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Recognizing God's presence in everyday moments.



New! Congregational Visit Milestone Moment

Visiting a new congregation often requires a sense of commitment, determination, and courage. Not knowing exactly what you will experience can leave you with a sense of vulnerability. Will you like what you experience? Will you be warmly received? Will you feel lost or at home? Will the life of this congregation help you with a sense of the divine in your life? In the midst of these concerns, you have ventured forth to visit a new congregation in the hope that it can make a meaningful contribution to your life of faith.

This Milestone Moment will help you reflect on your own faith community, or if you are



High School Graduation Milestone Module

Graduation is celebrated as a completion of high school followed by important new choices for future life paths. This is 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.

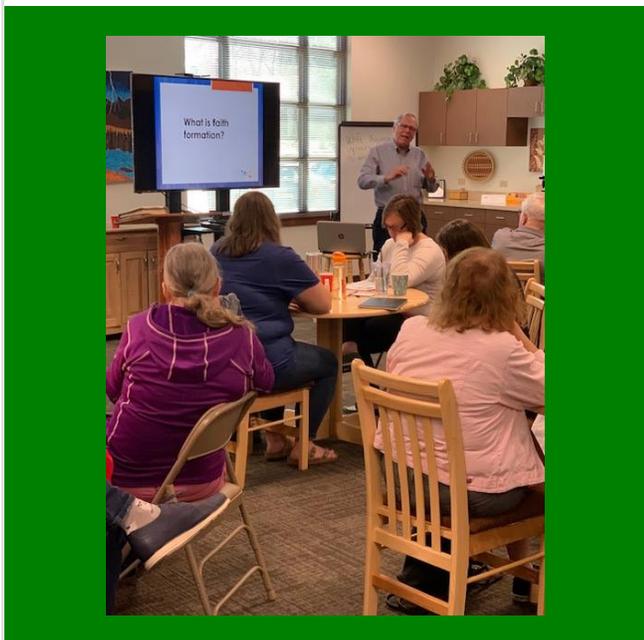
This High School Graduation Milestone is focused primarily on the parent/guardian and child relationship in the context of a banquet and dinner program. If the tassel has been worth the hassle, then it is worth marking as a meaningful milestone along a continuing journey of faith.

This Milestone Module includes three events: Cross+Generational in the setting of the congregation (including a blessing during worship), the Home setting to be done with family and friends, and a follow-up to encourage ongoing

looking for a new congregation, will help you evaluate what you are looking for in a faith community. It is an opportunity to talk about your experience in this congregation and consider whether you want to move forward toward a closer relationship with the people of this congregation or that of another.

The Congregational Visit Milestone Moment cost is \$2.95. It is a download and reproducible in the local setting. It can be sent to those who have visited, placed in a welcome folder, or be given to those visiting along with a gift to remember the visit.

[Click here for the download.](#)



A Visit to Ascension Lutheran in Colorado Springs

In early April, David and Gloria Anderson were invited to Ascension Lutheran in Colorado Springs. The congregation invited a number of other congregations for the Saturday event also. Sunday morning at included children's sermons and a cross+generational Sunday school hour.

A touching story from the event:

A retired pastor talked about his first years of parish ministry. One Sunday he was involved with a pulpit exchange with a congregation from a different denomination. Before he preached, the

conversations with the graduate.

The High School Graduation Milestone Module is include in the [Series A Milestone Manual](#) and can also be downloaded separately . It is reproducible in the local setting.

[Milestones Module Download](#)

Graduation Gifting Stone



This handcrafted Graduation Gifting Stone complements the High School Graduation Milestones Module. It is sized to fit in a pocket, blessing bowl, or faith chest. It is a wonderful keepsake for new graduates to remember the support, love, and care of congregational members, parents, grandparents, and other adults in helping them to achieve their graduation.

[Graduation Stone](#)



Intergenerate Conference

David Anderson and Debbie Streicher will participate in the Intergenerate Conference this year in Nashville, TN. They are looking forward to networking, supporting, and partnering with others who embrace life-long faith formation in a cross-generational setting.

president of the congregation stood up and asked a member of the community to pray for the preacher. A farmer in bib overalls stood up, looking like he just came from morning chores. He prayed for the preacher's message and for the congregation to hear with ears of faith. When the pastor told the story, it brought tears to his eyes. He added that he has never been prayed for before preaching since that day.

Questions to consider:

- Don't you think we need prayers to hear as well as prayers to speak?
- As the body of Christ, do you think it is important to pray for the pastors and other leaders, too?
- How often do you think it happens?

[Info about coaching from Milestones Ministry.](#)

[InterGenerate](#) is a conference designed for both practitioners and academics seeking to enhance life-long faith formation through intergenerational Christian experiences. Senior pastors, professors, age-level ministers, sociologists, church consultants - anyone who seeks to better understand and ultimately cultivate more intentionally intergenerational discipleship practices will find something at InterGenerate.

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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