

EACH LIFE IS A JOURNEY...

From the time your baby is born, he will encounter many twists and turns. You are the best guide along the way. We believe that what happens in the home is more important than what happens at church and our hope is to partner with you from the very beginning.



Faith Lutheran Church introduces

Mile Markers... A Faith Journey

An intentional process that gives parents the tools and motivation to bless their child at different stages of growth and to link families together so they can support each other. Faith formation happens best through common sense, biblical witness, and personal experience in the home. With Mile Markers, your family will grow in a deeper knowledge of biblical truths and be deliberate in making time for one another. Our hope is that you will pass on the faith to future generations... mile by mile.

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Family Life Ministry

Mile Markers... A Faith Journey



- MILE 1 BELIEVING**
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- MILE 3 ABIDING**
- MILE 4 CONFESSING**
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- MILE 6 THANKING**
- MILE 7 TRUSTING**

“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

Deuteronomy 6:7

7 MILE MARKERS...

Mile Marker #1-BELIEVING : Baptism

"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit," Titus 3:5

Mile Marker #2-OBEYING : Early Childhood

"You shall teach them diligently to your children," Deuteronomy 6:7

Mile Marker #3-ABIDING : My Lutheran Bible

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

Mile Marker #4-CONFESSING : Confirmation

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim)" Romans 10:8

Mile Marker #5-PURSUING : Graduation

"Many are the plans in the mind of man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand." Proverbs 19:21



Mile Marker #6-THANKING : Marriage

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Genesis 2:24

Mile Marker #7-TRUSTING : Empty Nest

"You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield." Psalm 115:11

MILE MARKER DESCRIPTIONS

#1-BELIEVING

Believing in the promise of Salvation.

Stage: newborn to 1 year old

Purpose: To celebrate Holy Baptism and teach parents how to care for the spiritual development of their baby. To give parents an emotional support system (mentoring) that helps build a strong family.

Practice: Blessing your baby. Bedtime routine with music featuring God's Word.

Blessing Worship Service: Bless the baby, call the parents to commit to a nightly routine, present a devotional CD.

#2-OBEYING

Teaching and living out God's Word.

Stage: 2-5 years

Purpose: To celebrate physical, emotional, and social growth of your child. Use child's first experiences as a tool to teach God's Word. To give parents an emotional support system (mentoring) that helps build a strong family.

Practice: Add a weekly *Faith@Home* activity and simple prayer techniques to use with your little ones.

Blessing Worship Service: Bless the child, call parents to commit to a nightly prayer routine and a weekly *Faith@Home* activity, present a one month supply of activities.

#3-ABIDING

Abiding in a growing knowledge of the Holy Scriptures

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 Service: Bless the child, affirm and call the parents to commit to reading the Bible with their child, present a Lutheran ESV Children's Bible.

#4-CONFESSING

Confessing what I believe.

Stage: 5-8th grade

Purpose: To prepare youth to make a public confession of their faith, affirming and confirming what they believe.

Practice: Study the 6 chief parts of the catechism, share daily highs & lows with biblical reflection, and intercessory prayer. *Mile Marker will include a Seder Meal.*

Blessing Worship Service: Rite of Confirmation

#5-PURSUING

Pursuing God's new calling and direction in my life.

Stage: High school graduates

Purpose: To bless the graduate and the parents. To help graduates prepare for college and the new direction in their life. *Mile Marker will include a graduation brunch.*

Practice: Share practical "faith talks" with your young adult child.

Blessing Worship Service: Bless the graduate, Graduate blesses the parents, present a journal to use for reflection and prayer.

#6-THANKING

Thanking God for His good gift of marriage

Stage: Newlywed and Anniversary Couples

Purpose: To celebrate the marriage covenant, teach good communication and spiritual disciplines. To give couples an emotional support system that helps strengthen their marriage.

Practice: Simple devotions and prayer techniques.

Blessing Worship Service: Bless and affirm couples. Renew vows (if couples so desire). Present a couples prayer book.

#7-TRUSTING

Trusting God to encourage faith in your adult children.

Stage: Empty nest parents

Purpose: To encourage and inspire empty nest parents to connect with their adult child and grandchildren, and give practical ways to encourage faith in their homes.

Practice: Add daily prayer and reflection focused on your adult children's faith.

Blessing Worship Service: Bless and affirm parents whom commit to connecting with their adult children.

