



Dear Parents,

Discipleship Leading to Confirmation preparations are well underway. I am extremely excited that your youth is able to participate in our ministry for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth this year! This ministry is a three-year discipleship journey that culminates at the Confirmation Service. If you have a 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth that does not wish to be confirmed, they are still welcome to attend Ignite. At Grace, we are committed to becoming a family growing in Christ while reaching out in love. Our desire is to serve your family well through communication, prayer, and support. We want youth to know that their faith development is vitally important to their family, their church, and their God. Please read through the following information:

**Ministry Structure:** We will meet this year in our day school and/or on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30 PM. Our Ignite Sunday evenings will operate as a youth group with large group teaching, small group interaction, and free time. If your youth must miss Ignite, they are expected to watch the teaching video and fill out a note sheet for that week's lesson. Those that attend classes in our day school are highly encouraged to also be a part of the Ignite Sunday experience! This will give your youth small group and fellowship time that does not happen in the classroom environment.

**Confirmation Parent Meeting:** The confirmation parent meeting is offered two times, so choose whichever one is more convenient for your family! The first option is August 20<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 AM at the CrossView Way campus. The second option is August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM over Zoom. Please email [youthmin@grace-connect.org](mailto:youthmin@grace-connect.org) for the zoom link. At this meeting, we will go over all confirmation requirements and schedules.

**Online Registration and Ignite Kick-Off:** The Discipleship Leading to Confirmation Registration Process is online! This online registration should be completed as soon as possible so that all materials can be ordered, and small groups can be organized. If you prefer paper forms, they can be printed from our website or picked up at the church office. Ignite kicks off on **September 10th at 5:30 PM.**

**Register Online:** [bit.ly/Ignite23-24](https://bit.ly/Ignite23-24)

**Parent Volunteers Needed:** Our Ignite youth ministry is only possible because of parental involvement. We are currently searching for a female and male small group leader for our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders and a High School boys small group leader. We also need parents willing to supervise the youth room and set up and clean up free time for each Ignite Sunday. Please contact [youthmin@grace-connect.org](mailto:youthmin@grace-connect.org) if you are interested in serving our teenagers.

**Confirmation Requirements:** Please read the included ‘structure and expectations of discipleship ministry’ handout carefully as this has many more details about our confirmation requirements. If not receiving day school instruction, youth are expected to attend Ignite as a confirmation requirement.

**Communication:** We want to communicate with you effectively this year. Please make sure you are connected to all the ways we will be communicating this year, so you don’t miss anything!

*Email:* Important information will be communicated to you through a monthly newsletter that is emailed at the beginning of each month. If you do not receive these emails, please contact [youthmin@grace-connect.org](mailto:youthmin@grace-connect.org) to be added to the list.

*Text Messages:* This will be how we communicate changes and important reminders. If you are a parent please text the following: @grace-prnt to the number 81010. You can text @leave to stop receiving texts at any time.

*Social Media:* Follow Ignite on Instagram at @gracelutheranignite and our Grace Lutheran Ministries Facebook page.

*I also want to encourage you as your child begins or continues this exciting process to partner with them!* The more involved you are in this journey of discipleship, the more likely they are to invest themselves in their spiritual growth throughout their life. Take the time to look through their Ignite binder and talk about what they are learning in the large group teaching each week. Consider serving alongside your youth in the area they have chosen to serve! Make weekly worship a non-negotiable for your family. Please get involved in your youth’s spiritual growth because they will learn from you. We are excited that you and your child will be taking part in this important milestone in their lives! Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at our church office: 262-251-0670 or email me at [youthmin@grace-connect.org](mailto:youthmin@grace-connect.org).

May our God and Savior bless you through the journey of confirmation.

Yours in Christ,

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