

Milestones Calendar

2016-2017 Milestones

Blessing of Backpacks—August 14

Bibles & Sunday School—August 21

Worship with Children (2-4 years)

Learning—October 15 (10-11am)

Worship—October 16 at 9:00am

New Members (all ages)

Learning—Oct. 27 & Nov. 3 (6pm)

Worship—November 6 at 9:00am

Entering Confirmation (7th grade)

Worship—January 8 at 9:00am

10 Commandments (K-2nd grades)

Learning—March 4 (9:30-11am)

Worship—March 5 at 9:00am

Holy Communion (1st-4th grades)

Learning—March 26, April 2 & 9

(10:30am); April 12 (5:30-7:30pm)

Worship—April 13 at 6:00pm

New Members (all ages)

Learning—May 4 & 11 (6pm)

Worship—May 14 at 9:00am

Graduation (HS or College)—May 7

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Bible Basics—August 2017

Apostles Creed—November 2017

Teach Me to Pray—February 2018

Why Celebrate Milestones?

The Bible tells us that as Moses prepared the people of Israel to enter the Promised Land, he asked them to remember the ways that they had experienced God's love and care. In Moses' address to the people, he says,

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6: 6-9

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*But grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 3:18a



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Milestones Ministry at Peace Lutheran Church

What are Milestones?

Passing on the Christian faith from generation to generation is at the heart of the life and work of the church. Every moment is an opportunity to claim God's redeeming and renewing work in the world and in our lives. Milestones ministry brings an awareness of the presence of God in our lives and provides opportunities to celebrate these milestones in our community of faith.

The milestones for young people are a way that we, as a congregation, are fulfilling the promises made to children at their baptism. Other milestones recognize significant times in our lives and connects them to the journey of faith.

All people are invited to participate and celebrate milestones at Peace Lutheran Church.

For more information about upcoming Milestones, please contact Laura Carson.

Milestones Celebrated at Peace

Baptism	All Ages
Blessing of Backpacks	All Ages
Worship with Children*	2-4 year olds How can I be in worship with my child? Including a "behind the scenes" tour of the sanctuary for kids.
Start of Sunday School	3 years & Up Each year, we give out Bibles to new children and 3rd graders and bless the children as a new year of Sunday School begins.
Teach Me to Pray*	4-5 year olds Children and parents learn about prayer together and memorize the Lord's Prayer.
10 Commandments*	K-2nd grades What are the 10 Commandments and what do they mean for us today? (kids and parents)
Holy Communion*	1st-4th grades This class is for children who are already communing or have not yet begun receiving.
Bible Basics*	3rd-4th grades What are the different parts of the Bible? How do I look up a Bible passage?
Apostles Creed*	5th-6th grades What do we believe? Learn about this statement of faith and commit it to memory. (kids and parents)
Entering Confirmation	7th-8th grades

Affirmation of Baptism* **9th gr & Up**
After a period of study, youth in Confirmation have the opportunity to Affirm their Baptism. Participants in the Adult GIFT Ministry and New Members also Affirm their Baptism.

Vocation* **10th-11th gr**
Young people will learn about "vocation" and how God is calling them to serve the world.

Graduation **12th gr & Up**
Students graduating from High School or College are recognized and blessed each May.

Retirement* **Adults**
Those who have retired within the last three years or will retire in the coming year are invited to participate.

Farewell & Godspeed **All ages**
When someone from our community of faith will be moving, we mark this milestone with a prayer and blessing during worship.

*This milestone has a learning component.

Milestones In Development

This ministry began in the Fall of 2015, and there are more milestones for adults to be developed.

Home Milestone Kits are being developed to help families celebrate milestones in their homes (riding a bike, drivers license, death of a loved one, etc...).