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The Blessing Bowl for Congregational Milestones includes a beautiful 4" bowl and 10 stones hand-crafted by our potter, [Dawn Deines-Christensen](#). The set also includes a Four Keys mat.

- Caring Conversations
- Devotions
- Service
- Rituals and Traditions

The Four Keys remind us of valuable faith practices found at the heart of every Milestone module and Taking Faith Home bulletin insert. The 10 stones included in the Blessing Bowl for Congregational Milestones are related to the life of the congregation. They are: Baptism, Anniversary of Baptism, Entering Sunday School, Communion, Bible, Beginning Confirmation, Confirmation, Graduation, Marriage, and a blank one for you to name a special milestone in your

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*The Rev. Dr. David Anderson from Milestones Ministry has often used Taking Faith Home bulletin inserts during worship. Here are some insights from a Facebook post he wrote in June and July.*



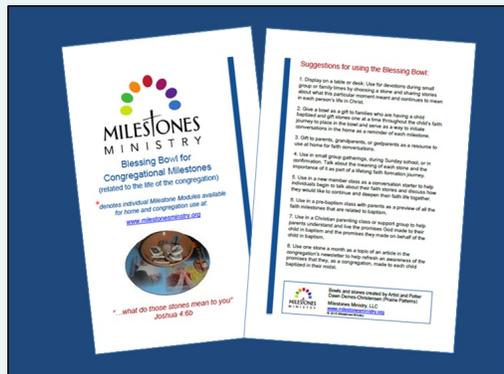
## Suggestions for using Taking Faith Home in worship from David.

*"On Sunday, July 10, it was a good Sunday to use Taking Faith Home during the worship service. The Good Samaritan parable and the theme "Love your neighbor as yourself" makes for good conversation during the sermon using one or more of the Caring Conversations and inviting the congregation to turn to a neighbor, introduce themselves, and join in the conversation. A Blessing to Give found in each Taking Faith Home makes for a good benediction.*

*I have made these recommendations for years and, as a guest preacher, did them myself recently. The reactions were fabulous. A professor emeritus from the Luther Seminary was full of excited conversation (my own conversation partner during the sermon). When I finished preaching and returned to my seat, I was met by two youth (upper elementary and high school) greeting me with smiles, applause, and two thumbs up. Not bad. People made several comments about the sermon interactions after worship and suggested we should do more of it. I would love to hear of your use of Taking Faith Home in worship and the reaction you get.*

congregation and place a reminder on this stone by writing or drawing a special meaning on it.

We invite you to download the guide included in each shipment to get an idea and see a list of suggestions on ways to use this bowl in the home and congregation. [Click here to download.](#)



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Another example of a good Sunday to use *Taking Faith Home* in the worship service was June 12th. In Galatians 2:20 Paul writes, "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me . . ." Our lives are lived to be Christ to our neighbor.

When using *Taking Faith Home* during worship, I suggest that:

- You encourage people during the service (even during the sermon) to turn to someone next to them to engage in caring conversation as "the body of Christ."
- You experience what the scripture says and make it part of the sermon by having people use one of the Caring Conversation questions
- You reference the theme for the day found in each *Taking Faith Home* and ask questions related to the theme.
- You end the sermon by having people use *A Blessing To Give with one another*: Or it can also be used as the closing benediction."

- David Anderson



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