



CONFIRMATION CHRONICLE

NEWSLETTER PURPOSE

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The **Confirmation Chronicle** is a monthly newsletter that seeks to provide confirmands, parents, teachers, shepherds, mentors and all those involved in Confirmation Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church and School with important information about events and learning taking place during the current month and beyond.

In order to make certain that you are informed, each issue of the **Confirmation Chronicle** will contain the following:

- **Special Events**
- **Class Assessment Tools:** "Whadayano?" and "Wadayathink?"
- **Monthly Calendar**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Confirmation Orientation**
Sept. 8th
- **Sunday Classes Begin**
Sept. 12th
- **Mentor Orientation**
Sept. 12th
- **Commitment Service**
Sept. 19th
- **8th Grade Potluck**
Sept. 19th
- **Lutherdale Retreat**
Nov. 19th-21st

SPECIAL EVENTS

Confirmation Orientation:

Parents, Confirmands, Teachers and Shepherds are invited to Confirmation Orientation on **Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall.

During this time together we will have an opportunity to orient ourselves to the many facets of Confirmation Ministry. Confirmation Handbooks, calendars, and participant information forms will be distributed. The Confirmation Ministry is subsidized by the church budget. Parents are asked

to contribute \$50. Please make your checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church. If this fee is a cause of financial duress for any participating family, please contact Pastor Faulstich or Rebekah Costello.

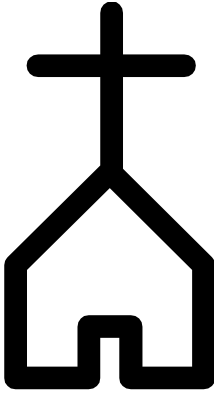
Commitment Service:

Confirmands in 6th, 7th and 8th grades will make a public commitment in worship to their active participation in the Confirmation Ministry on **Sunday, September 19th at 11:00 a.m.**

8th Grade Mentor Potluck:

The Annual 8th Grade Parent/Confirmand/Mentor Potluck is scheduled for **Sunday, September 19th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. The Potluck serves to orient mentors, parents, and 8th grade confirmands to the Mentor Program. This shared meal facilitates communication between parents, mentors and confirmands as hopes, goals and expectations are discerned for the year.

SUNDAY MORNING INSTRUCTION & WORSHIP



From September through May, 6th, 7th and 8th grades have as their primary opportunity for instruction and faith formation in the Christian tradition the Sunday morning classes held between services from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes will be concentrating their Sunday morning studies on the Old Testament, the New Testament and The Ten

Commandments, respectively. Confirmation classes begin this year on **September 12th at 9:45 a.m.** Class locations are as follows:

- 6th Grade: 8th Grade Classroom
- 7th Grade: Resource Room (between the 6th and 4th grade classrooms on the 3rd floor)
- 8th Grade: School Library

Prior to or following Sunday morning class, confirmands and their families are invited to **worship at 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.** Worship is the central embodiment of the Christian faith in the world and crucial for faith formation of confirmands.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADES

FROM LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM:

“God’s kingdom comes indeed without our praying for it, but we ask in (the Lord’s Prayer) that it may also come to us.”

Usually the first **Wednesday** evening of each month, from **5:00-6:30 p.m.**, is set aside for the study of the Luther’s Small Catechism, fellowship and reflection in group-building activities. During this time students will also be asked to demonstrate and reflect upon the content of their learning during Sunday morning classes, from biblical content and theological insight to definitions and memory work. Learning goals

will be assessed in a “Wadayano?” or a “Whadayathink?” The Confirmation Team wants to make sure that the students are meeting learning goals. Group-building activities will facilitate the covenant relationships that form the basis of life together as members of the body of Christ. A snack will be provided.

October 6th, 2010 will be our first Wednesday evening

Catechism Session. During this first session, we will study the Lord’s Prayer, its biblical foundations and its role in daily faith formation. We will also take a look at the first “Wadayano?” or “Whadayathink?” assessment. Questions will come from the confirmand’s Sunday morning class material and from the assessment tools in this newsletter. Students will be dismissed at 6:30 to the Atrium.

TABLE TALK, PLAY & RETREAT

On the 3rd or 4th **Friday evening** of each month, confirmands from 6th, 7th and 8th grades will share a meal together and have a casual discussion about an excerpt from Luther’s **Table Talk**. These conversations are sure to provoke fun and faithful discussion about ministry in

daily life. Fellowship, play and recreational activities will follow.

In addition, a 7th and 8th grade retreat to **Lutherdale Bible Camp** in Wisconsin is scheduled for **November 19th-21st**. This retreat gives an opportunity for confirmands to deepen their

relationships as brothers and sisters in Christ.



