



Confirmation Chronicle

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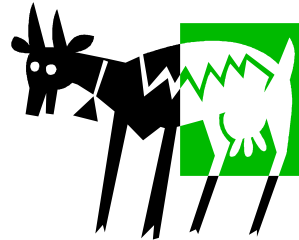
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Special Events & News

7th Grade Action

Congratulations to the 7th Grade Confirmation class for raising \$363.30 to help families in poverty purchase livestock and other needed supplies for daily living. The 7th Grade class has shown us one way to embody the love of God made visible in Jesus Christ. These students and their teachers have demonstrated what it looks

like to share daily bread and God's love in the wider world. Well done good and faithful servants!



2011-2012 Confirmation Registration

Rising 7th and 8th grade confirmation students please mark your calendars for **Summer Intensive, *Biblical Studies*, June 14-17, 10 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.** The Registration form for Summer Intensive and for the upcoming 2011-2012 Confirmation Year is on page 5 of this newsletter.

Calendar Highlights

- Wed., Apr. 6th, 5:00 — 6: 30 p.m. Catechism Session & 7th Grade Parent Meeting
- Sun., Apr. 17th, 9:45 a.m. Mentor Week
- Sat., April 23rd, 9:00 a.m. Witness Rehearsal
- Fri., April 29th, 7:00 p.m. Witness Service
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8th Grade Witness Service

The 8th Grade Witness Service is approaching quickly. Individual witness rehearsals are scheduled for the weeks of April 17th and 24th. Please contact Mrs. Costello if you have not signed up for a witness rehearsal time. Before rehearsal, students are encouraged to polish their rough drafts and submit their final witness

statements for publication in the Witness Service Handbook. ***Please have the last and final electronic copy submitted to Mrs. Costello by Good Friday, April 22, 2011, rcostello@graciverforest.org.*** This will ensure that the final draft is included in the Witness Booklet for the **Witness Rehearsal on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at**

9:00 a.m.

The **Witness Service** will be held on **Friday, April 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** All confirmation students, including 6th and 7th grades are expected to attend. A Reception to celebrate this occasion will be held in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Witness Service. Please join us for cookies and punch.

The Rite of Confirmation



This is a very exciting time of year for the 8th grade confirmands. On May 1st, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service, the 8th graders will make public profession of their faith in the Rite of Confirmation.

In preparation for the Rite of Confirmation, a **Confirmation Rehearsal** is

scheduled for **Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** Worship logistics will be rehearsed and students will be given their confirmation capes at this time.

We join with the whole Church in thanksgiving for what God has promised, is promising, and will promise

to do in the lives of these young adults. To commemorate this faith milestone there will be a confirmation group photograph taken in the sanctuary on May 1, at 10:00 a.m., prior to worship.

Wednesday Evenings

Our next and last Wednesday evening **Confirmation Session** will include a **7th Grade Parent Meeting**, held on **April 6th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Confirmands will study commandments 4-10, and 7th grade parents will meet with Mrs. Costello to begin

discussing the 8th grade confirmation year. During this time, parents will learn about the Mentor Program, Summer Intensive, and the Witness Statement Process.

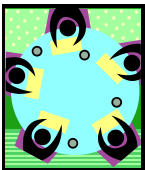
Immediately following catechism session, parents and confirmands are encouraged to stay for the

Lenten Supper, from 6:30 — 7:30 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer will follow, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

7th Grade Parent Meeting

Wednesday, April 6th

5:00 — 6:30 p.m.



Mentor Moments

Sunday, April 17th will be our final Mentor-Mentee Week for the year. However, mentors are strongly encouraged to be present at the **Witness Service** scheduled for **Friday,**

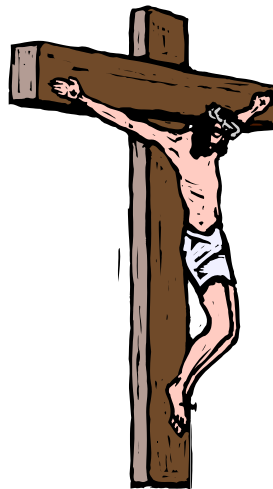
April 29, at 7:00 p.m.

Mentors and mentees are also encouraged to continue meeting throughout the upcoming year and engage in faithful conversations. If you need a way to frame your conversations think back to

the Holy Ground Model. How does this biblical paradigm shed light on the experiences you have shared with your mentee this year? Perhaps God met you in a “wilderness” and led you to a place where you are “challenged to serve.”

April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					April 1	2
April 3 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 6 th : Psalms for Help 7 th : Pentecost 8 th : Divine Will	4	5	6 5:00-6:30 p.m. Catechism Session & * 7 th Grade Parent Meeting	7	8	9
April 10 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 6 th : Wisdom Writings 7 th : Peter and Cornelius 8 th : Give Us This Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
April 17 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 6 th : 5 Facts About Life in Old Testament Times 7 th : Philippians' Hymn 8 th : Mentor Week: Your Spiritual Gifts in Service	18	April 19 April 20 Tues, Wed, & Thurs. 3-6 p.m. Individual Witness Rehearsals	April 20 April 21 Tues, Wed, & Thurs. 3-6 p.m. Individual Witness Rehearsals	April 21 April 22 Good Friday	April 22 Good Friday	April 23 Sat. 9-10 a.m. Witness Rehearsal (All 8 th Graders)
April 24 Easter Sunday No Sunday School	25	April 26 April 27 Tues, Wed, & Thurs. 3-6 p.m. Individual Witness Rehearsals	April 26 April 27 Tues, Wed, & Thurs. 3-6 p.m. Individual Witness Rehearsals	April 28 April 29 Fri. 7 p.m. Witness Service (6 th , 7 th & 8 th Graders)	29 Fri. 7 p.m. Witness Service (6 th , 7 th & 8 th Graders)	April 30 Sat. 9-10 a.m. Conf. Rehearsal (All 8 th Graders)



May 2011

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
May 1 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 6 th : The 5 Biggest Misconceptions About the Bible 7 th : The Love Hymn 10:00 a.m. 8 th : Confirmation Picture <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> 11:00 a.m. Worship: Rite of Confirmation </div>	2	3	4	5	6	7
May 8 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 6 th : Teacher's Choice 7 th : Teacher's Choice 8 th : <i>Transition Seminar</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
May 15 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 6 th : Teacher's Choice 7 th : Teacher's Choice 8 th : <i>Transition Seminar</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
May 22 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 6 th : Teacher's Choice 7 th : Teacher's Choice 8 th : <i>Transition Seminar</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
May 29 No Sunday School	30	31				

June 2011



2011 Summer Intensive
 "Biblical Studies"
 June 14-17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 ~for rising 7th and 8th graders~



2011-2012

Confirmation Registration *(Please complete and return form to Mrs. Costello.)*

Participant Information

Name
Grade
School
Email
Phone/Cell
Birthday
Favorite Subject in School
Least Favorite Subject in School
Hobbies
Allergies

RegistrationSummer Intensive 2011

June 14-17

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

(rising 7th and 8th graders)

I will be participating
in the Summer Intensive
Program

I plan to participate in
the open gym (if the gym is
available for our use.)

Family Information

	Parent	Parent	Other Family Member or Emergency Contact
Name			
Address			
Home Phone			
Cell Phone			
Email			

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Luther's Explanation of the 8th Commandment

“We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and

interpret everything they do in the best possible light.”

Luther's Small Catechism



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