

Grace Notes November 18-25

Happy Thanksgiving

KEYSTONE HABITS

The "**Being Challenge**" encouraged us to develop habits similar to the ones Jesus used, that pulled together his life and ministry on earth, like a keystone does for an arch.

The "Keystone Habits" (in the order you'll see them below) are Choosing Church, Studying Scripture, Committing to Community, Prioritizing Prayer, and Seeking Solitude)



CHOOSING CHURCH

At Christ the King, an average of 52 people have "chosen church" at Christ the King the first two Sundays this month; 65 individuals have "chosen church" at least once this month.

CHOOSING CHURCH - Sunday, November 19, 2023

Worship at 8:15 am and 10:45 am

You can choose to join us in person at Christ the King, or watch our services live or recorded on Facebook (8:15 am) [HERE>>](#) or on YouTube (10:45 am) [HERE>>](#)

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 – "Set!"

- **Worship** (with Holy Communion) at 8:15 and 10:45 am. You can open, download, and print the printout for both our **NOVEMBER 19** worship services (at 8:15 and at 10:45 am) [HERE>>](#)
- **Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Bible Classes at 9:30 am**

STILL TO COME IN NOVEMBER . . .

- November 19 - "Set!"
- November 26 - "Time to Go!"
- November 29 – **NO Bible Classes, Sunday School or Confirmation at 9:30 am; INSTEAD, Decorating the church and tree for Christmas!**

AND COMING IN DECEMBER . . .

December 3, 10, 17, and 24 (morning) - the Four Sundays in Advent

December 6, 13, and 20 (Wednesdays) including

- *Morning – Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies, 9:30 am; worship 11 am; lunch Noon*
- *Evening – Choir practice 6:30 pm; worship 7:30 pm*

December 24 (evening) - Christmas Eve worship

December 25 (morning) - Christmas Day worship

December 31 - The next Friends and Family Day! Morning worship 8:15 & 10:45 am; "Friends and Family New Year's Eve Party" 9:30 am (with lots of people to be thankful for in 2023)



STUDYING SCRIPTURE - Bible Studies this Week

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS FOR ADULTS - 9:30 am in the Sanctuary - the Book of Revelation.

- November 19 - "The Final Amen" *Revelation 22:6-11 and Review*

SUNDAY YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS - 9:30 am in the Parish Hall

- November 12 & November 19 - The Son of God (Apostles' Creed, Article 2), lesson 1
- November 26 - Thanksgiving Weekend / no class

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES - in the Parish Hall

Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm and Wednesdays, 9:30-11 am

Ephesians 6 and "The Armor of God!"

AND FOR KIDS - SUNDAY SCHOOL! - 9:30 am in the Parish Hall

STUDYING SCRIPTURE

You can explore more opportunities to Study Scripture [HERE](#)>>

Christ the King now has our own page on the YouVersion Bible App [HERE](#)>>.



COMMITTING TO COMMUNITY



Christ the King Lutheran Church is a member of the SELC District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Pastor Cahill is the Second Vice President of the SELC District.

MORE ABOUT THE SELC

- You can find our District website [HERE](#)>>
- Click [HERE](#)>> to see a video about **how our gifts are used to advance Christ's Kingdom here and throughout the world, and their importance to our work together.**

THE SELC DISTRICT NEWSLETTER "THE BEACON" is published nearly every Friday afternoon - you can find the latest issue, or subscribe to get it directly to your email inbox, [HERE](#)>>

When you click the link [HERE](#)>>, you can learn more about our commitment to Community here at Christ the King as you find

- A list of November birthdays and anniversaries
- Information about caring for others with Meal Train
- Food distributions in the area
- More information about our SELC District, the next LWML Bible Study at Christ the King, and the Lutheran Church Extension Fund

MATTHEW 25
Coalition

Bridging needs in Jesus' name

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Here at Christ the King, we support the **Matthew 25 Coalition of Churches in Medina County** with our prayers and offerings (and a line in our budget). [HERE](#)>> are some stories of how we've helped people with acute and unexpected financial needs in our communities during **October**.

The **Matthew 25 Coalition of Medina County** and the **Matthew 25 Outreach Center of Ashland / Richland Counties**

NEXT FREE MONTHLY PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION
Saturday December 9
at the **Cloverleaf Elementary School, 8337 Friendsville Road**
Distribution 10 am – 1 pm
Volunteers needed 8 am – 2 pm
Questions? 419-961-0110, or visit this website www.m25oc.org



PRIORITIZING PRAYER

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Find the **Christ the King prayer list** at our updated prayer website [HERE>>](#)

You can also download and read or print the **Lutheran Bible Translators' November 2023 Prayer Calendar** [HERE>>](#)

and you can download and read or print "**How to Pray for Missionaries**" from **Wycliffe Bible Translators** [HERE>>](#)

(Note: please be sure to include in your prayers our SELC missionary in India, and ongoing SELC mission projects in Montreal and in Honduras)



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The Keystone Habit of "Solitude" doesn't simply mean loneliness; it means being away from the usual distractions of life to notice what God is doing around you and with you.

So here's a November suggestion: With Thanksgiving coming up, make your own personal list of things you might be thankful for. Here's one way to do it:

- Take a piece of lined paper (like notebook paper) and write the alphabet A to Z down the left margin, one line per letter (if you need to turn the page over, go ahead).
- Now for each letter, write something that you personally are actually thankful for.
- If you can't think of something for one or more letters, go down the line and do as many as you can; come back to the blank ones when something that fits them occurs to you. If it takes several days to do that, that's fine.
- Every so often, pause and say a "Thank-You" prayer for each one of them, like this "Gracious Father, thank you for APPLE PIES"; "Loving Father, thank you for my BEST FRIENDS"

You can use the same list several times in November; or, maybe make up a new list each week.

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