

Baptism	Celebrate your child's baptism with a wooden faith chest to keep all the baptism and milestone memories as your child grows in faith. As a part of the baptism service, we'll connect you with a congregational sponsor. This is someone from the Bethlehem family who reads scripture during the service and will pray for your child.
1 Year Old	Given a Spark Children's Bible as a baptism anniversary gift (Fall)
2 Year Old	Given a "My Church" booklet with pictures of Bethlehem. Kids and parents are invited for a brief walk through of the sanctuary to spot each item in the book. (Winter/Spring)
Preschool (3 to 5 Year Old)	Blessing of the 3 year olds AKA Lamb Sunday. We give each child a lamb and bless them as a reminder that they are a beloved member of God's flock. (Rally Sunday/Wednesday) Invited to come to FLIGHT (family events held 3-4 times per year) with their family. We will also invite your child to join us for Vacation Bible School once they are potty-trained. (Summer)
Kindergarten	10 Commandments class with parents and a Family Faith Formation (FFF) staff member
1st & 2nd Grade	Rotating class with parents lead by a FFF staff member each winter: Prayer (Year One) and Apostle's Creed (Year Two)
3rd Grade	Bible class with parents and a FFF staff member. Given a Bible challenge to practice using the new bible at home and later bless the bibles during worship. Third graders are invited to go on a Green Lake Bible Camp retreat in the fall or spring.
4th Grade	Communion class with parents and a pastor. Celebrate communion together as a class on Palm Sunday or Maundy Thursday. If a family decides to give their child communion instruction before 4 th grade, they're invited to meet with a pastor for private instruction.
5th & 6th Grade	Invited to join TorchLIGHT, our Christian education on Wednesday evenings for 5 th & 6 th graders. Fifth graders are given a Small Catechism and a challenge kit to use in their daily life. Sixth graders are encouraged to go to Green Lake Bible Camp before starting Confirmation in 7 th grade. Sixth graders are also invited with their parents to a class on three-sided relationships, meaning forming relationships that connect you with God and one another.
7th Grade	Blessing of students on the start of their formal classes to prepare to confirm their faith in the spring of 9 th grade. (September) Invited to join a summer trip, including Mission: Mankato, ELCA Youth Gathering, or a service trip.
9th Grade	Confirm faith with the 9 th grade class (First Sunday in May)
10th Grade	Keys of Responsibility blessing. Students are given a gas card, safety keychain, and blessing as they prepare to or have taken on the responsibility of driving. (Spring)
12th Grade	Blessing of the graduating seniors during worship along with a reception after worship (May)