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Thanksgiving Day is a time when family and friends gather. It is a time to invite others to join us for meals or serve them meals. The Thanksgiving Taking Faith Home bulletin insert provides a resource to recognize God's presence and be thankful in our homes and in our communities where we serve others. We invite you to share this Taking Faith Home.

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David and Gloria Anderson have been enjoying their work with the Lutheran Church of Australia and Grow Ministries. They have been traveling the country for the past month and will continue their work in Australia until the beginning of December.

They post updates on the [Milestones Ministry Group](#) page.



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At Milestones Ministry, we are continually seeking ways to help you be intentional in providing resources (both materials and people) for the home. We know that the church is home too and are constantly reminded of these wise words from the Rev. Dr. David Anderson, our Co-Director, *"I believe that Christians are thirsting for ways to have meaningful faith conversations with family and friends. We all struggle with how to nurture our faith and share our faith with others. Our homes are the first church, where people can learn about, experience, and grow in faith together. We believe that the congregation is to*

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If you have forgotten and would rather have a CD than a download, we would be happy to send you the next few weeks until the CD arrives.

Taking Faith Home is an annual resource that provides a different bulletin insert for each week during the church year. It offers daily Bible readings and new for 2016-2017, a Hymn for the week. There is also an outline of the Four Key Faith Practices (caring conversations, devotions, service, and rituals and traditions), and a weekly prayer, Bible verse, mealtime prayer, and blessing. It is based on the Revised Common Lectionary used by many congregations

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partner with the ministry of the home so that people can practice the faith and, by doing so, the Christian faith and the work of the church is strengthened."

Advent is the perfect time to introduce Taking Faith Home as a means to provide scripture, prayer, faith talk, and blessings to be used in the home.

Taking Faith Home Advent Themes for this year:

- *Advent is a Season for Waiting and Watching*
- *Advent is a Season of Hope*
- *Advent is a Season of Joy*
- *Advent is a Season of Peace*

[The Christmas Tree Milestone Moment](#) is another resource for the home as a reminder of God's presence as we decorate the tree each year.

Suggestion: Download the [Christmas Tree Milestone Moment](#), make copies, place in a gallon size plastic bag along with a special ornament (perhaps a nativity or Jesus ornament), and invite families to take a bag home and use it with family while putting up the tree. Ask them to take pictures. Then as a follow-up, perhaps after New Year's Day, gather households to tell stories about their experience with using the Milestone Moment and share pictures.



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The Milestones Ministry Mission is to provide congregations and households with resources and coaching services to nurture the Christian faith and reach out to others with the love of God in Christ.

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