeting weekly on Wednesdays from April 7 to May 5. We will again assess our program and decide if these final sessions will be outside, inside socially distanced, or all online.