

Greetings Confirmation Families,

Confirmation preparation is a time for you to learn more about your faith and become more involved in Christian life at Augustana and in your community. Confirmation starts at 5:50 pm every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall and ends at 7:00 pm.

The confirmation program begins this year with opening worship on **Wednesday, September 13.**

Parents are invited and encouraged to stay through the Confirmation hour for opening worship on September 13. We hope you can join us to get prepared and excited for the Confirmation year.

There are lots of other events going on Wednesday nights, so make sure to check the newsletter, website, and Facebook to stay in touch with all of the activities at Augustana. Please also consider getting regularly involved in a variety of service opportunities, especially serving as an acolyte.

We need to receive your registration as soon as possible, but especially by **Monday, August 28.** You need to register, even if you have registered in previous years. There are lots of things to remember, so here's what you'll need to do:

Turn in the following items:

- Fill out and return the Confirmation Registration Form (yellow form)
- Return \$15 registration fee (checks made to Augustana Lutheran)
- Read and return completed Medical/Participation Form (purple form)

Keep the following documents for reference during the year:

- Mark your calendar for this year's events using the confirmation schedule (blue sheet)
- Start planning your service, worship, and educational involvement for the year (green sheet)
- Read the final project description sheet and start planning your projects for the spring (on back side of blue schedule)

Be ready to do these things throughout the year:

- Bring a Bible, pen or pencil, and journal notebook with you each week
- Invite your friends to the evening's activities
- Come on September 13th ready for a great year!
- Contact me with questions: 651-457-3373, anorlinweaver@augustana.com,

We're all excited for another wonderful year, and we're looking forward to having you as a part of it!!

Blessings,

Abby Norlin-Weaver and Augustana Staff

Ways To Get Involved On Wednesday And Beyond

Confirmation: Seventh, eighth, and ninth graders will begin confirmation each week in Fellowship Hall at 5:50 pm sharp. Each session may have large group teaching, small group time, activities, speakers, and more. Students are expected to be there every Wednesday, but two absences are permitted. More than that will require special make-up work. Contact Abby Norlin-Weaver with any questions.

Supper: You and your family are welcome to join in the community supper offered from 5-6 pm on Wednesday nights whenever confirmation classes are meeting. Supper is \$6 per person, or a \$20 maximum for a family. Please remember to contribute so we can continue offering these suppers for busy families!

Choirs: **Agape Choir** is open to all young women in grades 7-12, will begin rehearsals on **September 13 at 7:00 pm**. Agape Choir will rehearse in the choir room on the lower level. No need to sign up; just come to the first rehearsal. For questions about Agape Choir contact Kathy Andrews, 651-451-7502. **Alleluia Bells** will begin rehearsals on **September 13 at 8:00 pm**. Alleluia Bells will rehearse in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to try them for 3 weeks with no commitment. If you have a basic understanding of reading music, you will be taught to play bells! For questions about Alleluia Bells contact Janet Metcalfe, 651-450-1717.

Resource Center: Everyone is invited to stop by the Resource Center to look at or check out books, videos, music, software, and more. This is a marvelous resource for you and your family; you will find current information on a variety of Christian and secular topics. For questions, contact Carol Petersen or Laurie Tostrud, 651-457-3373, library@augustana.com.

Acolyting: Serving as an acolyte is an incredible way to participate in worship and earn service credits. Students can serve at any Sunday service time. Acolytes light candles, assist pastors, help with communion, and learn more about worship. Sign up at opening worship or any Wednesday through September. Contact our acolyte coordinator, Heidi Garcia, or talk to Abby Norlin-Weaver about getting involved.

Service Opportunities: There are a variety of ways to get involved at Augustana and in the community. In particular, get acquainted with the binders at the Info Desk (located in the narthex near the offices, look for the big television screen). Numerous binders are sign-ups for events like Loaves & Fishes, Boys & Girls Club, Feed My Starving Children, ushering, and more. Make it a habit to check these regularly to find ways and places you can be involved. Sign up often, and remember to write down your service times so you don't forget.

Youth Forum: Youth forum takes place every Sunday morning in the Youth Room at 9:45 am. Come join other young people for a variety of events. There will be speakers, games, special topics, and great breakfast treats. Talk to Abby Norlin-Weaver about the schedule if you have any questions. Every youth forum can give you one Christian Education credit!