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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday

Prayer Before Worship: Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of the first disciples, may your Word enter into us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who have not seen may yet believe. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and increase your desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us in person or online today,
we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

Prelude Music

**“Travelers on the Journey”
“Morning Has Broken”**

**Dakota Road Music
ELW #556**

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

(All may make the sign of the ‡ cross, the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, ‡ who was, who is, and who is to come.

(Water is poured into the font as the congregation gives thanks.)

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

To you be given honor and praise through † Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Song of Praise:**

“Shout to the Lord”

W&P #124

**My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

***Greeting**

The grace of our **risen** Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

O God of life,

you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵**Hosanna! O LORD, save us!**

We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷**The LORD is God and has given us light.**

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.**

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

“Open our eyes, Lord”

W&P #113

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

***Gospel: John 20:19-31**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kid's Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:**

"We Walk by Faith"

ELW #635

vv. 1-3

**1. We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."**

**2. We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:**

‡Affirmation of Baptism‡

Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for this Confirmand, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism this day.

Leader: I present Kyndal who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Kyndal whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold your servant as she affirms the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Renunciation of Evil

P: As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Profession of Faith

P: Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Response: **In faith, I turn to Christ.**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Commitment by Confirmand

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Recitation of Confirmation Verse

P: People of God, do you promise to support Kyndal praying for her in her life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Will the parents and sponsors of our Confirmand, please come forward at this time.

Prayer of Blessing

P: Let us pray. We give thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Kyndal the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Parental Blessing

In Christian love you presented your child for Holy Baptism. I now ask you to place your hand on Kyndal's head or shoulder and bless her:

“May our blessing rest upon you as you enter a new stage in your walk of faith. God’s blessing be upon you. May our Risen Lord sustain you, encourage you and guide you throughout your lives. May you always know the joy and strength that comes from being a child of God. Amen.”

Acclamation

P: Let us give thanks for Kyndal affirming her baptism as we carry out the life of this Christian community and its mission in the world.

C: As your sisters and brothers in the body of Christ, we rejoice with you as you affirm your baptism. Together let us give praise to God and bear God’s creative and redeeming work to the entire world.

Confirmation Slide Show

***Prayers of the Church:**

W&P #27

(Sung Prayer Response)

**I cast all my cares upon you;
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.**

***Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

“The Prayer” with “Lead Us, Lord”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God,
**Ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have
raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise
you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever, and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Song:

"Here Is Bread"

ELW #483

**1. Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.**

Chorus

**In this bread there is healing,
in this cup is life forever.
in this moment, by the Spirit.
Christ is with us here.**

**2. Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
feast on Jesus here.**

Chorus

**3. Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes
Jesus crucified.**

Chorus

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Mighty and compassionate God, you have brought us over from death to life through your Son, our risen Savior, and you have fed us with the food of life in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us from this place as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

The God of life, who raised Jesus from the bonds of death,
who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth,
be merciful to you and ‡ bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School
during the singing of the closing hymn.)*

***Sending Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

ELW #543

1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

3. "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

*Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God!

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✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Barb Tallmon** (knee replacement surgery), **Shirlie Schuldies** (surgery-pacemaker), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Mabel Dedlow** (recovering from hip surgery), **Andrew Miller, Jean Collins** (recovery from hip surgery), **Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett's niece), **Marj Nikont** (healing & recovery), **Kathy Johnson** (back issues), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues),.

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Steve Kaufman** and **Greta Mehling**.

Prayers for: **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law), the people of Ukraine, for peace and the end of war.

Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Barry Bassett, 4/28; Trinita Burgner, 4/28; Wanda Payne, 4/29

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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SCAN ME

APRIL FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Pancake Mix

BACKPACKS: Mac 'n Cheese Bowls

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW APRIL MISSION PROJECT: CALVARY KITCHEN SHOWER

A box will be placed in the Reception Area on the table under the CLCW bulletin board next to Pastor Chris's office to receive items needed for the kitchen. The

kitchen could use the following:

paper towels, napkins, and cups.

Cash donations are also welcome; be sure to clearly mark them 'Kitchen Shower' when sending to or dropping off at the church. Be sure to designate CLCW on the envelope.

JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (breakfast burritos/fruit/juice) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie, Pastor Chris, or Pastor Sheryl at the church.



CHILDREN'S Sunday School

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it”

Proverbs 22:6

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. We invite your children to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts. every Sunday @ 11 a.m.

Coffee and Fellowship

Coffee and fellowship has started back up. We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

Do you like a treat with your coffee, but you would rather not bake or buy something? **Donate** to the treat fund by dropping dollars or coins in the mug and when no one signs up, there will be treats purchased to enjoy!



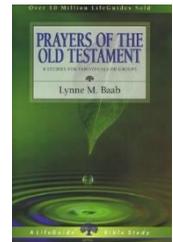
Laundry Love

Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.



Prayers of the OLD Testament Tuesday Evening Study @ 7 p.m. (8-week study)

Having just finished up a study on the prayers of the New Testament, we will now turn our attention to some of the “Prayers of the Old Testament.” Join Pastors Sheryl and Chris as we study eight different prayers from the Old Testament (prayers from Moses, Hannah, Samuel, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah and Habakuk). You need not have attended the New Testament study to benefit from this new study. Everyone is welcome.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – April 24

USHERS: Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

LAY READER: Marissa Wright

COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Schmidt

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTES: Merrick Walsh

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Val Rahrs

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,
Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Confirmation
Reception

Next Sunday – May 1

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle

COMMUNION ASST: LaDonna Schmidt

POWERPOINT: Angela Bonow

ACOLYTES: Ayden Tompkins & DaKota Newsom

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Virginia Pickett

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 24

Confirmation Sunday

9 a.m. – Confirmation Pictures

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 26

8:30 a.m. – Men’s Study

12 p.m. – Women’s Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

7:30 p.m. – Pastor’s Bible Study

Wednesday, April 27

5:30 p.m. – JAM

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, April 30

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, May 1

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in
Fellowship Hall

APRIL 24, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Thomas' experience is like our own.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Seeing Christ's wounds
Monday	Acts 5:27-32	The conviction of the apostles
Tuesday	Revelation 1:4-8	Christ sends a message to John
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:4-8	A living hope
Thursday	Hebrews 11:1-22	Faith in what we do not see
Friday	Hebrews 11:23-40	The faith of the Israelite leaders
Saturday	Psalms 150	Praise the Lord
Sunday	John 21:1-19	Jesus appears to the disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Jesus said to him [Thomas], "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."
John 20:29 (NRSV)*

PRAYERS AND BLESSING:

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we long to see your presence in our world. Come, Holy Spirit, that we may believe and have life in the name of Jesus, our Lord and our God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food, a sign of your love for us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you the faith to see and experience the love of Christ Jesus.



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APRIL 24, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
We Walk by Faith



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

WEEKLY MILESTONES

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you long to see?
- How do you experience Jesus in the world without seeing his physical presence?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 20:19-31

Thomas' story is a continuation of the story of Mary Magdalene in the garden with Jesus (John 20:1-18). She experiences grief, confusion, then recognition and a changed identity as a follower of her teacher, her Lord. The news of Jesus' resurrection seems too good to be true. Thomas experiences deep disappointment and displeasure. He has missed what the other disciples experienced a week ago and he wants that experience, too. A week later, he has his own personal encounter with the resurrected Lord and becomes the first to make the confession of faith, "My Lord and my God." Jesus recognizes the importance of this personal encounter with Thomas and for all future generations of disciples. We will "see" Jesus in the body of Christ through the word announced and through water, bread, and wine. This lets the "Word become flesh" (John 1:14) and dwell among us today.

Discuss: How does the resurrected Lord become evident—seen—in your life?
Pray: Lord Jesus, we thank you for coming to Thomas and the other disciples and for coming to us in suffering and in glory through your living church. Amen

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you help others see Jesus through your actions and words?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

If you planted an Easter Garden, enjoy the growing flowers and other plants and also notice their new growth outside during this season. As you observe the plants and marvel at God's creation, recall the saving work of Christ to redeem all that God has created. Finish by saying: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org