



Faith Milestones

Recognizing God's presence in everyday moments.



Birth–PreK: Faith Formation for Families

Equip families to start faith formation practices at home

Events–January 7, 14, and 21 at 9:30 am

Location–Room 203

Blessing–January 27 & 28 during worship

Topics:

What do our baptismal promises mean for parents and sponsors, how to remember baptism at home, everyday faith practices, and faith practices for holidays and major life events.

Grades K-2: Faith Formation at Church

Equip children with the tools we use as a congregation for faith formation

Events–September 24, October 1, October 8 at 9:30 am

Locations–September 24: Room 106

October 1 & 8: Kdg. in Sanctuary / Gr. 1 in Room 106 / Gr. 2 in Room 102

Blessing–October 21 & 22 during worship

Topics:

Kindergarten–Welcome to Worship

Grade 1–The Lord's Prayer and other Prayer Practices

Grade 2–Introduction to the Bible

Grade 3: Come to the Table

Children learn about and explore the sacrament of Holy Communion

Event–November 12 from 11:30 am–3:00 pm

Locations–Room 205, St. Michael's Hall, Kitchen

Blessing–November 18 & 19 during worship

Topics:

Even if your child is already in the practice of receiving Holy Communion, this event helps your entire family delve deeper into the sacrament. This event open to all children who are ready to begin receiving Communion, but will be taught at a 3rd grade level. Lunch is provided.

Grades 4-6: Faith Formation in the World

Children explore what it means to be a disciple in the world

Events–February 18, February 25, and March 3 at 9:30 am

Locations–February 18: Room 106

Feb. 25 & Mar. 3: Gr. 4 in Room 106 / Gr. 5 in Room 103 / Gr. 6 in Room 205

Blessing–March 2 & 3 during worship

Topics:

Grade 4–Being made in God's image

Grade 5–Faith and Relationships

Grade 6–Loving and Serving our Neighbors

7th Grade: Beginning Confirmation

Event–September 16 & 17

Blessing–October 21 & 22 during worship

Students kick off their confirmation journey by taking part in an overnight retreat at the YMCA Camp in Boone. This year, the 8th and 9th grade students are also invited to join the retreat and cover different topics.

8th Grade: Digital Catechism

Event–October 11 from 6:15–7:15 pm

Blessing–October 21 & 22 during worship

This is a deep dive into the promises and perils of technology and the social media landscape. Parents and students develop a "social media covenant" to safely navigate the online world.

9th Grade: Affirmation of Baptism

Event & Blessing–October 29 at 10:30 am

The Affirmation of Baptism service is the culmination of the confirmation journey and a time when people say "yes" to their baptism and a continued life of faith.

10th Grade: Vocation

Events–February 4 & 18 from 5:00–7:00 pm

Blessing–March 2 & 3 during worship

God has chosen each of us—with our unique gifts and abilities—and given us the freedom to match them up with the needs we see around us. This exploration will give young people the tools to think about their own vocation.

The 10th grade milestone events meet during Senior High Youth Group (SHYG).

11th Grade: Stewardship

Events–January 7 & 21 from 5:00–7:00 pm

Blessing–January 27 & 28 during worship

Participants will learn how stewardship is not just about money, but about our lives, health, bodies, souls, minds, hearts, relationships, time, ideas, dreams, questions, stories, and passion.

The 11th grade milestone events meet during Senior High Youth Group (SHYG).

12th Grade: Baccalaureate

Event & Blessing–May 5 at 10:30 am

Luncheon–May 5 at 11:30 am

Soon-to-be high school graduates will be celebrated and "sent out" by the congregation.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Calendar

Sunday School

September 17–April 28

9:30 am Nursery (birth–3 years old) / Children's Classes (Gr. PreK-6)
Pointed Questions (Gr. 7-12) / Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday Faith Night

September 13–April 24

5:30–6:15 Faith Feast Meal
6:15–6:45 Children's Choir (Gr. 1-6)
6:15–7:15 Giggles & Grace (PreK–K) / Kids Club (Gr. K-6) / Confirmation (Gr. 7-9) / Adult Faith Formation
7:00–8:30 Chancel Choir

AUGUST

18 Fall Registration Opens
28 Be the Light Outdoor Worship at Amphitheater
30 CFM & YFM Leaders Orientation at 6:00 pm

SEPTEMBER

6 Confirmation Student Orientation at 6:15 pm
10 God's Work. Our Hands. Fall Service Day
13 Faith Night begins
17 Sunday School begins
16-17 Grades 7-9 Retreat (7th Grade Milestone)
24 Grades K-2 Milestone at 9:30 am

OCTOBER

1 Grades K-2 Milestone at 9:30 am
8 Grades K-2 Milestone at 9:30 am
11 Grade 8 Milestone at 6:15 pm
15 Family Fall Fest & Chili Cook Off at 4:00 pm
21-22 BLESSING DAY in worship
22 Grade 9 Conf. Banquet & Rehearsal at 5:00 pm
29 Grade 9 Milestone at 10:30 am

NOVEMBER

12 Grade 3 Milestone at 11:30 am
18-19 BLESSING DAY in worship
22 No Faith Night
26 Pie Potluck (No Sunday School)
29 Children's Musical Auditions

DECEMBER

3 Children's Musical Read-Through at 1:30
10 Child-led Worship & Advent Program
17 Cookie Walk Fundraiser at 9:30 am
Lessons & Carols
24 No Sunday School
27 No Faith Night
31 No Sunday School

* Milestones shown in orange *

Other events may be added throughout the year.

JANUARY

3 Children's Musical Rehearsals Begin
7 Birth–PreK Milestone at 9:30 am
Grade 11 Milestone at 5:00 pm
14 Birth–PreK Milestone at 9:30 am
14 God's Work. Our Hands. Winter Service Day
21 Birth–PreK Milestone at 9:30 am
Grade 11 Milestone at 5:00 pm
27-28 BLESSING DAY in worship

FEBRUARY

4 Grade 10 Milestone at 5:00 pm
10-11 Children's Musical in Worship
14 No Faith Night (Ash Wednesday)
18 Grades 4-6 Milestone at 9:30 am
Grade 10 Milestone at 5:00 pm
25 Grades 4-6 Milestone at 9:30 am

MARCH

2-3 BLESSING DAY in worship
3 Grades 4-6 Milestone at 9:30 am
10 No Sunday School
17 No Sunday School
24 Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am
27 No Faith Night (Holy Week)
31 No Sunday School (Easter)
Easter Breakfast from 7:30–10:30 am

APRIL

13 Family Dance Party at 6:00 pm
24 Final Faith Night
28 Final Sunday School

MAY

5 12th Grade–Baccalaureate at 10:30 am

JUNE

9-12 Vacation Bible School

JULY

15-21 ELCA Youth Gathering