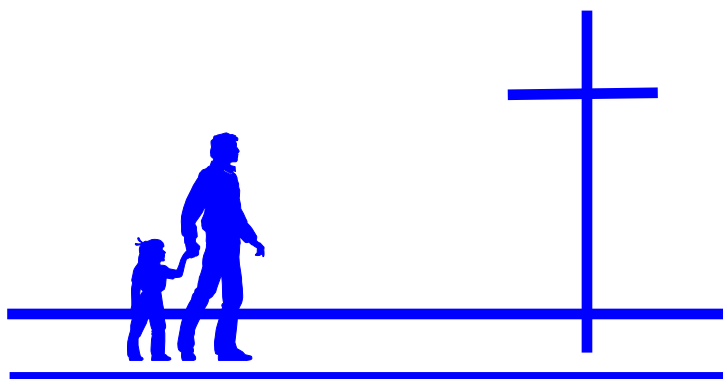


Faith Cross-Roads

2009 - 2010



Growing Together in Faith

*First Lutheran Church
Stoughton, WI 53589*

The Cross-Roads of Faith

Let's Akaloo! Jesus calls us to make disciples! At First Lutheran Church, this mission is accomplished by growing together in faith. The faith development of our children and youth is a high priority.

Faith Cross-Roads is a ministry that invites people into Christian community at the cross-roads of a family's faith-life and celebrates the achievements of children as they grow in faith from baptism to graduation from high school.

Faith Cross-Roads includes two parts:

- ✦ ***Milestones*** - recognition of significant events that take place in the faith life of the family.
- ✦ ***Stepping Stones*** - a series of faith-based achievements accomplished by students of First Lutheran Church.

The Milestones

The Eight Milestones include:

✦ ***Sacrament of Holy Baptism***



Parents contact the church office to learn about our Pre-Baptism class and to set a date to celebrate their child's baptism typically on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month.

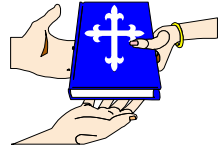
✦ ***Entrance into Sunday School***



First Lutheran rejoices when children enter Sunday School! In the Fall of their first year of Sunday School, students will receive a special certificate in class marking this event. A special blessing takes place during the worship services.

First Bible

Children in 2nd grade receive their first Bible at a special service of blessing on Reformation Sunday - the last Sunday in October.



First Communion

First Communion instruction is offered for 4th grade students in March. First Communion will be celebrated at a special service on Maundy Thursday, which is the Thursday before Easter.



Sunday School Completion

At the end of sixth grade, students who have completed all required Sunday School work will receive a special completion certificate.



Confirmation Camp

All students share an awesome experience at Lutherdale Bible Camp the summer after 6th grade as a part of the confirmation ministry. The date for confirmation camp is usually the last week in June.



Entrance into Confirmation

Students and parents participate in a service of blessing at the beginning of a student's 7th grade year, as they begin looking at their faith from a new perspective.



Affirmation of Baptism

Affirmation of Baptism is celebrated at the completion of Confirmation classes. The Affirmation of Baptism service is held on Reformation Sunday at 2:00 pm.



High School Graduation

First Lutheran blesses graduating seniors at a Baccalaureate Service at 10:00 am on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend.



The Stepping Stones

The **Stepping Stones** are a series of faith-based achievements accomplished by students from pre-school through 6th grade. Students receive a special Certificate of Achievement for each Stepping Stone completed.

Though a time-frame has been given for each Stepping Stone, students may complete as many as they choose at any time. Students complete them by memorizing the Stepping Stone and saying it to their Sunday School teacher.

Recognition of Stepping Stones achievement will be given during worship on Celebration Sunday following the End-of-the-Year Program. Certificates will be handed out in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

The Stepping Stones include:

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Pre-School and Kindergarten

“Jesus Loves Me” Song

*Jesus loves me this I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
The Bible tells me so.*



1st and 2nd Grade

Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and self control. There is no law against such things.

3rd and 4th Grade

Old Testament Books of the Bible

<i>Genesis</i>	<i>2 Chronicles</i>	<i>Daniel</i>
<i>Exodus</i>	<i>Ezra</i>	<i>Hosea</i>
<i>Leviticus</i>	<i>Nehemiah</i>	<i>Joel</i>
<i>Numbers</i>	<i>Esther</i>	<i>Amos</i>
<i>Deuteronomy</i>	<i>Job</i>	<i>Obadiah</i>
<i>Joshua</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Jonah</i>
<i>Judges</i>	<i>Proverbs</i>	<i>Micah</i>
<i>Ruth</i>	<i>Ecclesiastes</i>	<i>Nahum</i>
<i>1 Samuel</i>	<i>Song of Solomon</i>	<i>Habakkuk</i>
<i>2 Samuel</i>	<i>Isaiah</i>	<i>Zephaniah</i>
<i>1 Kings</i>	<i>Jeremiah</i>	<i>Haggai</i>
<i>2 Kings</i>	<i>Lamentations</i>	<i>Zechariah</i>
<i>1 Chronicles</i>	<i>Ezekiel</i>	<i>Malachi</i>



5th and 6th Grade

New Testament Books of the Bible

<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Ephesians</i>	<i>Hebrews</i>
<i>Mark</i>	<i>Philippians</i>	<i>James</i>
<i>Luke</i>	<i>Colossians</i>	<i>1 Peter</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>1 Thessalonians</i>	<i>2 Peter</i>
<i>Acts</i>	<i>2 Thessalonians</i>	<i>1 John</i>
<i>Romans</i>	<i>1 Timothy</i>	<i>2 John</i>
<i>1 Corinthians</i>	<i>2 Timothy</i>	<i>3 John</i>
<i>2 Corinthians</i>	<i>Titus</i>	<i>Jude</i>
<i>Galatians</i>	<i>Philemon</i>	<i>Revelation</i>

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Pre-School and Kindergarten

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*



1st and 2nd Grade

The Ten Commandments

1. *You shall have no other Gods.*
2. *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*
3. *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*
4. *Honor your father and your mother.*
5. *You shall not kill.*
6. *You shall not commit adultery.*
7. *You shall not steal.*
8. *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
9. *You shall not covet your neighbor's house.*
10. *You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor's.*



3rd and 4th Grade

The Apostle's Creed

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

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

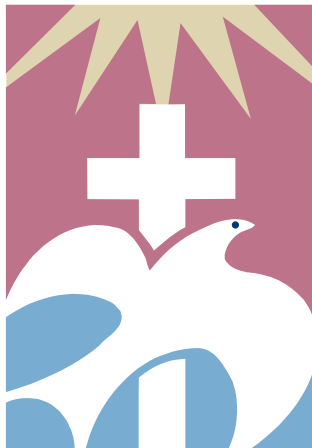
He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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



5th and 6th Graders

The Beatitudes **Matthew 5:3-12**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



Challenge Stepping Stones

There are many students who want an extra challenge for memory work. You can receive additional certificates for completing the following:

The 23rd Psalm

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD*



John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

I achieved the Stepping Stones on the following dates...

Jesus Loves Me _____

Lord's Prayer _____

The Fruits of the Spirit _____

Ten Commandments _____

Apostle's Creed _____

Books of the Bible _____

The Beatitudes _____

EXTRAS:

Psalm 23 _____

John 3:16 _____





First Lutheran Mission Statement

“Growing Together in Faith”

We are a congregation
rooted in our heritage
and branching to our future.

We seek to reach out to all people
by growing together in faith
and providing support
for a Christian life.

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