

GOD'S PROMISES OF FAITH, HOPE AND SALVATION ARE PASSED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION!

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

3 John 1:4

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:4-6

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 9:13

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"when we made those promises at baptism, we knew that we couldn't fulfill them alone. Milestones Ministry was so helpful for us as we are raising our kids in the faith."



Bringing the Hope we share in Christ to all!

AT THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD, YOU THE PARENT(S) MAKE THESE PROMISES:

As you rejoice in the baptism of your child, you are also entrusted with responsibilities:

- * to live with her/him among God's faithful people,
- * bring her/him to the word of God and the holy supper,
- * teach her/him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- * place in her/his hands the holy scriptures,
- * and nurture her/him in faith and prayer...

(ELW Service of Baptism p. 228)

WHAT IS THE GOAL?

As it states in our service of baptism...

- * so that your child may learn to trust God,
- * proclaim Christ through word and deed,
- * care for others and the world God made,
- * and work for justice and peace.

(ELW Service of Baptism p. 228)



WHERE DO WE, THE PARENT(S) COME IN?

And then we ask:

"Do you (the parent/s) promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?"

(ELW Service of Baptism p. 228)

Sometimes parents don't always feel prepared, so they say with a gulp, "We do."

WHERE DOES THE CHURCH COME IN?

We, the people of Atonement Lutheran, also made a promise to support you in this work! We do this in a variety of ways, but we are offering this unique Milestones Ministry. It will equip you in your work so faith can be nurtured in the home as well. Here's how we help you declare with confidence, "We do!"

WHAT IS MILESTONES MINISTRY?

Throughout the school year, Atonement Lutheran provides an opportunity for students and adults to celebrate important steps in their child's Faith Journey. Together, you will attend an age-specific event, providing you wonderful resources to deepen your child's faith—and yours!—one step at a time, milestone by milestone. That's why we call this Milestones Ministry! You'll notice that most Milestone Events are celebrated in church!

HOW CAN I HELP?

Each Event needs a parent helper(s) to assist with activities like:

- * Make a few reminder phone calls
- * Some events include a meal, so assistance with preparations
- * Organize supplies
- * Help with a craft
- * Baking
- * Your prayers of support



Baptism (first 3 yrs.) - Equipping Parents Class will be held Jan. 5th at 11:00am in the Jerusalem Room. This class is offered to all families of young children and is meant to offer support and community to parents in the first three years following their child's baptism.

Preschool (second year preschoolers)- Bedtime Prayers on October 13^h during the children's chat, children will hear about the importance of prayer. At this time all second year preschool children will receive a keepsake bedtime prayers picture book.

Kindergarten - My Cross, A Craft Project

On Feb. 23rd at 11:00 am in the House of David Room, children and parents are invited to come learn about how the cross is an important symbol of our Christian faith. Children will also be making their own mosaic cross and sharing what the cross means to them. Crosses will be displayed before and after service on March 23rd and will then be available for the children to take home.

Grade 1 - The Lord's Prayer

On Nov. 17th at 11:00 am in the Jerusalem Room, children and parents are invited to come learn more about the Lord's Prayer and its meaning and importance. Children participating in this milestone will then be invited to help lead the congregation in the Lord's Prayer on December 15th during service.

Grade 2 - Apostle's Creed

On Nov. 3rd at 11:00 am in the Jerusalem Room, children and parents are invited to come learn more about the Apostle's Creed and its meaning and importance. They will then help lead the congregation in the Apostle's Creed on December 1st during service.

Milestone Ministry Events for 2024-25 Calendar Year

Grade 3 - Study Bibles

On Sept. 29th during the children's chat, children will hear a children's sermon about the importance of the Bible and hear helpful information about using the Bible in daily life. They will then be given a new Bible which will first be given to the parents, who will be invited to have family and friends personalize the Bible before being presented to the child on Oct. 27th during service.

Grade 4 - First Communion

On March 23rd at 11:00 am in the Jerusalem Room, children are invited to paint and personalize their communion chalice. Then on Sunday April 13th at 11:00 am in the Jerusalem Room, children and parents can attend a brief class about communion. At this time children will bake communion bread and learn about the importance of this Holy Supper. First Communion will take place during the evening of Maundy Thursday on April 17th.

Grade 5 - Ten Commandments

On Jan. 26th during service, all participating 5th grade students are invited to join in a special children's chat message about the Ten Commandments. This chat will be aimed at helping children understand and see the commandments as a guide to living a more faith filled life.

Grade 6 & 7 - Confirmation

Weekly Wednesday Confirmation Classes from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Grade 8—Rite of Confirmation

On June 8th during service, the youth being confirmed will be recognized and celebrated.

Grade 9 to 12 - High School Youth Group

Weekly Wednesday gatherings from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Grade 12- Graduation Prayer Shawl

On May 18th during service graduating high school seniors will receive a blessing and prayer shawl in recognition of their accomplishments and future journeys.

