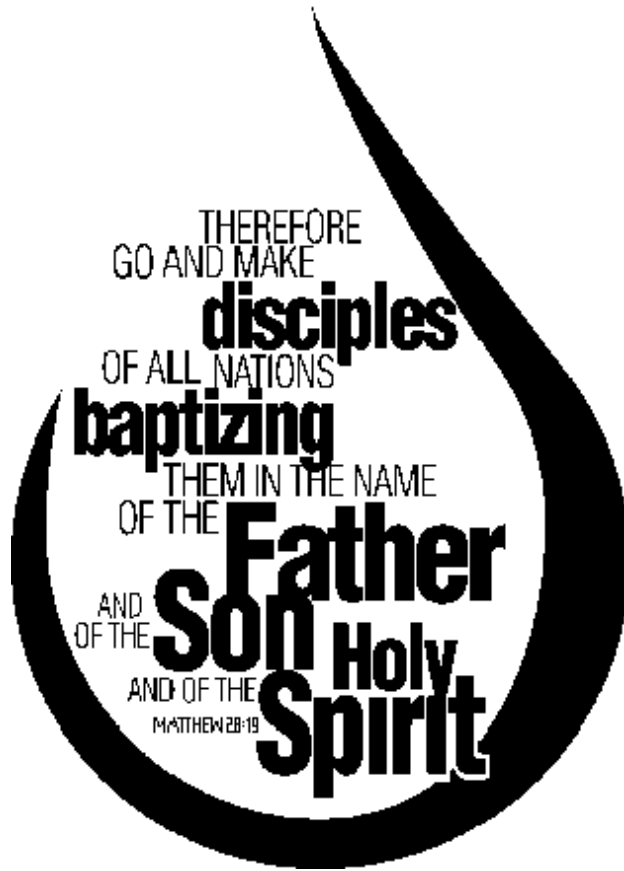


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Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

Matthew 19:13-15

**MILESTONE MINISTRIES**  
**MILESTONES ON OUR BAPTISMAL JOURNEY**

Together with parents, we wish to mark and celebrate special milestones in our children's Christian faith development and baptismal journey.

**Our Purpose and Mission...**Is to support parents in their role as primary educators in the faith development of children. Our combined purpose is to pass on the faith to our children. This is in fulfillment of the baptismal promises.

**Our Vision...**Is for every child to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and to know God's boundless love and grace.

**Objectives...**To provide instruction in the Christian faith through the study of the Holy Scriptures, Lutheran Doctrine and the development of relationships through a caring Christian Community.

**BAPTISM**

Baptism is one of the two sacraments celebrated by the Lutheran Church. Parents meet with a Pastor the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm to discuss this important faith life event. When a child is baptized, he or she is received into the community of faith with the promises of eternal life and the forgiveness of sins. When infants are baptized, parents make a promise to raise their children in a household and community of faith. The child receives a "God Loves Me Bible" from the congregation of Holy Cross. Parents are asked to give a picture of the child's baptism day to share with the congregation.

**FIRST BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY**

Each child baptized at Holy Cross will receive a baptism remembrance gift, compliments of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

**SECOND BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY**

On Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 9:00-10:00am parents and children will learn to celebrate the gift of Baptism that God has given to us. The class will model ways to recognize and acknowledge the Baptismal Anniversary for each child in their home. We will lift up the significance of this event as one that should be remembered as much as birthdays and other important days. On Sunday, January 10, 2010 we will remember the Baptismal Anniversary Milestone during worship at 9:00 and 10:30am.

### **3 YEAR OLD FIRST BIBLES**

To celebrate a child's beginning in our Faith Development Program, we present each child with "The Beginner's Bible." Parents and their child are invited to meet at the church along with other parents and children to explore the Bible and their faith on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 9:00-10:00am. As a symbol of passing on the faith, "The Beginner's Bibles" are presented to each child by their parents, at the altar, during the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services on Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2009.

### **4 YEAR OLD PRAYER**

Prayer is our lifeline to God. The time to begin building a powerful prayer life is in early childhood. This is a two evening event one on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 6:30-7:30pm and one on Thursday, January 21, at 6:30-7:30pm. On January 14<sup>th</sup>, the children along with their parents, will discover that Jesus taught the disciples the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer teaches us today how to pray too. We will also learn prayers for care, commitment, praise and thanks. On January 21<sup>st</sup> come for an evening of PJ's and Prayers. At PJ's and Prayers children and their parents will join Theo, the faithful Retriever to experience a Bible story. We will then reinforce that story with a snack, game and craft.

### **KINDERGARTEN WORSHIP**

Parents, along with their child, will examine worship practices at Holy Cross. We will take a look at the sanctuary's religious symbols and furnishings. Manners for worship will also be discussed. This is a evening event on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 6:00-7:30pm. The curriculum is from Augsburg Fortress "This Is My Lutheran Church" and from Concordia Publishing House "What Does This Mean?" Each child will have an opportunity to create an altar cloth to use at home for a special place to pray and worship God.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

The Ten Commandments are God's rules for the game of life. Come on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 6:00-7:30pm to explore the history of the Ten Commandments. This evening event is for students and their parents. God knows that we need rules to guide us to live happy and peaceful lives. Each family will receive a "The Ten Commandments" book from Concordia Publishing House to help them learn God's rules (Commandments).

