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### **First Bible Milestone** – *First Graders and Parents*

Parents fulfill the baptismal promise to “place the Holy Scriptures” into their child’s hands. On October 2, 2016 parents highlight and write “special notes” in a bible (which is provided) that they will give as a gift to their child. On October 9, 2016, first graders join their parents for a time of sharing and Bible exploration. This class will take place in the Conference Room, #302. The Worship Blessing will be on October 9, 2016, at the 11 a.m. worship service.

### **Money Management** – *Third Graders and Parents*

Money Management is a great way to teach children the value of money and work and also the joy of giving. Parents and third graders will meet on January 15 and January 22, 2017, in the Conference Room, #302 to learn and discuss the importance of Giving, Saving, and Spending. The Worship Blessing will be on January 22, 2017, at the 11 a.m. worship service.

### **First Communion** – *Fifth Graders and Parents*

The sacrament of Holy Communion brings forgiveness of sins, communion with the living Christ, and strengthened faith for daily life. Fifth Graders and their parents meet together February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2017, for First Communion preparation. Students will take their First Communion on March 5, 2017, at the 11 a.m. worship service.

### **5 and 6 Becoming Retreats** – *Fifth & Sixth Graders*

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### **Confirmation Sunday**– *Eighth Graders*

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### **Keys to the Future** – *Ninth Graders and Parents*

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### **High School Graduation** – *High School Seniors*

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