



January 2021

Greetings Confirmation Families,

Our Lenten Mentoring program will begin in just over a month on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Lenten Mentoring is an opportunity for students to learn and grow in their faith through conversations and activities with an adult mentor from the congregation. This is a unique part of our Confirmation Ministry and will continue this year with a few adjustments.

Here is how the program works, confirmation students ask an adult from Augustana, but outside their family, to be their mentor. Continuing with the current structure, the weekly Confirmation Connection email will have a video introducing the topic for the week, questions to get the conversation started, and announcements. This weekly email will be sent to students, families, and Lenten Mentors. Rather than gathering at church, students and mentors can arrange when and how they would like to connect every week. The dates for Lenten Mentoring are –

- February 17 (Ash Wednesday)
- February 24
- March 3
- March 10
- March 17
- March 24

Once you have selected your mentor there are two things you need to do. First, give them the attached 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 [2021 Lenten Mentoring Pairing Information form](#). Submitting this form notifies us that a Lenten Mentor has been finalized. Forms should be submitted on or before **Sunday, February 7**. Follow-up for students who don't meet this deadline will be on Monday, February 8 to ensure everyone is ready for mentoring by 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, out of high school) & be an adult 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](#).

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 work with.

We hope students and mentors will be as excited as we are to deepen the conversation about faith and life working together to help shape who we are and how we act because of it.

Blessings,

Abby Norlin-Weaver
Director of Youth and Family Ministry