

Service Project Idea List Confirmation 2011-2012

Confirmation students are required to complete **ten hours of community service each year** as part of their instruction. There are plenty of opportunities to complete service hours throughout the year at Lord of Life, and students are kept informed about upcoming events during large group confirmation nights. Here are just a few opportunities that you can look out for:

Rally Day: Sunday, September 11th is Rally Day, where we celebrate the beginning of the Sunday school year. The Youth Team puts on games for the Sunday school children and confirmation students are always needed to help lead these games. Volunteers are also needed to help serve lunch and clean-up afterwards. Contact: Youth Director

Youth Garden: Last spring, the youth planted an organic garden at the Burleigh County Extension Offices, pledging to donate the produce to the Hunger Free ND Garden Project. Help is needed in early fall with watering and weeding, and the eventual harvest and distribution of food. Contact: Youth Director

Crop Walk: This is a fall event that raises money to fight world hunger. Lord of Life's Evangelism team takes care of donations and pledges, so you only need to participate in the walk itself. This is a fun and meaningful event that you can do on your own or with your small group. Contact: Pastor Larry.

Koinonia Worship: Koinonia is a youth lead worship service that takes the place of the ordinary Wednesday service. Students do the readings and prayers, provide the music, and perform a skit in place of the sermon. Students are required to participate in at least one Koinonia service (see syllabus for details) but students are encouraged to be involved in other services. If you or your small group wants to plan a Koinonia worship, talk to the Youth Director.

Additionally, students can become involved with the worship music of Koinonia by joining The Seekers. See the The Seekers syllabus for practice times or contact Joe Dietrich (223-2204). This is a really fun group and a great way to participate in the worship ministry at Lord of Life.

Caramel Rolls: The youth sell caramel rolls between services about once a month to raise funds for camp scholarship. Help is needed in preparation the night before, and serving the rolls on Sunday and cleaning up afterwards. Contact: Youth Director

Thanksgiving Food Collection: Student can help pass out grocery bags in November for our yearly food drive. Help is also needed to pack the food for delivery a few weeks later. Contact: Pastor Larry

Confirmation Banquet: The confirmation banquet will be held for 10th graders and their families on Sunday, October 23rd at 5:30pm. Confirmation students are needed to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Contact: Pastor Larry

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Our summer program for elementary students is a great way to get involved in Lord of Life's ministry. Students can volunteer to be a group leader or to help with crafts, music, snacks, or skits. Contact: Sandi Papke.

There are also endless opportunities to volunteer outside of Lord of Life. Some students take on individual projects; others participate with their small group during small group nights. The following are just a few suggestions; we encourage you to be creative in planning a project to suite your interests and talents.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Volunteers are always needed around Christmas to ring the bells at local businesses. Donations help low-income families celebrate Christmas. Contact Bismarck's Salvation Army to find out how you can get involved.

Missouri Slope Nursing Home: Volunteers are needed on Sunday afternoons (1:30—3:30 pm) to wheel residents to the chapel for worship, attend worship with the residents, and then return them to their rooms. This may seem simple, but it means the world to the residents.

You can also contact the local nursing homes to see if you can interact with the residents in other ways, such as taking part in games or providing music. One small group visited a nursing home and gave the ladies manicures—you can be as creative as you'd like! Contact: Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center

Assisting Shut-ins: Some students commit to helping an elderly neighbor with lawn care and snow removal. You can also visit shut-ins and bring them care packages. These are simple tasks that make a huge difference in a person's life. The church can provide you with a list of people in need if you would like to take on a similar project. Contact: Pastor Larry

Hopefully these suggestions will get you thinking about what sorts of service opportunities you would like to take on. Be creative and find something that you enjoy! Talk to your small group about doing a project together. And feel free to talk to Pastor Larry or the Youth Director for more ideas and opportunities.