



January 2022

Greetings Confirmation Families,

Our Lenten Mentoring program will begin in just over a month on Ash Wednesday, March 2. This is a unique part of our Confirmation Ministry; providing students with the opportunity to learn and grow in their faith through conversations and activities with an adult mentor from the congregation. Each Wednesday during Lent, students will meet one-on-one with an adult mentor from our congregation.

Here is how the program works. Confirmation students ask an adult from Augustana, but outside their family, to be their mentor. Every week students (mentees) and mentors will meet at 5:50 pm in the Fellowship Hall for an introduction to the evening's topic. After the introduction, the pairs will be free to go talk more about the topic in a location of their choosing until 7:00 pm. As recommended by the Augustana COVID Task Force, everyone in the building is asked to wear a mask. This year's dates for Lenten Mentoring are:

- March 2 (Ash Wednesday) - our kickoff
- March 9
- March 16
- March 23
- March 30
- April 6

Once you have selected your mentor there are two things you need to do. First, give them the enclosed mentor letter. This letter gives them a description of what they will be doing and important information they need to know. Please be sure they get this letter. Second, after exchanging contact information with your mentor, decide which one of you will complete the online 2022 Lenten Mentoring Pairing Information form. This form can be found at [Augustana.com](http://Augustana.com), under Grow & Connect, on the Youth page in the green sidebar, on the right. Submitting this form notifies us that a Lenten Mentor has been finalized. Forms should be submitted on or before **Sunday, February 20**. Follow-up for students who don't meet this deadline will begin on Monday, February 21 to ensure everyone is ready to start mentoring on Ash Wednesday.

Things to keep in mind as you are selecting a mentor:

- **Mentors should be members of Augustana**
- **Mentors should be an adult (18 yrs. & older) & outside your family**
- **Mentors and mentees should be in one on one pairs**

If you have questions about any of the above items, please contact Abby Norlin-Weaver, [anorlinweaver@augustana.com](mailto:anorlinweaver@augustana.com).

Remember you are responsible for finding your own mentor, we do not assign them. However, if you have asked several (2-3) adults to be your mentor and it hasn't worked, you may contact Abby Norlin-Weaver for assistance. Each student must have a mentor to meet with.

We hope students and mentors will be as excited as we are to deepen the conversation about how faith and life work together to help shape who we are and how we show up in the world.

Blessings,

Abby Norlin-Weaver  
Director of Youth and Family Ministry