

## Intentional Faith Path Plan

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How will you be intentional this next year?

- Pray daily for and with my child.
- Consistently spend time in God's Word.
- Bless my child daily.
- Attend church regularly.
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The next step on the Faith Path is *Blessing* at age two. We will offer a free *Blessing* packet to guide you through this next step. Members of St. Paul will receive an e-mail reminder on their child's second birthday to remind them of this next milestone.

Visit our web-site for more information:

<https://www.stpaulfalls.com/fpbaptism>

### Additional Resources:

**Resources with information on what the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod believes/confesses regarding baptism:**

\*Luther's Small Catechism (with Explanation)

\*<https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs>

**Resources for connecting with your kids regarding baptism:**

\*God Makes Me His Child in Baptism  
(by Janet Wittenback)

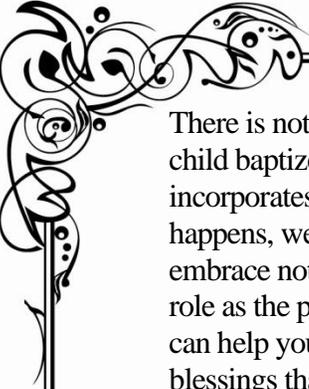
\*The Baptism of Your Child  
(by Thomas E. Fast & Carla H. Fast)

\*Luther's Small Catechism (with Explanation)

# FAITH PATH

## Baptism

Bringing Your Child to Christ



There is nothing more exciting for a parent than having their child baptized, which connects them to Christ by faith and incorporates them into the family of God - the church. As this happens, we at St. Paul Lutheran Church want to help you embrace not only this special time for your child, but also your role as the primary faith developer of your kids. This guide can help you as you and your child prepare for Baptism and the blessings that come with this faith step.

**What is Baptism:**

Simply put, Holy Baptism is the application of water upon your child in the name of the Holy Trinity - the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Baptism is a sacrament, instituted by God. According to Jesus command, it combines the plain water with the name and promises of God. It offers and conveys faith, works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God state.

**Who should be baptized:**

“All nations” are to be baptized, that is all people, young and old. (Matt.28:19).

In Luke 18:15-17 Jesus specifically invites little children to come to Him. Because they are sinful like all people infants, too, need what Baptism gives.

Those who can receive instruction are to be baptized after they have been instructed in the main articles of the Christian faith.

**When should someone be baptized:**

As soon as possible after birth.

**Baptism Class:**

Baptism Class is an opportunity to educate, encourage and equip parents on Baptism and being the primary faith developers of their kids. Please contact Pr. Kyle to schedule a time to learn about this important gift from God.

**Some Key Bible References (God’s Word Translation):**

**John 3:5-6** [Jesus answered] “I can guarantee this truth: No one can enter God’s kingdom without being born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh and blood give birth to flesh and blood, but the Spirit gives birth to things that are spiritual.

**Titus: 3-5-8** <sup>5</sup> he saved us, but not because of anything we had done to gain his approval. Instead, because of his mercy he saved us through the washing in which the Holy Spirit gives us new birth and renewal. <sup>6</sup> God poured a generous amount of the Spirit on us through Jesus Christ our Savior. <sup>7</sup> As a result, God in his kindness has given us his approval and we have become heirs who have the confidence that we have everlasting life. <sup>8</sup> This is a statement that can be trusted. I want you to insist on these things so that those who believe in God can concentrate on setting an example by doing good things. This is good and helps other people.

**Ephesians 5:26** <sup>26</sup> He did this to make the church holy by cleansing it, washing it using water along with spoken words.