



Word of Peace
Lutheran Church

KEEPING THE

PROMISE

*A Baptismal Promise...
A Program for Families...*

**“DO YOU PROMISE TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN
GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH & LIFE?”**

I DO.

OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISE

“As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God’s faithful people, bring them to the Word of God and the Holy Supper, teach them the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?”

KEEPING THE PROMISE

Keeping the Promise events help remind parents of the promises made to their children, and to God, during baptism. Word of Peace is committed to providing parents with family-friendly faith activities that encourage positive growth in the Christian faith and life.

Each year, families are invited to attend a *Keeping the Promise* event created for their child’s developmental stage. Each event features fun activities, a *Keeping the Promise* milestone, and worship blessing. *Keeping the Promise* celebrates the relationships between parents and their child and helps family engage in positive faith discussions. It also equips parents with resources they can use to feel confident in raising their children in the Christian faith.

HOW TO REGISTER

Many families are automatically registered for *Keeping the Promise* programming upon their child’s baptism. If you are new to our congregation, or would like more information, please contact Kristin Skare, Director of Education at 763.496.2404. Families may join *Keeping the Promise* at any point in their child’s life. It is never too early or too late to begin building positive faith relationships with your child!

KEEPING THE PROMISE

Join us each year for family-friendly faith activities

BIRTH — BAPTISM

“to live with them among God’s faithful people”

At Word of Peace, Baptism classes are held the first Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. Those who wish to have their child baptized are strongly encouraged to attend. During baptism class parents walk through the baptism service, discuss the promises made at baptism, ask questions about baptism, and are introduced to resources available to support them.

1-2 YEARS — SPLASH! CELEBRATION

“to live among God’s faithful people”

Join us in summer for a refreshing celebration of your child’s baptism! We’ll enjoy family-friendly faith activities in the water, sing songs, chat about the *Splash!* newsletters and more.

3 YEARS — SHARING STORIES OF THE BIBLE

“to place in their hands the Holy Scripture”

Your child will be presented with their very own *Spark! Story Bible* as they prepare to begin church school. Parents and their child will explore their Bible and learn activities that help bring Bible stories to life. Children will be presented their Bible during worship and will receive a special blessing celebrating this milestone.

4 YEARS — THE WONDERS OF WORSHIP

“bring them to the word of God and the holy supper”

4-year-olds are full of questions and “why?” seems to be a favorite. Learn about the traditions of worship as we explore our worship space during this hands-on, activity-based experience.

KINDERGARTEN — PRAYER PARTY

“nurture them in faith and prayer”

When we think of prayer, often times we think of folded hands and closed eyes. You and your child are invited to a Prayer Party! Where we discover many different fun, exciting, and active ways to pray—even for five-year-olds!

<i>Keeping the Promise</i>	<i>Baptism Class</i>	<i>Splash! Celebration</i>	<i>Sharing Stories of the Bible</i>	<i>The Wonders of Worship</i>	<i>Prayer Party</i>	<i>Share, Save, Spend</i>	<i>Exploring the Catechism</i>	<i>It Only Takes a Spark!</i>
Events Timeline	Birth — 1 year	1 — 2 years	PreK — 3 yrs.	PreK — 4 yrs	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3



18 YEARS

ONE JOURNEY

WISDOM EVENTS

Activities that encourage positive growth in the Christian faith and life.

GRADE 1 — SHARE, SAVE, SPEND

"live with them among God's faithful people"

Our children are bombarded with cultural messages to spend and want MORE. This event explores a different message about money and managing resources. It introduces the concept of *Share, Save, Spend* and provides parents with practical financial tips for their children.

GRADE 2 — EXPLORING THE CATECHISM

"teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments"

Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism to help parents teach their children about our faith's traditions. Bring your detective skills as we investigate The Lord's Prayer, Creed, & Ten Commandments. Children will receive their Small Catechism during the worship blessing.

GRADE 3 — IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK!

"place in their hands the holy scriptures"

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, so let's fan the flames of excitement as children are presented with a new, upper-elementary NRSV Bible. Children and parents will be introduced to their Bible, given fun ideas on reading the scriptures, and helpful hints on using the Bible and discovering things in it. You may be surprised by what sparks your own curiosity.

