

FAITH MILESTONES 2023-2024 DATES

BAPTISM FAITH MILESTONE

One on one or ZOOM visits can be scheduled.

PRESCHOOL FAITH MILESTONE

(3 & 4's)

February 4 & 11, 2024, 9:30-10:15AM

KINDERGARTEN FAITH MILESTONE

November 11, 2023, 9:00-11AM at Midwest Food Bank
November 12, 9:30-10:15AM, Room 115, Church

FIRST BIBLE FAITH MILESTONE

(2nd Grade)

September 24 & October 1, 2023, 9:30-10:15AM
The Worship Blessing: October 1 (10:30AM Service)

PRETEEN FAITH MILESTONE RETREAT

(5/6th Grade)

March 2025

CHALLENGE AND CHOICE FAITH MILESTONE

(8-9th Grade)

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024, 7-8:30PM

10TH GRADE FAITH MILESTONE

Available in 2024-25

GRADUATION FAITH MILESTONE

(12th Grade)

February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024, 7-8:30PM

GRANDPARENT FAITH MILESTONE

TBD



PARTNERING WITH THE HOME TO
PASS ON FAITH
TO THE NEXT GENERATIONS

THE FAITH CHEST

The Faith Chest houses the spiritual treasures, given by church and family to a child, to be used to nurture faith-at-home practices throughout their childhood years. It is a wooden box with a lid and a tray that fits inside to hold items of spiritual significance such as; the baptismal candle, devotionals, Bibles, music, Trinity Kids/ VBS projects, etc. The Chest becomes a storehouse of resources that families can use to nurture faith in Jesus Christ!

We offer Faith Chests with instructions. The materials for the faith chest cost \$50. Whatever you are able to donate towards that cost may be paid to Trinity Lutheran Church. Please don't allow finances to keep you from making a faith chest for your child. We will cover any amount that is above your ability to pay.



For more information about any of these Faith Milestones, including the Faith Chest Kits, please email Mary Bloebaum at mary@trinluth.org or call her at (309) 834-3202.

To register for any of the visit trinluth.org/faith-milestones



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FAITH MILESTONES

As God's family we have opportunity to pause at important moments in our journey of faith to celebrate God's work, remember God's faithfulness, and pass on faith in Jesus Christ from one generation to the next. We call these meaningful, memorable moments in the lives of individuals, families and our congregation, the Faith Milestones.

We believe, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that the family has the greatest influence on a child's faith. We also believe the church is called to partner with and equip parents/grandparents to be those primary faith shapers, as intended by God in His Word (Deuteronomy 6).

Through Faith Milestones, Trinity will help households nurture Christian faith by:

EQUIPPING families with practices to help live out faith-at-home.

BLESSING individuals and marking the occasion with a celebration.

GIFTING with a tangible item to remember the moment and point to God's love.

CONNECTING with the faith family for support and encouragement.



HOLY BAPTISM

Through baptism, God claims you as His own and you become a CHILD OF GOD, in the family of God, receiving faith and all His promises by His grace. Parents are given tools to nurture that faith at home and are equipped to say a DAILY BLESSING over their child.



PRESCHOOL

We introduce rhythms of faith for the family using the new Preschool Bible . . . Pray, Praise and Read God's Word! We also introduce parents to important conversations to begin at this age.



KINDERGARTEN

In Kindergarten we focus on STEWARDSHIP; being caretakers of their faith, body, money and time. Students are given a towel and basin to remind them how Jesus serves them and how they then get to respond by serving others! We also continue important conversations with your child.



FIRST BIBLE

2nd grade students are reminded that GOD'S WORD is amazing and their new Bible is filled with amazing tools to help them navigate through it. Parents personalize the Bible with highlights and a blessing. They are taught how to use the Bible on their own and with their family.



PRETEEN

5/6th grade students with a parent/guardian will retreat for one night to discuss "GOD'S PLAN FOR A MAN" (father/son) and "GOD'S DESIGN FOR HIS DAUGHTERS" (mother/daughter) to experience special and powerful moments together.



CHALLENGE & CHOICE

8/9th grade students, with parents, will attend four biblically-based sessions on sexual purity where students are challenged and encouraged to make a P.A.C.T. for PURITY and keep their "eyes on the prize" as designed by God.



10TH GRADE

10th grade can bring special privileges, but along with those come the KEYS TO RESPONSIBILITY. Students, alongside parents, will be encouraged in seeking Godly wisdom for the privileges of dating, driving, more independence, and faith.



GRADUATION

As High School Seniors prepare to graduate and enter the next chapter in life, they will be equipped to establish a VISION for their future in the areas of: academics, friendship, fun, dating, and faith. In May, parents bless their child and gift them with a BLESSING BLANKET.



GRANDPARENT

For grandparents of any age and stage . . . It is never too early or too late to speak into your grandchildren's lives and point them to Jesus. Come to discuss the Biblical side of grandparenting, the value in blessing your grandchildren, and practical ideas for intentionally passing on a legacy of faith.