# 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 toTrinity 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



# faith milestones 2023-2024



# 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.

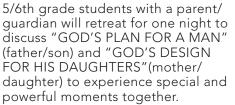


**KINDERGARTEN** In Kindergarten we focus on STEWARDSHIP; being caretakers of their faith, body, money and time. Students are given a towel and basin to remind them how Jesus serves them and how they then get to respond by serving others! We also continue important conversations with your child.

# **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.





### **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**

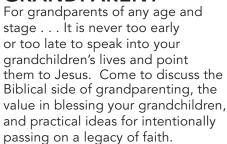
10th grade can bring special privileges, but along with those come the KEYS TO **RESPONSIBILITY.** Students, alongside parents, will be encouraged in seeking Godly wisdom for the privileges of dating, driving, more independence, and faith.

#### 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



#### PRETEEN

