

Faith Lutheran Church has developed an intentional, faith formation path for families. We are introducing **Mile Markers... A Faith Journey**. Based on Deuteronomy 6:7, this is a 7 step process from Baby to Empty Nest that gives parents the tools and motivation to bless their child at different stages of growth and to link families together through mentoring. Our “mile markers” are unique to our church and the needs of members from our Family Needs Survey.

Mile Markers... A Faith Journey



The 7 Mile Markers are:

1. Believing : Baptism – *Believing in the promise of Salvation.*
2. Obeying : Early Childhood – *Teaching and living out God’s Word.*
3. Abiding : My Lutheran Bible – *Abiding in a growing knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.*
4. Confessing : Confirmation – *Confessing what I believe.*
5. Pursuing : Graduation – *Pursuing God’s new calling and direction in my life.*
6. Thanking : Marriage – *Thanking God for His good gift of marriage.*
7. Trusting : Empty Nest – *Trusting God to encourage faith in your adult children.*

Each mile marker includes 1 or more sessions. These interactive workshops will cover the purpose for the mile marker and teach a practice to use in the home. A blessing worship service to publicly bless and affirm families will be a follow up after the sessions. Families will also be presented with specific tools to use in the home as well (ie. devotional CD, children’s Bible, journals, etc.).

Our first mile marker session will be during the month of October. Here are the details:

Mile Marker #3 – ABIDING

Stage: 1st-4th grade

Purpose: *To celebrate the intellectual growth of your child.*

To teach the whole story of Salvation by walking through the Bible, highlighting key Scripture passages from Genesis to Revelation.

Practice: *Add a weekly ritual of reading one Bible story or section per week with your family in age appropriate ways, share daily highs & lows, and intercessory prayer.*

Blessing Worship: *Bless the child, affirm and call the parents to commit to reading the Bible with their child, present a Lutheran ESV Children’s Bible.*

We pray Faith’s families will grow in a deeper knowledge of biblical truths and be deliberate in making time for one another. Our hope is that they will pass on the faith to future generations... mile by mile.