WHADAYANO & WHADAYATHINK?

Review, Reflection & Assessment

6TH GRADE: CREATION (Genesis 1-2); THE HUMAN CONDITION (Genesis 3-4) & THE FLOOD (Genesis 6-9)

God says that creation is _____.

What are some examples of how you care for God's creation in your daily life?

People in their fallen condition of sin wish to be greater than _____ who made them.

Ask your parent about a time when they rebelled. What were the consequences of their actions? To whom did they go for help?

The sign of God's _____ with Noah never again to flood the entire earth was a _____.

The story of Noah is often told to really young children or used to decorate their bedrooms. Do you think this is a good story for kids younger than you? Why or why not?

7TH GRADE: ANNUNCIATION (Luke 1:26-56); MAGI (Matthew 2: 1-12) & BIRTH OF JESUS (Luke 2: 1-20)

The two gospels in which we read about Jesus' birth are _____ and _____.

In Luke's account, we hear about Jesus' humble birth to mother _____ and earthly father _____ and how _____ and _____ were witnesses.

In Matthew's account, we hear about Jesus' birth threatened by King _____, and the _____ who traveled from the East to see the newborn king.

In what kind of place in our community might Jesus be born today that would be a modern-day stable?

With which person in the story of Jesus' birth do you most identify? Why do you think you most feel like that person?

8TH GRADE: I AM WHO I AM & THE LORD'S NAME

God want to be _____ to us. You shall have no _____.

God deserves _____. You shall not make _____ use of the _____ of the Lord your God.

What is an example of how you live out or obey the first and second commandments?

How is it difficult for you to live out these commandments?

Where does God give support or help to better live out these commandments?

SEPTEMBER 2010

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
August 29 RALLY DAY	30	31	September 1	2		4
September 5 SUNDAY SCHOOL LITE	6	7	September 8 7:00 p.m. ORIENTATION (Parents & Confirmands)	9	10	11
September 12 9:45 a.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS 6 th : Creation 7 th : The Annunciation 8 th : I Am Who I Am MENTOR ORIENTATION (Mentors Only)	13	14	15	16	17	18
September 19 9:45 a.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS 6 th : The Human Condition 7 th : Magi 8 th : The Lord's Name ALT. MENTOR ORIENTATION (Mentors Only) 11:00 a.m. CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT SERVICE (6 th , 7 th , & 8 th Grades) 5 – 7 p.m. 8TH GRADE POTLUCK (Parents, Mentors, & Confirmands)	20	21	22	23	September 24 6:30-8:00 p.m. TABLE TALK & PLAY (6 th , 7 th & 8 th Grades)	25
September 26 9:45 a.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS 6 th : The Flood 7 th : Birth of Jesus 8 th : MENTOR WEEK : Holy Ground Model	27	28	29	30		



OCTOBER 2010

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
					October 1	2
October 3 9:45 a.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS 6 th : Abraham and Sarah 7 th : Simeon 8 th : Sabbath Day	4	5	October 6 5:00-6:30 p.m. CATECHISM SESSION <i>(7th & 8th Grades)</i>	7	8	9
October 10 9:45 a.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS 6 th : Sarah, Hagar, and Abraham 7 th : Wilderness Temptations 8 th : Father and Mother	11	12	13	14	15	16
October 17 9:45 a.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS 6 th : Isaac and Rebekah 7 th : Jesus' Nazareth Sermon 8 th : MENTOR WEEK: Holy Ground Model	18	19	20	21	22	23
October 24 9:45 a.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS 6 th : Jacob and Esau 7 th : Jesus Calls the First Disciples 8 th : Safeguard Life	25	26	27	28	October 29 6:30-8:00 p.m. TABLE TALK & PLAY <i>(6th, 7th & 8th Grades)</i>	30
October 31 9:45 a.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS 6 th : Joseph 7 th : The Beatitudes 8 th : Remain Faithful						

CONFIRMATION 2010-2011 BEGINS SOON!

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Grace Lutheran Church and School invites sixth, seventh, and eighth graders to participate in a three-year confirmation ministry of catechesis, community life, and service in preparation for the rite of the Affirmation of Baptism at the conclusion of the third year of study. The confirmation years

are years of identity formation. Through reflection on the Bible and Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*, students explore and reflect upon their Lutheran-Christian identity. In response to all the gifts that have been given to them in their baptism and through this community of worship, they are invited to

affirm their faith at the conclusion of this ministry training, both at an evening Confirmation Witness Service and on Confirmation Sunday.

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"We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise God's Word or preaching, but instead keep that Word holy and gladly hear and learn it."

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

We will begin our pilgrimage of faith together this year on

**Wednesday, September 8th at
7:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall.

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