



# CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT

Once between September and January 1<sup>st</sup> and then once more between January 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, confirmation students are asked to serve in the community with their families.

One of the most satisfying ways to unite as a family is to plan and give service to others. Volunteering makes you feel good, brings satisfaction and pride, strengthens your community and more importantly, strengthens your family.

We are asking you to go outside of the church this time because one of the best ways that we can be the church together is by going outside our walls, building relationships, and serving each other. It's a huge part of Jesus' call to us. ☺

People in need are all around you—in your neighborhood and in your community. And some of the most rewarding activities your family can take part in together are those designed to help these people. The possibilities are endless, limited only by your imagination, your sensitivity to others' needs, and your willingness to give. Even very young children can feel the joy of serving. Your whole family can feel closer to each other as you work together for a good cause and share the satisfaction that comes in helping others.

Carefully, even prayerfully, think about the needs of those close to you. Do not overlook those you know best.

**\*\*If you are unsure whether the activity you're thinking of qualifies, please talk to Kitsi or Pastor Julie; it's always better to check before completing it than to complete it and find out later that it doesn't fulfill the requirement. Also, if you have a special circumstance that makes you unable to serve with a member of your family, please talk with us about that.\*\***

## **Here are some possibilities:**

- Sign up to serve on **Sunday, October, 9: God's Work Our Hands Day**. Keep your eyes open for sign-up sheets in the preceding weeks, as there will be many potential service projects. This will happen for a couple hours after 2<sup>nd</sup> service.
- Choose an elderly person or couple who needs some kind of help. Ask the person how you could help and then as a family, decide what you'd like to do; for example, some ideas are: raking leaves, shoveling snow, caring for a lawn or garden, cleaning or repairing a house, or reading aloud to one who cannot see well. You might also prepare and present a talent show or cook them supper. And remember that the elderly will appreciate your friendship, as well as your help.
- Go out of your way to share dinner with someone who is alone, then ask if there are other ways you can help. You could also take dinner to a shut-in. A neighborhood potluck supper could help those who live around you feel a spirit of friendship and acceptance.



- Remember that every family has two precious resources—time and energy—that they can use to help others. A day’s yardwork may be the most welcome gifts you could give.
- Prepare a musical program to take to a foster home, hospital, or senior living facility. You could invite another family to join you. Your program could include vocal or instrumental solos, duets, trios, or quartets; and be sure to include some familiar sing-along tunes that your audience could join you in singing. All of the senior living facilities are open to this kind of thing, just call!
- Clean up an outdoor area near you—a park, roadside, or campground. Pick up litter in any public area.
- Make simple puppets to take to a children’s ward of a local hospital. Put on a puppet show of a favorite children’s story. Then let the children keep the puppets.
- The Food Shelf always needs help sorting food, and on specific days, also likes to have people help clients “shop” for food. You can contact them at 537-1416; ask for Lori, who is a member of our church & is super nice.
- Heritage Pointe, Boulder Estates, and Hill Street are senior living facilities that would love to have you help lead Bingo or other activities, and the residents would love to see you! Just call and ask them what they need help with.
- Shetek Camp can always use some extra hands, raking leaves, etc.: 763-3567
- A good length of time for this project is an hour; more is great!

Most, of all, be creative and have fun with this! 😊 Do something you enjoy & be thankful that you’re in a position to be able to serve! 😊



## CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT FORM

Confirmation students are asked to serve in the community (outside of church) with their families once per semester (once in the fall, and once in the spring). What you do is entirely up to you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE YOU SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Served with these family members: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you serve? What did you do?

What did you enjoy most about serving? What was meaningful, and why?

What was challenging about serving? Why?

What could you do differently next time to make it more meaningful, fun, etc.?

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_