

The Grove Church

2025-2026 Family Ministry Calendar

(Blue: Kid's Ministry, Purple: Student Ministry, Yellow: Woodbury location events, Orange: Cottage Grove location events)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	INFORMATION
8/3	11:45-1:30	VBS	Meet and Set Up VBS After Church
8/4-8/8	9-12	VBS	Vacation Bible School
8/10	9 and 10:30	VBS	VBS Sunday
8/31	10:30	Backpack Blessing	Blessing for Teachers and Students
9/7	9 and 10:30	Kick Off Sunday/1 st Grove Kids	Start Outside, Indoors for Grove Kids
9/10	6:30-8	Student/Parent Night	Student Ministry Orientation/Info about Service Trips
9/12-9/14		Confirmation Retreat	8 th & 9 th graders – Kelly comes back Saturday night
9/17	6:30-8	Student Kickoff	First night of Student Ministry
9/21	11:45-1	Stepping Stone	My Church (ages 3-5 and their adults)
9/26	6-7:30 pm	Grove Kids Family Meeting	Grades K-5 and their adults (childcare provided)
9/28	11:45-1 pm	Stepping Stone	Come to the Table (grades 1-5 and their adults)
10/5	11:45-1	Stay and Play!	Parents and Kids enjoy lunch, play, crafts and fellowship in Room 100
10/5	11:45-1	Grove Group Potluck	
10/5	10:15-12:30	Students serve Coffee Time	
10/11	2-5 pm	Pop-Up Pumpkin Patch	Cottage Grove: free pumpkins/vendors
10/12	11:45-1	Stepping Stone	Family Ritual (grades K-5 and their adults)
10/15		No Student Ministry	MEA
10/22	6:30-8	Student Ministry	Confirmation Rehearsal at 5:30; Confirmation Celebration Pumpkin Carving
10/25	2-4	Halloween Masquerade	
10/26	9 and 10:30	Confirmation Sunday	Attend either 9 or 10:30, pictures at 10 am
10/29	6:30-8	Hide and Seek Trick or Treat	Costume contest / invite your friends
11/2	11:45-1	Stay and Play!	Parents and Kids enjoy lunch, play, crafts and fellowship in Room 100
11/2	9 and 10:30	All Saints Sunday	Light a candle and remember a loved one
11/2	10:15-12:30	Students serve Coffee Time	
11/16	11:45-1	Stepping Stone	Lead Worship (grades 3 -5 with their adults)
11/12	6:30-8	Student/Parent Night	TBA
11/23	9 and 10:30	Blessing	Blessing: My Church, Come to the Table, Family Ritual and Leading Worship
11/26	6:30-8	No Student Ministry	Thanksgiving week
12/7	11:45-1	Stay and Play!	Parents and Kids enjoy lunch, play, crafts and fellowship in Room 100
12/7	10:15-12:30	Students serve Coffee Time	
11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21	9 and 10:30	Advent Candle Lighting	Families are invited to help light Advent Candle
12/06	10:30-1:00	How to Train an Elf	10:30-11 Sensory friendly only
12/13	1-3 pm	Christmas Program Rehearsal	Prepare for Christmas Program

12/14	10:30	Children's Christmas Program	"Tell Me the Story"
12/17	6:30-8	Annual Christmas Party	Student Ministry
12/24	6:30-8	No Student Ministry	Christmas Week
12/24	3 pm	Christmas Eve	Special Christmas Eve service geared for children
12/24	3, 5, 7, 9 pm	Advent Candle Lighting	Families are invited to help light Advent Candle during Christmas worship
12/28	9 and 10:30	No Grove Kids	Pajama Sunday
12/31	6:30-8	No Student Ministry	New Year's Eve
1/4	10:15-12:30	Students serve Coffee Time	
1/11	11:45-1	Stepping Stone	Serving Others (grades K-5 and their adults)
1/18, 1/25	11:45-1	Stepping Stone	Explore the Bible (grades 2-5 and their adults)
1/18 -19	5 pm	Middle School Lock In	Pick Up Monday by 9 am
2/1	11:45-2	Extended Stay and Play!	Parents drop off their kids and return at 2 pm!
2/1	10:15-12:30	Students serve Coffee Time	
2/4	6:30-8	Student/Parent Night	TBA
2/22	11:40-1	Stepping Stone	Serving Communion (grades 4-5 and their adults)
2/15 -16	5 pm	Senior High Lock In	Pick Up Monday by 9 am
2/18	7 pm	Ash Wednesday	Students attend Ash Wednesday service
3/1	11:45-1	Stay and Play!	Parents and Kids enjoy lunch, play, crafts and fellowship in Room 100
3/1	10:15-12:30	Students serve Coffee Time	
3/11	6:30-8	No Student Ministry	SoWashCo spring break
3/15		Nippoldt Scholarship Due	Grads of 23-26, Submit application by Midnight
3/22	9 to Noon	Mission/Summer Sunday	
4/3	7 pm	Good Friday	Childcare Available
4/5	9 and 10:30	No Grove Kids K-5	Easter/Childcare Nursery and Preschool
4/5	8:30-12:15	Pancake Breakfast	Student Ministry receiving donations for service trips
4/5	11:15 – 12:30	Easter Hullabaloo	Photo Backdrop, Indoor Egg Hunt, Crafts
4/22	6:30-8	Stepping Stone	Confirming Your Baptism (grade 5 and their adults)
4/26	9 and 10:30	Blessing	Blessing for: Serving Others, Explore your Bible, Serving Communion and Confirming Your Baptism
4/29	6:30-8	Student End of Year Party	
5/10	9 and 10:30	Willing Children as Models	Bless Dress A Girl Around the World/Mother's Day
5/17	9 and 10:30	Last Grove Kids	
5/17	10:30	Graduation Sunday	Nippoldt Scholarship Recognition
5/24	9 and 10:30	Pet Blessing during worship	Bring your pet on a leash or in cage/kennel
6/26	7 pm	High School Grad's Reunion	Free Food and Connection
7/12-16	TBD	STORM Camp	The Grove with other students from the metro area
8/3-7	9-noon	Vacation Bible School	The Grove
8/7-15	TBD	Re-Member Service Trip, HS	South Dakota