## **2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE FIRST COMMUNION**

The Lord's Supper is a special gift from God. We will discover scripture stories, common symbols, and common words relating to Holy Communion. Please attend both sessions on Thursdays, March 11 and 25, 2010 at 6:30–8:00pm. The course "The Welcome Table" will help children and their parents know that God nurtures people in their Baptism when they celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. The children, along with their parents, are invited to participate in a Seder Meal on Palm Sunday, March 28 at 4:00pm. First Communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 1 during one of the two evening worship services at 5:00 or 7:00pm.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE BIBLES**

Students and their parents are invited to attend two "Getting to Know Your Bible" classes to discover their new Bibles. These two classes are held on Sundays, October 4 and November 15, 2009 at 9:00-10:00 am. The Old and New Testament including the Gospels will be explored. As a symbol of passing on the faith, "The Faith Alive Bibles" are presented to each child by their parents, at the altar, during the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services on Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2009.

## **4<sup>th</sup> GRADE APOSTLES' CREED**

For almost 2,000 years, Christians have used the words of the Apostles' Creed to share what they believe about God and why they trust in Him. A creed is a statement of faith. Activities from the workbook "The Apostles' Creed" from Augsburg Fortress will help students understand and embrace the Gospel truths of this special creed. This is a three Sunday morning class held on Sundays, February 14, 21, and February 28, 2010 at 9:00-10:00am. The Apostles' Creed memory work will be recited during the 9:00 or 10:30 worship service on Sunday, March 7, 2010.

## **5<sup>th</sup> GRADE SACRAMENTS**

Learn about the Lutheran Sacraments with these classes for parents and youth on Sundays, March 7 and 21, 2010 at 9:00am. These mornings will deepen the understanding of Baptism and Communion in our Faith Lives. This course will help children and their parents know that God nurtures people in their Baptism when they celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. The youth along with their parents are invited to participate in a Seder Meal on Palm Sunday, March 28 at 4:00pm. The youth will then be invited along with their parents and church family to celebrate communion in worship on Maundy Thursday, April 1 during one of the two evening worship services at 5:00 or 7:00pm. Some of the fifth grade students will be celebrating their First Communion.

### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE PRE-AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (CONFIRMATION)**

This is an opportunity for parents and their children to come together for one of two Wednesday evenings of AOB; May 19 or 26, 2010 at 7:00-8:30pm. During this event the students and parents will learn: Who was Martin Luther and what does it mean to be an ELCA Lutheran? The dynamics of AOB are discussed. Registration for fall is handled in spring for a smooth start up in fall.

### **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (CONFIRMATION)**

This two year "Here We Stand" course from Augsburg Fortress meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00-8:30pm, September 16, 2009 - April 28, 2010. All students meet in the Sanctuary for a large group presentation (led by Ellie Schmidtke - AIM, Director of Family Ministries). Large group lasts approximately 1 hour. During the last  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour, students meet in small groups (approximately 4 or 5 students) with a Small Group Guide to discuss the material presented in large group. The Eighth Grade Affirmation of Baptism Services will be held on Sunday May 2, 2010 at 10:30am or 1:00pm. For more information contact Ellie at the church office for an Affirmation of Baptism Handbook.

### **12<sup>th</sup> GRADE GRADUATION BANQUET**

On Sunday, April 25, 2010 the graduating seniors along with their families are invited to join us for worship at 10:30am. During the worship, there will be a time of prayer and blessing. After worship, a banquet is held where we will enjoy some inspirational words, share some humor and indulge in good food. This is a time for our church family to acknowledge and celebrate this very important milestone in the lives of our young adults.

### **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

Students, preschool through adult, are invited to bring their backpacks to worship on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 7:00pm. During worship we will lift up students of all ages, dedicating them along with their backpacks to God's glory as we begin a new school year.

## **BLESSINGS AND BISCUITS (ANIMAL BLESSING)**

### ***Celebrate God's Creation and Love for all Living Things***

Come to a worship service focused on the blessing of animals to commemorate and celebrate the life of St. Francis of Assisi. This service will be held Saturday, October 3, 2009, during the 5:00pm worship time. This service will be held in the church's Trinity Center. "All things living" are welcome to attend, preferably with a person! All species of the non-human kind will receive a blessing, along with their human pal. Following worship, there will be a time of treats and fellowship, during which all can share their pet's tales. All pet owners of any faith tradition are invited. Animals are encouraged to be in crates, cages, bowls or on leashes.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010**

Monday, June 21 - Friday, June 25 at 9:00am or 5:00pm



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