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Recognizing God's presence in everyday moments.



Easter Egg Blessing

This Milestone Moment encourages caring conversations that connect our faith while participating in the tradition of coloring eggs for Easter and having an awareness of its history in the Christian church.

Historically, eggs have been associated with new life, rebirth, and springtime. Many ancient cultures used eggs in their religious ceremonies. It was not long before the Christian church took up the tradition of decorating and giving eggs as gifts as part of the springtime festival of Easter to celebrate the resurrection.

Having an Easter egg hunt at one's home or at a community park can be a simple and effective way of celebrating the message of Christ's resurrection with



Taking Faith Partial Year

Every three months the price for using Taking Faith Home bulletin inserts is reduced. This partial series of 47 bulletin inserts covers 3 March 2019 through 28 November 2019 and is based on the Revised Common Lectionary Year C.

Taking Faith Home features a short theme statement to capture the week's focus, suggested daily Bible readings, a key scripture verse that relates to the theme, weekly prayers, a blessing to use during the week, a suggested hymn that relates to the theme, and examples of each of the Four Key Faith Practices (caring conversations, devotions, service, and rituals and traditions) that compliment that week's theme.

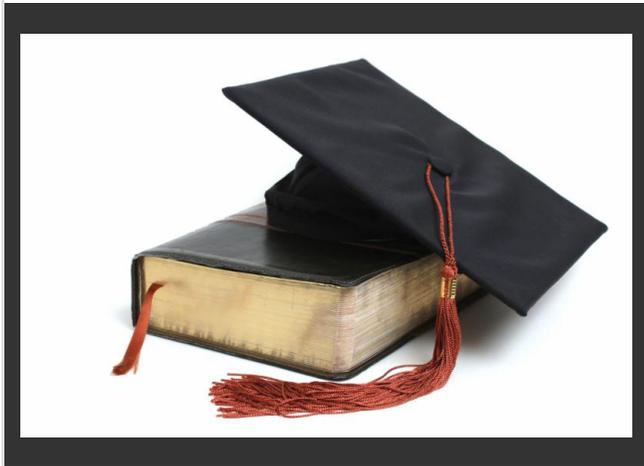
The price is now \$39.95 for 47 bulletin inserts. They are reproducible in the local setting and can also be sent digitally to the congregation for use in the home.

[Taking Faith Home Partial Year C Download](#)

family, friends, and neighbors. A congregation can also use the Easter egg hunt as an outreach tool for the surrounding community.

The Easter Egg Blessing Milestone Moment is reproducible in the local setting.

[For more information click here.](#)



High School Graduation Milestone Module

This Milestone Module provides a time for the graduate, family and congregation to be very intentional about continued faith connections. It is a time to help graduates take responsibility for deliberate plans in a continuing faith journey. It is focused primarily on the parent/guardian and child relationship in the context of a banquet and dinner program.

This milestone can also be "tweaked" for use with college and other graduations and includes the [Four Key Faith Practices](#) to encourage the connection between home and congregation. All parts of the Milestone are reproducible.

A comment on Facebook:

"I ♥ Milestone Ministries! We just celebrated the High School Graduation Milestone and this was the first year we used the entire blessing during service. We had great response to it!! Milestones Ministry is worth it :)"

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Lenten Cross for the Home



This Lenten Cross for the home was designed as something for the home and small groups to use during Lent at St. Paul's Lutheran in Cumberland, MD. The crosses were given to each household during the first week in Lent. They were invited to use the prayer and blessing from Taking Faith Home as they light one purple candle each week during Lent. The white one can be lit as part of an Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday.

The congregation meets as a cross-generational group each Sunday following worship and fellowship. See the article below to learn more about using [Taking Faith Home](#) as a guide for small group Bible study for all ages in the setting of the congregation.

LOFT (Living Our Faith Together) Cross-Generational Faith Formation

St. Paul's Lutheran in Cumberland, MD did not have Sunday school for many years because of the declining numbers of families and young children. Memories of years past were shared regularly as they envisioned how to revive this tradition. There were four families with a total of 7 children and youth ages 3 through 14 including parents and grandparents with a vested interest to get something started. They met and decided to extend an invitation to all ages in the congregation and made a commitment to meet weekly after worship and fellowship.

They began in October and have been faithfully meeting throughout the year. The average number

APRIL 18-20, 2019
MAUNDY THURSDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
HOLY SATURDAY



We have a crucified and loving God.

HOLY WEEK BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Holy Week observances.

Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus gives a new commandment
Friday	John 18:1-19:42	The suffering and death of Jesus
Saturday	1 Peter 4:1-8	Conversion of life

Holy Week 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 Holy Week 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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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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attending is 18. During Lent they are using the Taking Faith Home insert found each week in their bulletin as a guide during LOFT. Each week a different part is highlighted and used. Each week Mountain Highs and Valley Lows are shared, Scripture is highlighted in Bibles, talk about the Scripture follows, and the time ends using the prayer and blessing from the insert. There is a box full of children's Bibles, play dough, stickers, and coloring sheets that keep both big and little hands busy as they listen and join in the conversations.

Those who have been part of this congregation for years delight in the opportunity to get to know one another during this time and are encouraged to continue the Scripture readings and prayers from the Taking Faith Home daily. One week at a time, one day at a time, this congregation is growing together in their faith through trusting relationships and intentionally including all ages to role model the importance of gathering in the faith community.

This congregation truly embraces and role models the Five Principles of Faith Formation:

1. Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships - often in our own homes.
2. The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and ministry of the home.
3. Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too!
4. Faith is caught more than it is taught.
5. If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults who practice the faith with them.



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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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