

# Taking Milestones Home

## Blessing New Drivers

May 3, 2009

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*"How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments."*

- Underline this passage from Psalms in your Bible and try to commit to memory

### Four Keys to Mark this Milestone

*These are for You to Do at Home*

#### Caring Conversation:

- Talk about what it means to be a driver.
- What are the responsibilities and expectations of drivers in your family? What happens when they are not met?
- What's more important – the car or the driver? Why?

#### Devotional Practices:

Get into the habit of praying before you start the car for the first time each day. Pray something like; "God, keep me safe on the road today. Help me to be a good driver. Amen."

#### Rituals and Traditions:

What are the things that must always happen when you drive? How many people can be in the car? How late can you be out? These are the rituals that come with driving so figure out as a family what rituals you need to participate in every time you drive.

#### Service:

Learn how to take basic care of a car – how to check tire pressure, coolant, oil, etc so you can take care of the car you use or be helpful to someone else. Ask someone who knows something about cars, spend some time together and get comfortable with automobiles inside and out.

Morning Star Lutheran Church has a Family Life Mission Team whose members work throughout the year to strengthen faith within the family, no matter what size or shape it is. In every stage of life, we can take a moment to see God's presence and promise for us as His children. We are called to live faithfully through each step and stage of life and through the Holy Spirit, God helps us to do our best. God bless your family as it grows in faith!

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(Drivers and their Families Come to the Front)

Dear friends; no matter how old we are or how far we journey in life, God is with us and the promise of his love in Jesus Christ guides our steps. Today this family of faith gathers to celebrate your accomplishment of receiving your driver's license AND to pray for your safe travels no matter where you go.

Let us pray.

*Lord of our journeys, today we mark and celebrate a significant milestone in the lives of these young people. As they take on the responsibility of being a young adult and a driver, we pray that you would give them your wisdom to make good choices as they navigate the roads they travel.*

*Provide each of them with safe passage as they drive day by day. Bless them with a clear mind that they may steer away from the dangers they may encounter along the way. Protect each of them and those that travel with them – friends and family. Let these young men and women know the hope and joy that they provide their church family as they take another step into maturity.*

*We ask all these things in the name of the One who guides us through all of life, our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**AMEN.**

### **A Blessing for Each Driver:**

(Parents invited to put hands on shoulders or hold the hand of their child)

*[Name], may God the Father bless your going out and your coming in. May His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord be your companion no matter where you go. And may the Holy Spirit always guide you home. Amen.*

(Pastors and Parents make the sign of the cross on each driver)

### **A Gift to Take on the Road:**

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