

Parent AND confirmand please plan to attend one time

June 27, 10 am or 6:30 pm

Why do we serve/volunteer.

- **Why service is a requirement for confirmation? Because a life in Christ, committed to Him, is all about service. He came not to be served, but to serve, and has called us to serve in His name. Another reason is that service is one of the best ways we grow in our faith. Another reason: Middle school kids learn by serving and they'd rather be active than in the classroom. Final reason: trying to create a culture at SJs that serves our community 'no strings attached,' hoping they'll ask us why.**
- **Paul writes in Philippians 2:3-4. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.**
- **Matthew 25:40 states: The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'**

Examples from where other students have served

- **Feed my starving children**
- **Lombard Historical Society**
- **Making blankets for hospice**
- **Helping with VBS at other churches**
- **Danada Horse Farm**
- **Willowbrook Wildlife Center**
- **Local food bank**

- **Volunteer contact list (just a few ideas)**
 - **Lombard Historical Society**
 - **630-629-1885**
 - **Sarah Richardt**
 - **Office work**
 - **Civil War re-enactment help October 21-22**
 - **White House Senior Center**
 - **Laverne Smith**
 - **Basement clean out**
 - **Villa Park Library**

- Jean Jansen
 - 630-834-1164
 - First Church of Lombard
 - Community dinner
 - Lombard Towne Centre
 - Colleen Whittingham
 - Spooktackular help
 - October 15
 - Dupage County Forest Preserve
 - Watch for application deadlines
 - Danada Horse farm (must be 14)
 - Willowbrook Wildlife center (summer only)
 - Summer volunteer programs at the Library (for next year)
 - Senior Home Sharing of Lombard
 - Play board games with seniors
 - Cook dinner and eat with seniors
 - Sing Christmas carols
 - St. Johns
 - Clothing resale, Beth Neilsen
 - Sunday School, Sandy Smith
 - Quilt tying, Carol Anderson
 - Nursery help, Kim Wegrzyn
 - Food pantry, Clifford Smith
 - Sonic, Denise Mast
 - Geranium care, Donna Walz
 - Garden Care, Andy Arndt
 - VBS, Sarah Bryan
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- **10 total hours required (but you can do more)**
 - 7th grade does max 6 in church (It is important to serve in the church)
 - 8th grade does max 4 in church (It is important to serve elsewhere)
 - Can serve all hours outside of St. Johns but be mindful of maximum inside the church (remember we are trying to create a culture of serving the community)
 - **Service must be student initiated**
 - Acolyting is a confirmation requirement therefore NOT allowed toward hours
 - In school service is not allowed because it is not student initiated

- Uptown in not counted toward hours

- Service completed for other groups is OK as long if you are not counting those hours for different requirements
 - Ex. Scout projects

- Forms
 - All forms must be filled in completely and turned in

- Approval of service type is given by Pastor or Sarah Richardt either by signature on form or email
 - Must have signature or email approval attached to form

- Board to be posted somewhere in school/church with name of student
 - Student to fill in number of hours and what service they provided
 - Turn in completed form in envelope next to board
 - This will serve as both a visual reminder to serve and give each other ideas on where to serve

- **Completion deadline**
 - All must be completed by **March 8th**

 - If all are not completed must write one paragraph/hour missing about service

 - **If hours and/or paper are not completed then the student will not be allowed to participate in the services with their class**

 - Written notice must be given to parents by Feb. 15th to inform them that their child is in danger of not being confirmed with class

Sermon Summaries

- 8 Summaries must be completed by March 8
- Why not try to do all sermons in a series?

Acolyte

- **Must serve at least 3 services**
- **If you cannot be at assigned service, you must find your own replacement**
- **Sign-in in vestry before service**