

## 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Program Information

**Sunday Mornings: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 11:05 meets in gym classroom**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 11:05 meets in Student Center**

Seventh graders and sixth graders will meet together to participate in *The Story* curriculum which will reinforce and expand on the messages given during the worship services.

Eighth graders will meet with the high school students at 11:05 in the student center. Sunday School for grades 8-12 will focus on two primary vehicles for connecting to God: musical worship and relevant teaching. They will also participate in *The Story* curriculum which will reinforce and expand on the messages given during the worship services.

One of the great features of *The Story* is the weekly devotional page available for families. Check out the Student Ministry page of the church's website for a link to the devotionals.

**58ers (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group): Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.** beginning Sept. 21  
58ers meets in the Student Center. Every student in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome during this time of encouragement, community and fun. Students will have the opportunity to engage in games, worship, Bible study, crafts and small group experiences that will help them to encounter God in a powerful way.

**Community Meals:** Wednesday nights 5:30 -6:15p.m. Sept. 21, October 19, January 25 and February 22  
Invite your family and friends for a free dinner.

**Core: 8<sup>th</sup> Graders – Sundays: 6:30-8:00 p.m.** beginning Sept. 11.

Core meets in the adult education room **B-2**.

Core is a one year intensive confirmation program. It is designed for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to learn the basics of the Bible and the foundational Christian beliefs while inter-acting in a loving Christian community. Each student will need to have an adult mentor to partner with them for this class. Core includes weekly gatherings that consist of dessert, teaching time taught by the pastoral staff, and small groups. There will also be requirements of sermon notes, mini-retreats, and service work.

Note: New students are only accepted into Core at the beginning of each school year.

**Fall Retreat:** October 21-23 at Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp

**Winter Retreat:** January 13-15 at Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp

**Mission Experience for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

A mission trip is being planned for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 17-22. Service opportunities during this week will include work with children, soup kitchen, food pantries, thrift shops, and the elderly.

**There will also be periodic special events and local mission projects in addition to the regular programs.**

For more information and updates go to:

[www.forestparkcov.org/student\\_ministries.htm](http://www.forestparkcov.org/student_ministries.htm) or contact Becky Mead,  
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