

New Milestone Moments! Learning the Lord's Prayer, Transition to Assisted Living, First Home, Medicare

Faith Story Spotlight

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Beginning School Back to School Blessing of Backpacks

It is that time of year as we turn our attention to the beginning of a new school year. Whether it is a child beginning school, going back to school, or getting backpacks and supplies ready, all three provide an opportunity to recognize God's presence in our lives and remind us to take time to have caring conversations, prayers, and a blessing.

The Beginning School and Back to School Milestone Moments are designed especially for the home with an outline for parents and grandparents to use together as the school year begins.

[Beginning School Milestone Moment](#)

New Milestone Moments! Learning the Lord's Prayer Transition to Assisted Living First Home Medicare Card

Milestone Moments offer a simple two-page design especially for the home. They provide a model for connecting significant occasions in people's lives with the ongoing journey of faith.



Growing People in Faith When at Home and Away

Learning the Lord's Prayer

Learning the Lord's Prayer is an important step for a young child or those of any age. Celebrating this time as a

[Back to School Milestone Moment](#)

The Blessing of Backpacks Milestone Module has three outlines that can be used for a Cross-Generational event. One is for the congregation to embrace time together with caring conversations and a blessing during worship of the backpacks. Another is for the home and can be sent to families and friends as an outreach to the community. The third outline is a follow up for the congregation and brings the congregation back together after school has been in session to hear stories and continue with prayer and blessings for the rest of the school year.

[Blessing of Backpacks Milestone Module](#)

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The Revised Common Lectionary for Year Cycle A ends on November 26

The Taking Faith Home bulletin insert pro-rated price for the remainder of the church year is \$19.95. The download includes sixteen Taking Faith Homes. One for each week plus a few extras: Thanksgiving Day, All Saint's Day, and Reformation.

The home plays a vital role in faith formation for all ages. We need to be intentional in finding ways to nurture and support faith in the home. This is an opportune time to begin. This resource is reproducible and can also be sent in an email to family and friends.

milestone affirms the importance of prayer along the road of one's lifelong faith journey. Reciting the Lord's Prayer is a basic Christian tradition used around the world.

[For more info, click here.](#)

Transition to Assisted Living

Helping a loved one transition from independent living to assisted living or a nursing home can be difficult. Providing an opportunity to gather with friends and family to have a caring conversation, prayer, and blessing during this time can be helpful. When a spouse or parent ages and is in need of assisted living, we are often in denial.

[For more info, click here.](#)

First Home

Having a first home will involve moving, and moving is never easy! In addition to the chaos of sorting and packing, moving also touches our souls. Regardless of how long we have lived in a house, who we have shared the home with, or what has motivated the move, leaving can spark feelings of grief and sadness as well as feelings of expectation and joy.

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Medicare Card

In the United States when one turns 50 a card shows up in the mail one day from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and you are in denial. You adjust to an aging process that you are part of and begin to realize you have come to a turning point in your life. But at age 65 when you receive a letter in the mail with your Medicare Card enclosed, you recognize a very pivotal moment has arrived concerning health insurance.

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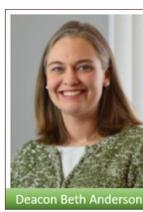
Every month we highlight a person and a ministry using Milestones Ministry resources. This is a wonderful way to get ideas and learn from others. They are sent regularly to our e-news subscribers and are also available under the [Faith Formation Stories tab](#) on our website.

We grow in our faith together by telling our stories. If you, or someone you know has a story to share, please let us know at info@milestonesministry.org

[Taking Faith Home Download for September through November](#)

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At Milestones Ministry
we believe that
"Home is Church too!"



Meet Deacon Beth Anderson
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**Growing People
in Faith
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*...and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.
Deuteronomy 6:7b*

A photograph showing several hands of different people holding small pots of soil with young green plants growing in them, arranged in a circle.

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