The Grove Church

2026-2027 Family Ministry Calendar

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

Date	Time	Event	Information
8/28	7:00 PM	Student Ministry Campfire	Welcoming new grade 6 students
9/13	9 and 10:30	Kick Off Sunday/1st Grove Kids Pouch Blessing	Start Outside, Indoors for Grove Kids
9/16	6:30-8	Student/Parent Night	Student Ministry Orientation/Info about Service Trips
9/19-9/20		Confirmation Retreat	8th & 9th graders, 10th grade as leaders
9/20	11:45-1	Stepping Stone	My Church (ages 3-5 and their adults)
9/23	6:30-8	Student Kickoff	First night of Student Ministry
9/27	11:45-1 pm	Stepping Stone	Come to the Table (grades1-5 and their adults)
10/4	11:45-1	Stay and Play!	Parents and Kids enjoy lunch, play, crafts and fellowship in Room 100
10/4	11:45-1	Grove Group Potluck	Childcare Available in Stay and Play
10/10	2-5 pm	Pop-Up Pumpkin Patch	Cottage Grove: free pumpkins/vendors
10/11	11:45-1	Stepping Stone	Family Ritual (grades K-5 and their adults)
10/14		No Student Ministry	MEA
10/21	6:30-8	Student Ministry	Confirmation Rehearsal at 5:30; Confirmation Celebration Pumkin Carving
10/25	9 and 10:30	Confirmation Sunday	10:30, pictures at 10 am
10/28	6:30-8	Hide and Seek Trick or Treat	Costume contest / invite your friends
11/1	11:45-1	Stay and Play!	Parents and Kids enjoy lunch, play, crafts and fellowship in Room 100
11/1	9 and 10:30	All Saints Sunday	Light a candle and remember a loved one
11/15	11:45-1	Stepping Stone	Lead Worship (grades 3 -5 with their adults)
11/18	6:30-8	Student/Parent Night	Coping Skills
11/22	9 and 10:30	Stepping Stone Blessing	Blessing: My Church, Come to the Table, Family Ritual and Leading Worship
11/25	6:30-8	No Student Ministry	Thanksgiving week
12/6	11:45-1	Stay and Play!	Parents and Kids enjoy lunch, play, crafts and fellowship in Room 100
11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20	9 and 10:30	Advent Candle Lighting	Families are invited to help light Advent Candle
12/4	4:30-6:30pm	How to Train an Elf	Meal, games and activities
12/12	1-3 pm	Christmas Program Rehearsal	Prepare for Christmas Program
12/13	10:30 AM	Children's Christmas Program	
12/16	6:30-8	Annual Christmas Party	Student Ministry
12/23	6:30-8	No Student Ministry	Christmas Week
12/24	3:00 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
12/27	9 and 10:30	No Grove Kids	Pajama Sunday
12/30	6:30-8	No Student Ministry	New Year's Eve
1/10	9 and 10:30	Pack the Pews Sunday	Hot Chocolate/Food Drive
1/10	11:45-1	Stepping Stone	Serving Others (grades K-5 and their adults)

1/17, 1/24	11:45-1	Stepping Stone	Explore the Bible (grades 2-5 and their adults)
1/17	5:00 PM	Middle School Lock In	Pick Up Monday by 9 am
2/3	6:30-8	Student/Parent Night	TBD
2/7	11:45-2	Extended Stay and Play!	Parents drop off their kids and return at 2 pm!
2/10	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday	Students attend Ash Wednesday service
2/14		Pajama Ball in Cottage Grove	
2/14	5:00 PM	Senior High Lock In	Pick Up Monday by 9 am
2/21	11:40-1	Stepping Stone	Serving Communion (grades 4-5 and their adults)
2/28	9 to Noon	Mission/Summer Sunday	
3/7	11:45-1	Stay and Play!	Parents and Kids enjoy lunch, play, crafts and fellowship in Room 100
3/10	6:30-8	No Student Ministry	Sillwater spring break
3/14		Nippoldt Scholarship Due	Grads of 23-26, Submit application by Midnight
3/17	6:30-8	No Student Ministry	SoWashCo spring break
3/21	9 and 10:30	Palm Sunday	Kids process in both services with palms
3/26	7:00 PM	Good Friday	Childcare Available
3/28	9 and 10:30	No Grove Kids K-5	Easter/Childcare Nursery and Preschool
3/28	8:30-12:15	Easter Meal	Student Ministry receiving donations for service trips
3/28	11:15 – 12:30	Easter Hullabaloo	Photo Backdrop, Indoor Egg Hunt, Crafts
4/21	6:30-8	Stepping Stone	Confirming Your Baptism (grade 5 and their adults)
4/25	9 and 10:30	Stepping Stone Blessing	Blessing for: Serving Others, Explore your Bible, Serving Communion and Confirming Your Baptism
4/28	6:30-8	Student End of Year Party	Last Student Ministry until September
5/2	10:30	Student Led Worship	
5/9	9 and 10:30	Willing Children as Models	Bless Dress A Girl Around the World/Mother's Day
5/23	10:30	Graduation Sunday and Scholarship Recognition	
5/23	9 and 10:30	Last Grove Kids	
5/30	9 and 10:30	Pet Blessing during worship	Bring your pet on a leash or in cage/kennel
6/25	7:00 PM	High School grad's Reunion	Free Food and Connection
6/18 - 6/27		MountainTOP	Tennessee
7/11 - 7/15		STORM Camp	The Grove with other students from the metro area
8/1	11:45-1	VBS Meeting	Worship Center
8/2 - 8/6	9-noon	Vacation Bible School	The Grove
8/8	9 and 10:30	VBS Sunday	
8/20	7:00 PM	Student Ministry Campfire	Welcoming new grade 6 students
8/19 - 8/22		Family Camp	Koronis Assembly Grounds