

your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors,¹²take care that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery..."

In the Bible, God offers us limitless opportunity to share faith moments through deliberate, caring conversations with one another and through time and devotion, ritual and service.

The Four Keys of Vibrant Faith are simple, doable and practical. Their intent is to open the imaginations of family members to explore and try other ways of nurturing the Christian faith in the home. They will help you to keep the vows you made at Baptism ~



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LOVE & ACCOUNTABILITY

Baptismal vows of parents & sponsors @ baptism:



- ✘ YOU faithfully **BRING** them to the services of God's House
- ✘ YOU **TEACH** them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, 10 Commandments, and
- ✘ As they grow in years, YOU **PLACE** in their hands the Holy Scriptures, and

- ✘ YOU **PROVIDE** for instruction in the Christian faith.
- ✘ **SO THAT** living in the covenant of their own baptism and in communion with other Christians, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ...



HOLY SPIRIT

From Baptism to adulthood, Emmanuel Milestone Ministry seeks to walk with you in keeping your Baptismal promises, celebrating faith milestones both at church as well as at home.

Note: Sometimes we will celebrate your child's annual Baptismal Milestone during Sunday morning worship, or at the close of the Sunday School hour or another group gather time.

For each of these Emmanuel Baptismal Milestone Gifting Events, you will be notified in advance.

****At the time of gifting, you will also be given simple and holy ways to celebrate the faith through the four keys at home.****

Emmanuel's Milestone Ministry



Celebrating & Keeping Our Baptismal Promises ~

The mission of our Baptismal Milestone Ministry is to care for the lives and faith of our children, youths and adults by connecting, supporting and equipping families to pass on the Christian faith.

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Baptism is not a one-time event, but rather a LIFESTYLE. Baptism is ongoing – an ongoing journey of faith. **It is our holy identity, HOW**



we live each day as Children of GOD! God has CLAIMED us and NAMED us as his own! **So we live our lives – one thought, word and deed at a time – in response to God's gracious love.**



So, the home is the perfect place to celebrate faith milestones. As a parent, you have

the opportunity *AND* the responsibility to pass on the faith to your child.

Indeed, faith is caught more than it is taught!

Connecting over an event - either joyful or sad - provides an opportunity to talk about how God is at work in your life and the life of your child. Marking each baptismal and daily faith milestone can take as much or little time as you prefer. The intent is quality time not the quantity of time, **through inviting and recognizing God's presence in it.**



Milestones are teaching moments for parents and children alike and are a time to connect families with each other and with the church. We celebrate them at home as well as at church.

We seek to help you strengthen these holy relationships. *one LORD, one Faith, one Baptism....* EPHESIANS 4:5

ROMANS 5:8

"But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us."

At the heart of all Milestone moments are the basic principles of Martin Luther's theological teachings, such as grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone - the essence of Lutheranism:

- **We are saved by the grace of God alone - not by anything we do.**
- **Our salvation is through faith alone - a confident trust in God, who in Christ promises us forgiveness, life and salvation**
- **The Bible is the norm for faith and life - the true standard by which we plant, nurture and celebrate our faith and holy identity.**

Ephesians 2:8

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—"

The Four Keys of Faith Formation

Also at the heart of every milestone **are the Four Keys...**formative, daily faith practices (listed in no particular order) :

- ❖ Caring Conversations
- ❖ Devotions
- ❖ Service
- ❖ Rituals and Traditions

Read from Deuteronomy 6 & see yourself empowered

by the four practices listed above ~

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite 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. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. ¹⁰When the LORD

