MILESTONES MINISTRY

2026-2027

Faith Milestones are special markers, grounded in the Bible and nurturing faith in everyday life.
We discover God's presence in seemingly ordinary happenings.

Pre-K • **Pray and Play** Kids and their families learn about the gift of prayer, God's love; and how that love helps us navigate life. Event: January 23 ~ 10-10:45 a.m. Blessing: January 24	**Kindergarten** • **Welcoming Young Children to Worship: Sanctuary Crawl** Children and their families learn about Worship at First! Kids can ask questions, explore the Sanctuary, and learn how they can be an important part of worship. Event: September 20 ~ 10:45-11:30 a.m. Blessing: September 27 (9:30 a.m.)	**1st Grade** • **The Lord's Prayer** Learning the Lord's Prayer is an important step for a young child or those of any age. Celebrating this time as a milestone affirms the importance of prayer along the road of one's lifelong faith journey. Event: January 31 ~ 3:30-5 p.m. Blessing: February 7
2nd Grade • **Bible Adventures** Children and their families come together to learn about God's written word. We will explore the Bible and talk about ways to utilize the Bible together as a family. Event: September 27 ~ 3-4:30 p.m. Blessing: October 4	**3rd Grade** • **Come to the Table** Children and their families learn about how God feeds us in the special meal of Holy Communion. Children of any age are welcome to participate in this Milestone with our 3rd graders, especially if they are ready to begin receiving the Sacrament. Event: February 28, March 7 & 21 4 p.m. Blessing: March 25 *(Maundy Thursday)*	**4th Grade** • **Stewardship (Kids and Money)** Participants will learn how stewardship is not just about money - but our lives, health, bodies, souls, minds, hearts, relationships, time, ideas, dreams, questions, stories, passions and all of creation. Event: November 1 ~ 4-5 p.m. Blessing: November 8
5th Grade • **Fruit of the Spirit** As our 5th graders prepare for Middle School, we learn about the Fruits of the Spirit and how the Holy Spirit equips us for a faith-filled life in every setting. Event: May 30 ~ 3:30-5 p.m. Blessing: June 6	**6th Grade** • **Quest** 6th graders ask and explore the big "Quest"ions of faith, with a new theme each month, September through March. Blessing: TBD	**7th Grade** • **Entering Confirmation** A celebration of the beginning of the 2- year confirmation journey at First—a profound time of faith formation for our young people. Blessing: September 13

8th Grade • **Apostles' Creed** The Apostles' Creed is an affirmation of faith. Students will learn how to express what they believe by using three "I believe" statements to explain who God is, what God has done and what God continues to do in the world. Event: April 21 ~ 12 p.m. (Half day of school) Blessing: April 25	**9th Grade** • **Affirmation of Baptism** The Affirmation of Baptism liturgy in worship, in which students say "yes" to their baptism and continued life of faith, is a celebration in the life of families and the congregation. Blessing: October 25	**10th Grade** • **Blessing of the Keys** A celebration for those who have received or will receive a driver's license this year. Blessing: August 9
11th Grade • **Discovering Your Callings** Students will explore their unique spiritual gifts along with their future career paths. They will begin to think and talk about where God is leading them while learning practical skills to build upon these calends for the future. Event: July 18 ~ 3-4:30 p.m. Blessing: July 25	**12th Grade** • **Graduation** A celebration for those graduating from high school. Blessing: TBA	**All Kids** • **Back To School Blessing** Students of all ages, teachers, school staff, and faith formation volunteers will be blessed as they begin a new school year. Blessing: August 8 & 9
Adults & Kids • **Walking Wet: Anniversary of Baptism** On the Baptism of Our Lord, we will celebrate all those who have been baptized in the past year. Families will be invited to receive a blessing and blessing stone during worship. Blessing: January 10		The ***"Event"*** always educates about the milestone and offers engaging, experiential, cross-generational learning opportunities. They may be a single session or two or more. ——————— The ***"Blessing"*** offers a litany and blessing and often gifting to be included in a worship service. All *"Blessings"* take place during Sunday morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

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