⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

- 1 Peter 4:9-11

Why do Christians serve others? We serve others so by our words and actions we can reflect Jesus and because we follow after the model Jesus left us. Jesus "came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). His mission is to save and restore His people and His creation.

We serve to the praise of God and to love as Christ loved us as 1 Peter 4:8-11 tells us. We also serve so that we may point forward to and tell people of the greater hope we have: that Jesus is coming again and He is going to make all things new and healed from sin, death and the devil for all who believe. Simply put, Jesus has invited us to join His mission and one way we do so as His Church is in service to others.

Here at St. Luke's, we aspire to take that call to follow Jesus seriously and we are constantly growing as disciples in this way. Our expectation for you in this confirmation period is that you may see how service connects to following Jesus and that it may become an important aspect of faith for you as you continue to grow as a disciple of Jesus. As such, you will be expected to serve 8 hours each year. As part of the 8 hours, you are to serve in at least one regular ministry (see page 3) and serve in at least two different ways (e.g. cleaning toys with Lois circle a few times and helping with Community Thanksgiving Dinner). When you partake in a service event, you are expected to ask the questions below to one of the leaders or regular participants. You will also give some of your own thoughts on how your service at the event connects to Jesus' mission.

Name:	Year of Confirmation:	
Service Event:	Date of Service:	Number of Hours:
What you did:	Who You Interviewed:	
Signature of Supervising Adult:		

Questions to ask:

1. What is your name?

2. What do you do in this ministry?

3. How does it serve other people? -or- How does this ministry/event impact other people? 4. Why do you serve in this ministry or event? 5. What do you love most about helping out in this way? 6. How does this service show or connect to Jesus? After the service event – questions for you to reflect on and answer on your own or with a parent: 1. What did you do during the service event and what did you learn? 2. How did your service show or connect to Jesus? 3. Is this event or ministry something you would want to join in again? Why or why not?

Service Event Opportunities

If you have an opportunity to serve that isn't listed below, let us know by emailing Pastor Matthew at mbergstresser@stlukeslutheran.com or Pastor Carlton at candersen@stlukeslutheran.com. You can also call the church office to reach us at 715-423-5990. More opportunities may be announced in the future. More information about a ministry can be found out via the church calendar or by contacting the leader of the ministry you are interested in learning about.

Regular Ministries:

- Veterans of the Cross (Men's group that serves through hands-on work such as fixing areas of the church campus or building things. Pastor Tim may have further information for opportunities. You can reach him at the church phone number (715-423-5990) or by email at tewenger@stlukeslutheran.com)
- Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Contact person: Betty Clouse (715-323-4226) or Heather Stainbrook (715-459-6815)
 - Anna Circle (Serves at bookstore)
 - Dorcas Circle (Serves by quilting)
 - Elizabeth Circle (Serves by maintaining library)
 - Eunice Circle (Serves by crafting and taking care of baptism, confirmation, and activity bag materials)
 - Eve Circle (Serves by sharing produce and gardening)
 - Lois Circle (Serves by helping the preschool They help clean toys at 6pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.)
 - Lydia Circle (Serves by visiting those in extended health care facilities)
 - Miriam Circle (Serves through meal ministry)
 - Priscilla Circle (Serves by preparing communion and altar/worship materials)
 - Rebecca Circle (Serves by making and sending cards)
 - Sarah Circle (Serves by visiting those in nursing homes and monthly bingo)
- Worship Teams Contact person: Bill Seipel (bill seipel@nekoosa.k12.wi.us)
 - o Choir & Praise Team
 - Audio/Visual Booth training will be provided.
 - o Usher, greeter, reader, Welcome Center attendant
- Youth & Family Ministries Contact Person(s): Elaine Herman (715-421-2514 or <u>eherman@stlukeslutheran.com</u>) for Youth, Heather Stainbrook or Pastor Matthew for Family Events
 - Seasonal events:
 - The Youth do short-term projects at various points in the year (e.g. raking leaves). Check in with Elaine Herman for more details.
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Rummage Sale
- Social Concerns Contact Person: Barbara Caves (832-623-4235)
 - Ruby's Pantry
 - Neighborhood Table
 - Seasonal events:
 - Thanksgiving Community Dinner

- Property Management John Klingforth (715-421-4959)
 - o Work Day
 - Christmas Decorating
- Reception Committee Contact Person(s): Cindy Weigel and Sue Berg for downstairs reception, Holly Johnson for upstairs lobby.