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Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6:6-7



### Reformation Anniversary Milestone Moment

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of a church in Wittenberg, Germany. That event is recognized as the beginning of the Reformation. Luther would continue to clarify his message to emphasize salvation by grace through faith in Christ. What began in 1517 as an objection to the selling of indulgences to pay for St. Peter's Basilica in Rome launched a renewal of the church that continues to this day. The Reformation directly impacted church and society. Luther helped bring the Christian faith into the daily lives of people by translating the Bible and liturgy into the German language and bringing faith into the home by writing the Small Catechism. Luther's message emphasized God's power of forgiveness that frees people to love God and neighbor. People were empowered to do God's work as part of the "priesthood of all believers." For example, Luther stated that fathers and mothers are "spiritual, bishops, and priests," acknowledging their role in raising children in the Christian faith. He worked as a "pastor and shepherd of souls" to help all people practice the Christian faith by encouraging caring conversations, a devotional life, and service to others. As the church observes 500 years of the Reformation, the goal is not to remember an honored and distant past but to live the message of the Reformation in the present. The power of the word of God is to save and transform lives as important today as in Luther's time. The intent of the Reformation Anniversary Milestone Moment is to assist congregations and homes to participate in the ongoing reformation of the church and outreach to a world still in need of God's grace and mercy and peace.



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*"God conquers death with the promise of newlife."*

All Saint's Day Sunday falls on November 4th this year. All Saint's Day is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Halloween). It is when we remember all saints and martyrs throughout Christian history. One tradition on this day is to light a candle for those who have passed away. Take time to do this. You could also place a picture of this person next to the candle. Light the candle and read Isaiah 25:6-9 and Revelation 21:1-6a.

## Reformation Milestone Moment

**It's not to late to send this electronically to those who are unable to join you this coming Sunday!**

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8*

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Although we recognize All Saint's Day in the congregation, it is good to do the same in our homes with family, friends,

Ministry are Four Key Faith Practices: Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals and Traditions. Luther's Small Catechism consistently makes use of these practices. The Small Catechism was to be used for conversation and prayer in the home.

The Protestant Reformation encourages us to pause and give thanks for how Martin Luther and other reformers proclaimed the heart of the gospel. It provides opportunities to reflect on how the Reformation continues to impact our lives of faith.

The intent of the Reformation Anniversary Milestone Moment was to recognize the special 500 year anniversary of the reformation and continues to be helpful for congregations and homes to participate in the ongoing reformation of the church and outreach to a world still in need of God's grace and mercy and peace this year and every year.

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and neighbors. This Taking Faith Home insert can be printed or emailed to households so that time can be taken to have caring conversations, a devotion, prayer, and blessing to remember a loved one.

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The gifting stone pictured below has been given as a reminder of loved ones in congregations and to families grieving the loss of a loved one.

[Loss of a Loved One Gifting Stone](#)



## Frogs Without Legs for Lent (Series C)

Our Frogs Without Legs for Lent (Lectionary Year C) has been revised and updated and is available to complement the [Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear](#) source book. This 135 page reproducible workbook offers a thematic presentation of Lent that will help lead worshippers, congregational leaders, families, small groups, and Bible study participants into a deeper experience of the life of the church that partners the home and congregation in ministry.

This series which is based on Lectionary Year C, and offers the following: Weekly themes; Recommended Bible texts; Sermon helps; Family and Small Group caring conversations and service suggestions; Devotional prayers for the week; Short readings from the *Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear: Nurturing Disciples in Home and Congregation* book; and five skits for introducing the Four Key faith practices.

Click the links below to see a variety of ways that this series can be ordered.

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## Shepherd of Souls Presentation

This month the Rev. Dr. David Anderson and the Rev. Mark Asleson presented at the ELCA Southwestern Minnesota Synod for a theological conference. They did a workshop on "Confirmation as Shepherding." David also did a morning keynote on the theme of Shepherd of Souls.

Rev. Dr. David Anderson and his wife, Gloria joined good friends and colleagues, Rev. Mark Asleson and wife, Sandy again to present in Warroad, MN for Zion

Lutheran Church and neighboring congregations.

Many thanks goes to Pastor Mary Gilthvedt and Bishop Larry Wohlrabe for making it all happen!

### **Stay tuned...**

**November 5-7:** David will be teaching three Kairos classes at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. If you are in the area and available, he would love to have you in any of these classes:

**November 5:** "How to Make the Sermon/Worship Service Last All Week Long;"

**November 6:** "Milestones Ministry as Faith Formation and Outreach;"

**November 7:** "Shepherd of Souls Ministry."



## **A Visit to Virginia Theological Seminary**

Debbie Streicher from Milestones Ministry and Liz Perraud, Executive Director of [Gen-On Ministries](#), spent a morning talking faith formation with Lisa Kimball, Associate Dean Lifelong Learning and Bill Campbell, Executive Director of FORMA, the Episcopal Faith Formation Network .

They each took time to share about their ministries and learned how very much they meld together. Time was spent dreaming and envisioning ways they can work together in the future.



## **Join Us on November 8th at 8:00pm EST for a Live Facebook Party**

What does this mean? At **8:00pm Eastern Time on Thursday, November 8th**, Milestones Ministry will host a live ongoing chat. The topic will include Taking Faith Home and how it is used in the congregation plus thoughts about how it is being received as a resource for the home and beyond.

If you have not yet joined the Milestones Ministry Facebook Group Page, now is the time to do so. This is a closed group so please ask to join soon.

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# Growing People in Faith when at Home and Away

...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



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