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Faith Story Spotlight May 2017

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Meet Pastor Sarah Johnson The Baudette Lutheran Parish First Lutheran Church Clementson Lutheran Church Wabinica Lutheran Church in Baudette, MN

Glossary of Resources

The resources at Milestones Ministry continue to grow.

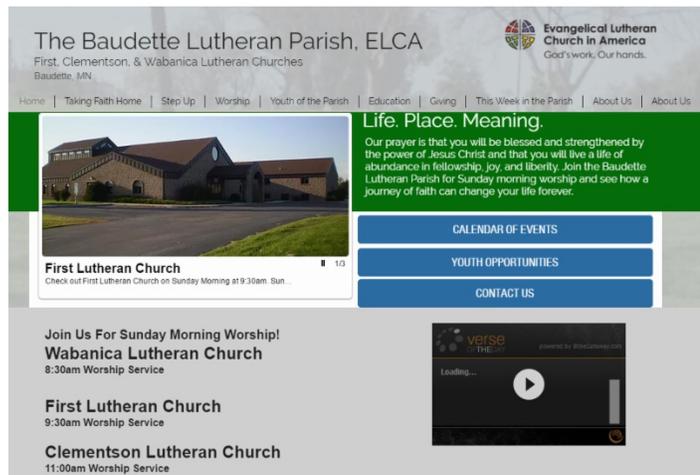
Here is a brief description of each:

Taking Faith Home:

This is an annual resource that provides a different bulletin insert each week during the church year. This enables individuals and families to bring the Christian faith into the home and daily life by experiencing the Word of God through the Four Key Faith Practices that are also used in Milestones Ministry modules and Moments. Using Taking Faith Home with Milestones will help strengthen a congregation's lifelong faith formation ministry. [Click here.](#)

Taking Faith Home Cards:

The Taking Faith Home Cards are designed to allow individuals and families to nurture their faith at any time and place! Each card contains a variety of faith-building activities,



Milestones Ministry Resource Used:

Taking Faith Home Bulletin Inserts and Four Key Faith Practices

Two stories about how youth are encouraging and leading their parents in faith:

Pastor Sarah tells us:

Both families are regular attenders (3 out of 4 Sundays a month), but each has had their lives changed by their children.

For both of these families, the changes which have occurred have

allowing one to pick and choose what is most beneficial in your current setting. [Click here for more info.](#)

Milestone Modules: Each module includes a Four Key Faith Practices outline for three different settings: Cross+Generational, Home, and a Follow-Up. Also included are tips for leaders, an appendix with additional suggestions, and a Worship Blessing, and an appendix that includes ideas for outreach.

- **Child and Youth:** There are 18 that can be purchased individually or together in a manual. [Click here to see the titles.](#)
- **Adult :** There are 12 that can be purchased individually or together in a manual. [Click here to see the titles.](#)

Milestone Moments for the Home: There are 10 at this time and we add new ones regularly. These guides are a two-page design that can be used in a small group setting or the home. [Click here to see the titles.](#)

Gifting Stones: If you choose to use a stone as a visual reminder of the Milestone, a stone for gifting has been designed by our potter and artist, Dawn Deines-Christensen for each Milestone module. Other gifting suggestions are also given in each module appendix. [Click here for more information about the Gifting Stones.](#)

Consistency is a strength and our success lies in **The Four Key Faith Practices** listed below that are at the heart of everything we do:



A graphic titled "The Four Key Faith Practices" featuring four colored buttons with icons and text: "Caring Conversations" (blue button with speech bubble icon), "Devotions" (orange button with book icon), "Service" (purple button with hands icon), and "Rituals and Traditions" (red button with candle icon).

happened intentionally, as a parish, taken time not only to learn about the Four Keys - Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals and Traditions, but also because we practice them as part of our parish life as well as encourage our families to live out these faith processes at home by using the Taking Faith Home sheets.

Story #1: Prayer - Two years ago we gave out prayer cubes to each family as they left the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service. The cubes have six different meal time prayers on them. For one family, the children (3 and 5 years of age) were the ones who demanded their parents start to pray at every meal (breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks.) After a few weeks of doing this it not only became a habit as a child rolled the cube and said the prayer, but the children quickly learned all six prayers. Over a year later, the family continues to pray at all meals and they have since purchased several more cubes which they gave out to overnight guests to take home with them. In this way they are not only proclaiming their own faith, but encouraging the faith of others who have shared their hospitality.

Story #2: Service - Six months ago our parish was forming a task force to help evaluate how to move forward when one of our pastors left to take a new call. An announcement was made during morning worship asking for volunteers who felt called to be part of the task force. One of our youth (8 years old) turned to his mother and said, "Mom, I think you should serve on the task force. You would be good at it." After the two of them prayed about it, she came in and volunteered. This same young man was the one who got his father to also start attending church regularly by telling him, "We really need you to come to church dad so we can worship as a family." It made such an impression on the father, that he went from a several time a year worshiper to a nearly every Sunday worshiper. This young man already is hearing God speak to him, listens and discerns God's will, and in the process is making an impact on his family's life and his family is quick to credit him with what happens.

The Baudette Parish website can be found at: <http://www.baudettelutheranparish.org/>

The Baudette Parish Face Book Page



A screenshot of the Baudette Lutheran Parish Facebook page. The page features a profile picture of a stained glass window, a cover photo of a church building, and a post showing a group of people gathered around a table in a dining room. The page includes navigation options like Home, About, Photos, Events, Reviews, Likes, Videos, and Posts, along with a "Create a Page" button. The right sidebar shows the page's location in Baudette, Minnesota, and lists 128 likes and 10 people who have been here.

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