GRADE 4 — GOD MADE ME

"so that your children may learn to trust God"

Our children grow so fast. Let's spend some time together around the fact that God created them just as they are. Their bodies may be changing but one thing remains the same—they are a beloved child of God.

GRADE 5 — CELEBRATE COMMUNION!

"bring them to the word of God and holy supper"

Celebrate the gift of God's grace and love given to us in the Lord's Supper. During this event we will engage in the Biblical story that is ours around Holy Communion. Come for a time of hands-on activities and learn about the love and forgiveness received when we gather at the table. It's truly worth celebrating!

GRADE 6 — EXPLORE YOUR BIBLE

"place in their hands the holy scriptures"

Your children are growing up and so are their Bibles! As parents, how do we support and encourage our kids to read and use their Bibles? Join us for a time of exploring the Bible your child will be using for Confirmation.

GRADE 7 — PARENTS, TEENS & MONEY

"live with them among God's faithful people"

Do your kids think money grows on trees? Are you in danger of becoming your child's ATM? Are you beginning to worry you have a PIN number stamped on your forehead? This workshop will help facilitate discussion between you and your teen on being a good steward of their resources and positive money management.

GRADE 8 — FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE

"learn to trust God and care for others and the world God made"

What happened to that little toddler or the simple smile of your elementary student? You are now the parent of a teenager! This event is a place to discuss faith and how it impacts the decisions your teen will be making in all areas of life. Come join us for a time of facilitated discussions and experiences.

<i>God Made Me</i> Grade 4	<i>Celebrate Communion!</i> Grade 5	<i>Explore Your Bible</i> Grade 6	<i>Parents, Teens & Money</i> Grade 7	<i>Fearfully & Wonderfully Made</i> Grade 8	<i>Affirmation of Baptism</i> Grade 9	<i>You Are Gifted</i> Grade 10	<i>Hope Dinner</i> Grade 11	<i>Baccalaureate Blessing</i> Grade 12
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THE FAITH 5

IT'S ABOUT FAMILY

Rich Melheim had a mom who read to him, sang and prayed with him every night. He had a dad who loved to tell stories and wasn't afraid to talk about his faith. When he became a dad, Rich didn't just want to be a good dad, he wanted to be a *GREAT* dad! A Lutheran pastor on a mission, Rich offers five simple steps you can use each night to keep your family communicating and growing in your understanding of God: The Faith 5.

We encourage families to try this simple, five-step process to build strong, health relationships with one another. If you are looking for openness, honest, caring and sharing in your family and want to raise children who are positive, thoughtful, empathetic and strong, take a few minutes each evening to invest time in one another. Kids spell love T-I-M-E.

THE FAITH 5 ACTIVITY

Gather together with your family each day, perhaps at dinner time or before bed—whenever works!—and follow these five steps:

- 1. SHARE** highs & lows of the day
- 2. READ** and highlight a verse of scripture in your Bible
- 3. TALK** about how the verse relates to your highs & lows
- 4. PRAY** for your highs & lows, your family, and the world
- 5. BLESS** one another (*i.e. saying "God loves you and so do I."*)

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GRADE 9 — AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

"proclaim Christ through word and deed"

This event is designed for all ninth graders who will be confirmed in January. It's a weekend celebration of their faith!

GRADE 10 — YOU ARE GIFTED

"proclaim Christ through word and deed"

You and your child may already or will soon begin looking at post high school plans. Join us for a time of active discussion helping teens identify their God given talents, preferences, and gifts. We will spend time together identifying these gifts and discussing how these gifts fit into your teen's post high school plans, choices in colleges, and vocational plans.

GRADE 11—HOPE DINNER

"so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace."

My how time flies! It wasn't that long ago that you held an infant in your arms. Now they are teenagers and their future plans are becoming a little more pressing. Enjoy a "date" with your child. Enjoy time together sharing hopes, dreams and blessings for their future.

GRADE 12—SENIOR BLESSING

"so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace."

There is no better time to bless our kids and tell them they are a beloved child of God than before they leave high school and move on to their next step. Join us for a special blessing at two events: *The Word of Peace Senior Blessing* and community-wide *Baccalaureate*.

