

Confirmation Mentoring

A mentor is someone who goes out ahead to show the way, like the swimmer who crosses the river and then yells back to the person standing on the shore: *“I made it across this river, and I’m confident you can, too!”* Barnabas was a friend of Paul’s whose name means “encouragement,” he helped other young Christians grow in their understanding and their ministry as God’s people.

Beginning **February 14, 2024**, each confirmation student will meet one-on-one with a mentor. (Part of the confirmation program, there will be no classes during the season of Lent, with the expectation that students will attend the weekly Lenten worship services and complete their mentoring sessions.) Mentoring provides the student with the opportunity for individual attention and encouragement, building a stronger relationship with one more adult Christian, and giving each confirmand another forum to talk about their beliefs and their questions.

Each confirmand should find a mentor who:

- is an active confirmed Christian, preferably a member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church (both outside CCLC is fine); and lives locally (preferred)
- can meet for **six** one-on-one sessions from **February 14, 2024** (Ash Wednesday) through **March 31, 2024** (Easter).
- will attend the Mentor training on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7:30 PM** (*For first time mentors and parents of 6th Graders*)
- is NOT a member of his / her immediate family (parent or sibling).
- we encourage our 7th & 8th graders to try to have the same mentor as the year before.

The mentor form should be returned to Pastor Kathy by **December 13, 2023** . Each student is responsible for finding their own mentor, but if you have some trouble, the Pastors will have some suggestions of people who could be mentors.

The mentor and student will arrange a regular time to meet for their faith talks, which will be provided for you. The mentor session should last between 30 - 45 minutes.

Each mentor, according to our Safe Haven Guidelines, will need a background check run through the church. (No exceptions.)

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Aly or Pastor Kathy.