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*Recognizing God's presence in everyday moments.*



## Lenten Gifting Stone

This stone complements the Shrove Tuesday Milestone Moment.

We mark the end of Epiphany and the time to reflect on what forgiveness means to us as we feast together prior to the beginning of Lent. This gifting stone with a purple cross and kneeling person at its' base is an excellent reminder of the upcoming season of Lent and its' meaning for Christians.

Lent calls us to examine our own lives with the prayer,

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalms 139:23-24).*

This Lenten stone for gifting designed and hand crafted by Milestones Ministry potter, [Dawn Deines Christensen](#), is a wonderful keepsake for individuals to carry in their pocket or purse during Lent as an important reminder of this special season of focusing on our relationship with God.



## Taking Faith Home Cards as Lenten Practice

Lent is a perfect time to introduce or simply reuse Taking Faith Home Cards.

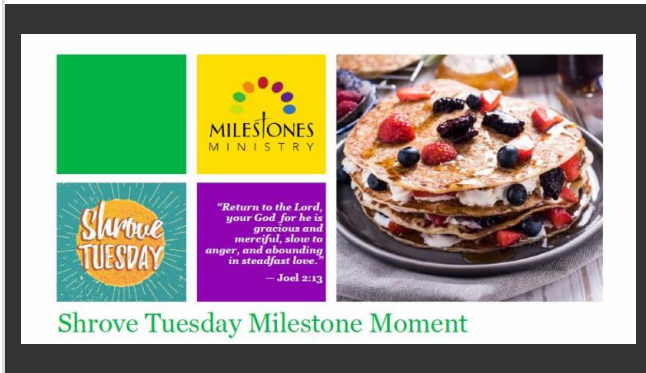
The cards have a stated theme, Bible passage, prayer, service idea for conversation, a blessing that serves as a Christian ritual and tradition, and a caring conversation.

These are all foundational faith practices that are consistent with the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting (ritual and tradition), and almsgiving (service). All three are identified by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:1-18).

Enjoy the treasures of the kingdom this Lent by using your Taking Faith Home Cards.

[Lenten Gifting Stone](#)

[Click here to see information about the Taking Faith Home Cards sets A, B, and C plus a three deck set.](#)



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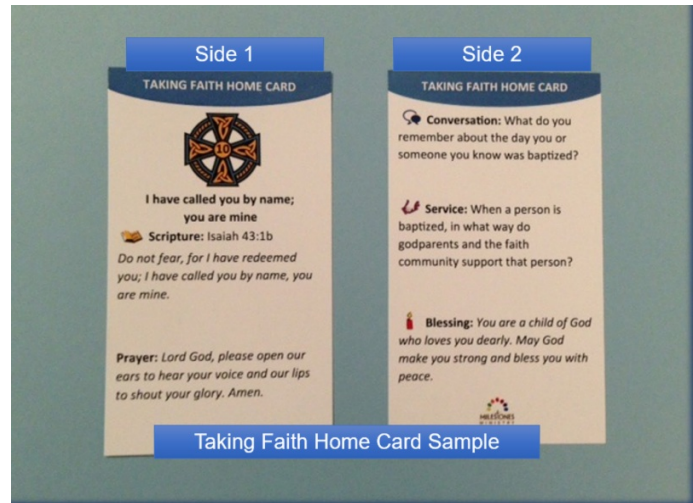
## Free Download! Shrove Tuesday Milestone Moment

March 5th is Shrove Tuesday this year. It signals the end of Epiphany on the church calendar and comes the day before Ash Wednesday.

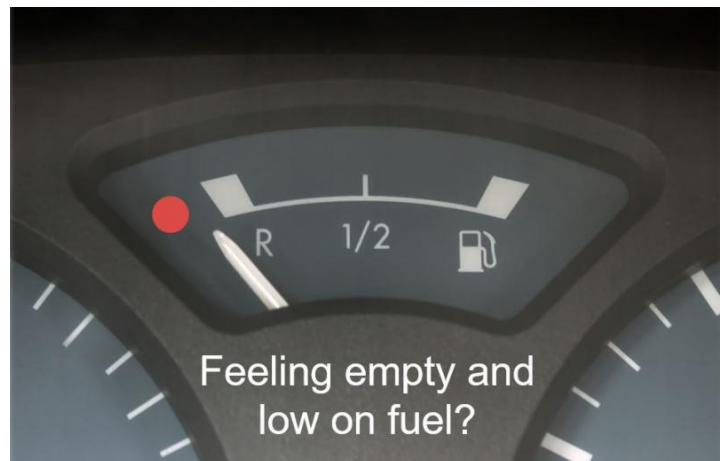
Often times the faith community hosts a pancake supper on this day. How often have we recognized this special day in our own homes? The Shrove Tuesday Milestone Moment gives an opportunity for family and friends to gather in the home as an important step along their faith journey.

The Shrove Tuesday Milestone Moment can be downloaded at no cost until March 1st. It is reproducible. Make copies and staple a favorite pancake recipe to them for people to use in their homes.

[Click here to download.](#)



## Getting Beyond Loneliness and Fatigue



## "Pastoral ministry and lay ministry has a high risk of loneliness."

Our website article, "Addressing Loneliness and Fatigue in Ministry" continues to spark conversations. One of the critical issues is when congregational leaders are using an inadequate understanding of "church," one that does not see the church in the home or the importance of shepherding souls, no wonder there is fatigue and loneliness. Parishioners get frustrated with shrinking faith communities and staff get defensive and both groups can point fingers at one another. Milestones Ministry is dedicated to support both groups with a model for faith

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ASH WEDNESDAY



*Practicing the presence of God.*

### ASH WEDNESDAY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Ash Wednesday observance.

Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	The practice of faith
	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Call to repentance
	Psalms 51:1-17	Have mercy on me
	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Messengers of Christ

## Ash Wednesday Free Download

Taking Faith Home weekly bulletin inserts can help your congregation build a more solid faith foundation by providing content that sparks conversation, inspires effective evangelism, introduces Christian rituals and traditions, encourages family faith formation, and unites generations.

This Ash Wednesday Taking Faith Home is one of 62 bulletin inserts included for Year Cycle C 2019-2020 based on the Revised Common Lectionary. It features:

- a short theme statement
- suggested Bible readings
- a key scripture verse that relates to the theme
- a prayer and a blessing to use
- a suggested hymn that relates to the theme
- examples of each of the Four Key Faith Formation practices (caring conversations, devotions, service, and rituals and traditions)

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formation and outreach that makes a positive difference to nurture faith and reach out to others with the love of God in Christ.

[Read the article here.](#)



## Facebook Group Page

Have you joined the Milestones Ministry Facebook Group page? If not, please consider doing so. This is a closed group where general conversations about our ministries take place. We learn from one another and encourage ongoing insights and ideas as we grow in our faith together.

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