

What Are Service & Growth Hours?

We encourage our confirmation students to practice their faith wherever they are; in church, at home, in school, on the field. When students understand that their faith has a real place in the world- their lives will be forever changed.

We strongly support persons engaging in service and growth beyond the scope of the confirmation program. However, we will only record those acts of service and growth done for and with the church to build the sense of Christian community as part of the confirmation program requirements.

As a part of Easter's confirmation program, students are required to complete 40 hours of service and 25 hours of growth, prior to being confirmed.

Service hours involve participating in faith-focused service in the church and with the church, for the sake of acting as the body of Christ.

Growth hours involve activities and exercises that strengthen a student's faith, their relationship with God, and their deepening theological understanding.

A description of ways students can earn Service and Growth hours is listed on the reverse side of this brochure.

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*For more details, please see the
"Confirmation Ministries" brochure
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Confirmation Service & Growth Ministries



Easter Lutheran Church
Eagan, Minnesota

Grow in faith and carry on
the work of Jesus Christ through:
relationships
growth
service

*A faith formation process
toward the goal of
Affirmation of Baptism
through the
Rite of Confirmation.*

*To Grow in Faith and
Carry on the Work of Jesus Christ*

Confirmation Service & Growth Options

How many hours are needed? **40 service hours and 25 growth hours**

Service and Growth activities are in, with, or for the Easter Church community. Students need to complete a service and/or growth form and turn it in at Easter Lutheran Church. Activities not listed below will not be considered for confirmation credit.

Service Activities

- Acolyte*
- Infant Toddler Center (ITC)*
- Infant Toddler Center (ITC) Training
- Usher or Greeter (Hill)
- Worship Host (Lake)
- Serve at Feed My Starving Children
- Serve at Loaves & Fishes with an Easter group
- Church Office Volunteer
- Altar Guild Volunteer with a trained adult
- Help at Church-Sponsored Event
- Church Clean-up/Maintenance
- Serve at Eagan Resource Center (food shelf)
- Serve at Easter with food collections for the Eagan Resource Center
- Middle School Youth Events at Easter (when events include a service component)
- High School Youth Events at Easter (when events include a service component)
- Vacation Bible School (VBS)*
- Church School Volunteer/Teacher*
- Confirmation Opportunities for Growth and Service Events (COGS)
- ROOTS*
- Serving Thursdays (Summer)
- Musician or Vocalist in a Worship Service
- High School Mission Trips
- Serve at a charitable agency with an Easter group
- Serve for Habitat for Humanity (with a parent)
- Help an elderly Easter member
- Serve at one or more of the monthly Easter Family Faith Nights
- Prepare and pack a meal for a church member in need

(* Indicates training is also required)

Growth Activities

- Worship Notes (use forms provided)
- Confirmation Opportunities for Growth and Service Events (COGS)
- Complete & turn in learner take home sheet (from Wednesday evening class)
- Middle School Youth Events (when event includes growth component)
- High School Youth Events (when event includes growth component)
- Serving Thursdays (Summer)
- Acolyte Training
- Interview an adult about their faith and relationship with God
- Befriend someone and learn something about them including their faith story
- Spend time journaling to God
- Pray as a family for those in need; be in caring conversation about your faith
- Spend time reading the Bible and share what you have learned with a friend, mentor, or pastor.
- Mentor Group growth activities.

Service work must be unpaid and not part of another program (i.e. not for a scout merit badge, eagle project, school/organization/sports requirement). Please consult with your mentor, a pastor, or youth leader regarding appropriate activities before you offer your time, especially if your activity is not included here.