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Recognizing God's presence in everyday moments.



New! Work Anniversary Milestone Moment

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."
Colossians 3:23

Whether a person has been employed for 5, 10, 20, or more years, it is good to take a moment to recognize a commitment to work and encourage continuation of a job well done. We work to earn a living so that we can provide a roof over our heads, have food on the table, and clothing to wear. Types of work vary greatly.

This Milestone Moment gives an opportunity to appreciate and understand a person's work and contributions. This is key to showing that the work done has been valuable and contributes to society.

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The handcrafted stone design is not tied to a specific curriculum theme, so it may be used as a gifting stone for every Vacation Bible School situation. The stone can be an exciting gift reminding children, parents, and teachers of their Vacation Bible School faith formation experience with one another or given as an appreciation gift to volunteers.

[Vacation Bible School Gifting Stone](#)



The Work Anniversary Milestone Moment cost is \$2.95. It is a download and reproducible in the local setting.

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A Visit to Spirit of Joy in Sioux Falls, SD

In early May, David and Gloria Anderson had a coaching engagement with Spirit of Joy. One observation that was stated was that there are:

No more sacred moments!

When Gloria and I spoke at a conference sponsored by Spirit of Joy in Sioux Falls, SD, one congregational staff member stated that there are no more "sacred moments" in the life of the church. What he meant was that people don't feel obligated to participate in worship services like Easter Sunday, especially if there is a soccer game for the kids to attend. He words uttered a strong sense of frustration. Without denying our changed culture, we want to emphatically say that "sacred moments" happen all the time. It is up to us to be aware of these holy occasions and gladly receive them as a gift of God. That is the reason we create Milestone Moments like a Birthday, a Transition to Assisted Living, or a Report Card Milestone Moment . We want to lift up daily events that are memorable and connect them to the ever-present love of God and help people acknowledge those moments as holy, as sacred. - David Anderson

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

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[ALOA](#) offers monthly one-hour webinars on specific topics meaningful to older adult ministry leaders in congregations, as well as interested individuals. The webinars include interviews with faith formation leaders and focus on older adult ministries. In April, Debbie Streicher was invited to speak about Milestones Ministry and connect with older adult ministries through the lens of cross-generational opportunities.

[Mark Shoepf](#), Executive Director of ALOA, has a personal objective to *"encourage and equip people to live healthy and whole lives, to be faithful stewards... in Christ's service"*. Mark hosts the webinar titled: Life-Long Discipleship. Debbie has joined Mark's team of leaders from across the country as they meet regularly to have conversations about and explore ministry areas where older adults can serve and have an impact in ministries in the congregation and beyond.

[View webinar here.](#)



New! Faith Formation Blessing Bowl Set

This new Faith Formation Blessing Bowl Set complements all Milestones Ministry Modules, Moments, and Taking Faith Home bulletin inserts and cards. In addition to the Four Key Faith Practices of Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals and Traditions that are found at the heart of Milestones Ministry resources, we have added the joy of musical expression through music and singing and the personal bonding of sharing mountain-high and valley-low

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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experiences.

This Faith Formation Blessing Bowl Set can be used by itself as a physical and beautiful guide to practice faith formation in the congregation and the home. It can also be used as a supporting resource when using Milestone Modules, Moments, weekly Taking Faith Home bulletin inserts, and Taking Faith Home cards.

The ceramic bowl and stones are individually made, hand-painted, and glazed by Liturgical artist [Dawn Deines-Christensen](#).

[For more info about the bowl click here.](#)

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