

9th Grade Confirmation Mentor Program

Our Savior's Mission Statement - "We're a community, centered in Christ, committed to equipping God's People for Life and Service in God's World."

Our 9th Grade Confirmation Mentor Program seeks to strengthen "community" by pairing an adult within our congregation with a 9th grader to build relationships with other adults of faith at Our Savior's.

Goals –

- To develop and build a safe and meaningful relationship between a 9th grade Confirmand and an active adult member of our congregation
- To improve the comfort level of each student, as well as their mentor, when discussing matters of faith
- To help students discover how to integrate faith into their lives

Expectations for Confirmands and their Mentors

Each Confirmand and Mentor should –

- Meet at least four times during the season of Lent.
- Students will have the mentor worksheets and will ask questions of their mentors.
- Answer honestly the questions in the worksheets or any other questions that come up in the course of conversation. Students will NOT be asked to fill out or turn in their worksheets, since they are for your reference only. However students and/or mentors will be asked to fill out an evaluation once mentoring sessions have been completed.
- Continue to keep in touch on Sundays or whenever they see each other.
- Please notify Marcia Pedersen if a Confirmand fails to meet with the mentor.
- Mentors and Confirmands should fill out the appropriate evaluations when you've completed four meetings.

9th Grade Confirmands – Please fill out, detach and return this form by Sunday, February 4, 2018

Name - _____ Cell or home phone - _____

Person who will be my mentor - _____

Mentor Contact Information (if you have it) - _____

I have already asked this person to be my mentor and they've agreed - YES NO

I would like you to find a mentor for me - YES NO

Mentoring Conversation Starters

(Both the mentor and the mentee answer these questions)

Session One

1. Tell me about yourself, your family, your life so far.
2. What are some of your favorite things to do?
3. How does church fit into your life?
4. What things about God do you wonder about?
5. Would you call your relationship with God close, distant, or something in between? Why?
6. End by praying together however you feel comfortable.

Session Two

1. Tell me about highs and lows in your life this week, and be sure to share yours.
2. How does God fit into your highs and lows?
3. What's your relationship like with your parents, brothers and sisters?
4. Does your family do anything together to help their faith grow? (praying together, worshipping together, doing Faith 5, etc.)
5. If you could make some changes in your family, what would they be?
6. End by praying together however you feel comfortable.

Session Three

1. Who are your friends? Why do you like them?
2. Are there people you don't get along with? Why?
3. What are some negative influences that your friends have on you?
4. What are some positive influences that your friends have on you?
5. Are your friends a positive or negative influence as far as your faith goes/
6. End by praying together however you feel comfortable.

Session Four

1. What is your favorite type of music?
2. Are there types of music you don't like? Why?
3. What is your favorite type of worship service at Our Savior's? (Lenten service, Sat., Sun. at 9:00, Sun. at 10:30, AWE, etc.)
4. Has there been a time when you have felt God's presence powerfully in a worship experience? Talk about it. Why do you think that was the case?
5. Do you have a personal devotional life? If so, what do you do? If not, why not?
6. End by praying together however you feel comfortable.

9th Grade Mentor Evaluation for Students and Mentors

Your Name _____ Role - Mentor or Student
Please circle one

Name of your Mentor or Student _____

Please list the dates of your meetings _____

Approximately how long did you meet each time? _____

Did you choose your student/mentor or was one chosen for you? (circle one)

Respond about your experience, circling your answer below as follows - 1 strongly disagree, 2 disagree, 3 neutral, 4 agree and 5 strongly agree.

Mentor/Student was prompt and reliable	1	2	3	4	5
Mentor/Student was a good fit or match for me	1	2	3	4	5
Mentor/Student experience was meaningful	1	2	3	4	5
Mentor/Student seemed structured well	1	2	3	4	5
Mentor/Student was new for me	1	2	3	4	5

Please tell us in a few sentences something new that you learned about your mentor or student. _____

How did this experience impact your faith? _____

Please feel free to leave comments on the back side that would be helpful for the continued growth of this mentoring portion of Confirmation. Thanks so much!

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