

Ministry to Children and Youth
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Cary, IL
Fall- 2011

THE VINE LIFE
John 15:1-5
CONFIRMATION (Grades 7-8)

DATES:

- +Classes begin on Wednesday, September 7 in the Fellowship Hall-lower level of church.
- +Class is from 7:00-8:30 pm each Wednesday evening.
- +”Rite of Witness” Sunday is March 25 at 8:30 am in the sanctuary.
- +”Confirmation Sunday” is April 1 (Palm Sunday) at 8:30 am in the sanctuary.
- +During Advent and Lent, Class begins with Family Worship from 7:00-7:40 pm, followed by our routine until 8:30 pm.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS:

+Attendance at weekly class sessions, which include: Opening Worship (all grades together), class Bible study, personal meeting time with pastor, fellowship time.

+Individual Study Packets, completed outside of class, prior to Confirmation Sunday.

Eighth Grade requirements: The Gospel of Matthew
The Book of Romans

Seventh Grade Requirements: (Two years to complete)

The Gospel of Matthew
The Book of Romans

Two additional “electives” from the following:

The Book of Galatians “Living Free in Jesus”
The Book of Ephesians “What We Have in Jesus”
The Book of Philippians “A Joyous Life in Jesus”
The Book of Colossians “Jesus-Above All”
The Book of James “Jesus and a Life of Action”
Old Testament Survey “Jesus in the Old Testament”

+Service to the congregation is required in the form of:

Ushering in worship services as scheduled Acolyte in worship services as scheduled
(Training provided Wednesday, September 21 during class).

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CLASS REQUIREMENTS (continued)

- +Attendance at a Communion Retreat in Spring.
- +A daily Bible reading schedule will be available each week for students to use in their own daily “Quiet Time with Jesus”. This is not a requirement, but an opportunity to grow in a personal relationship with the Living, In-Dwelling Jesus.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- +Personal Bible (New International Version)
- +Luther’s Small Catechism (available at church office- \$12)
- +A pen or pencil at each class.
- +Personal manila envelope (provided by Holy Cross- distributed during the first class session) for Individual Student Study Packets. There will be one envelope per course (e.g. The Gospel of Matthew has its own packet; Romans has its own packet, etc.).

PREPARATION:

+It would be wonderful for each student to spend five minutes in prayer prior to each class- either at home or upon arrival at church. The prayer should center on asking for an awareness of Jesus’ Presence throughout the evening, as well as for growth in the Grace of Jesus.

+Holy Communion is a highly personal thing. It is also a shared thing within the Community of Believers. The decision as to when a person is ready cannot be arbitrarily set at any certain age. When a student believes that he/she is ready to receive Holy Communion, the parents and student may petition the pastor and the Board of Elders. The student will be questioned concerning his/her understanding of what Holy Communion is, and why the student desires to receive Holy Communion. A public confession of this faith will be made prior to any first Communion.

“I want to KNOW Christ and EXPERIENCE the mighty power that raised Him from the dead.” Philippians 3:10a (New Living Translation)