

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH NOVEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 1 st	10:00 a.m. – Bible Class at the Original 12:15 p.m. – Chapel – Grades 3 & 4 1:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid Meeting 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 4 th	5:30 p.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, November 5 th	9:00 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Class 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday, November 6 th	6:45 a.m. – Public Catechesis 7:00 p.m. – Elders Meeting
Wednesday, November 8 th	8:15 a.m. – Chapel – Mr. Bower 10:00 a.m. – Bible Class at the Original 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 10 th	No School – Veterans Day
Saturday, November 11 th	5:30 p.m. – Worship Service
Sunday, November 12 th	9:00 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Class 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service LYF to the Edge Entertainment Center in Belleville 3:00 p.m. – 13 th Annual Okawville Music Festival 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Men's Club Supper
Monday, November 13 th	6:45 a.m. – Public Catechesis
Tuesday, November 14 th	7:00 p.m. – PTL Meeting
Wednesday, November 15 th	10:00 a.m. – Bible Class at the Original 12:15 p.m. – Chapel – Pastor Wood 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 16 th	6:30 p.m. – Board for Parochial Ed. Meeting 7:00 p.m. – LWML Meeting – Church Basement
Saturday, November 18 th	5:30 p.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, November 19 th	9:00 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Class 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday, November 20 th	6:45 a.m. – Public Catechesis 7:30 p.m. – Men's Club Meeting
Tuesday, November 21 st	Dual Circuit Pastors meet at St. Salvator, Venedy
Wednesday, November 22 nd	No School
Thursday, November 23 rd	No School 9:00 a.m. – Thanksgiving Day Service
Friday, November 24 th	No School
Saturday, November 25 th	5:30 p.m. – Worship Service
Sunday, November 26 th	9:00 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Class 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Monday, November 27 th	6:45 a.m. – Public Catechesis
Wednesday, November 29 th	8:15 a.m. – Chapel – Pastor Eichhorn 10:00 a.m. – Bible Class at the Original 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Saturday, Nov. 25th & Sunday, Nov. 26th

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Order of Service – Responsive Prayer Two

Hymns – 547 The Lamb

532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with

Thorns

336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to each of you having a November birthday:

2. Emily Horton
3. Taryn Sensmeyer, Sue Schwankhaus
5. Declan Horton
8. Ronda Frederking
9. Dennis Eggemann
10. Mallory Bening
11. Erin Kurtz, Penelope Long
12. Allison Dunn
13. Kathy Borrenpohl, Charles Hanke, Joyce Lammers
17. Braden Meyer, Ryker Obermeier
18. Kathy Suedmeyer, Mallory Unverfehrt, Brian Frederking
19. Judy Hasheider, Michael Weeke, Darrel Eggemann
20. Tori Buettner
22. Todd Schwankhaus
23. Linda Schuetz
24. Megan Wienstroer
25. Lynda Schroeder, Lisa Clark
26. Roy Frederking
27. Laura Obermeier, Heather Strasburg
28. Aaron Elliott, Gary Bergmann, Jordan Kuhlengel
29. Dennis Pruehsner, Addison Hasheider
30. Kristen Miller, Gary Streuter, Dylan Clark

VISITATION COMMITTEE

Carolyn Rennegarbe

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Angie Kampwerth, Lois Obermeier

ACOLYTES

Saturday, November 4th - Landon Kraus
Sunday, November 5th - Kooper Suedmeyer
Saturday, November 11th - Rex Obermeier
Sunday, November 12th - Lily Gass
Saturday, November 18th - Oliva Bergmann
Sunday, November 19th - Emmerson Hasheider
Thursday, November 23rd - Tyler Stork
Saturday, November 25th - Nolan Langenfeld
Sunday, November 26th - Michael McCarthy

USHERS

Saturday - Jason Obermeier

Sunday - Roy Frederking, Larry Hasheider

ORGANISTS/PIANISTS

Saturday, November 4th - Nora Wood

Sunday, November 5th - Sharon Krueger

Saturday, November 11th - Nora Wood

Sunday, November 12th - Sharon Krueger

Saturday, November 18th - Ruby St. Martin

Sunday, November 19th - Sharon Krueger

Thursday, November 23rd - Sharon Krueger

Saturday, November 25th - Nora Wood

Sunday, November 26th - Nora Wood

SECRET ANGEL

Thank you to all the secret angels that have stepped up. We have all secret angels for our five confirmands.

LWML

Thank you to everyone that donated toiletries for the Addieville UCC food pantry! Due to your generosity, we were able to donate quite a bit more than the asked for amounts of items.

At our October meeting, we learned about the Lutheran Braille workers site at New Minden, with a presentation by Marilyn Stevenson, the director of that site. Volunteers come for about 4 hours per week to produce Braille copies of Deuteronomy, Proverbs, and Song of Solomon. They send these copies to the LBW headquarters in California, where they are sent to blind people all over the world. We thank Pat Quinlan for organizing this presentation!

Our November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Adeline Blumhorst will have the devotion. For our topic, we will listen to an audio play about Katie Luther. Please join us!

The following ladies are "Prayer Pals for our Immanuel Lutheran Pre-school and school:

Morning Pre-School - Patti Jacobs, Cindy Hundelt and Nancy Glynn

Afternoon Pre-School - Joyce Borrenpohl

Kindergarten - Emily Wood

First and second grade - Mary Ann Niedens, Pat Quinlan

Third and fourth grade – Angie Kampwerth, Alexis Kampwerth, Pam Hundelt
 Fifth and sixth grade – Carolyn Rennegarbe
 Seventh and eighth grade – Lois Obermeier
 A big Thank you to all our Prayer Pals.
 Adeline Blumhorst and Mary Ann Niedens attended the LWML Kaskaskia Zone Fall Workshop at Messiah, Carlyle on October 28. There was a Bible study, a presentation about Christ's Care (and after school program in Carlyle), and attendees made fall centerpieces to give to shut-ins.

OFFERING ENVELOPE USAGE

The two types of envelopes used most often are the "home use" and "current" offering envelopes. Money received in "home use" envelopes is used 100% for Immanuel Lutheran Church expenditures. Money received in the envelopes marked "current" is split two ways: 18% to the Southern Illinois District and the balance is used for our own church expenses. If you would like to direct your donation to the church for home use and you do not have a "home use" envelope available, you can use one of the other envelopes in your box and mark "home use" on it.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Thanksgiving contributions have been designated for Current Fund debt reduction. Please give the current negative balance your prayerful thought.
 A food collection will also be taken on Thanksgiving Day and will be donated to the Food Bank at Addieville. Please bring some groceries to share with needy neighbors.

CHILI/CHICKEN SOUP/DESSERTS SUPPER

Sunday, November 12th 4:00 -7:00 P.M.

Immanuel Lutheran School Gym

Price: \$12.00 for adults; Children under 10 \$6.00, 3 years and under free. All you can eat. Dine in or get a carry-out. Bring your own container for your carry-out. Hot dogs will also be available. Sponsored by Immanuel Men's Club and Alumni Association. Part of proceeds will go to the Cemetery Fund.

WEEKLY WORSHIP RESOURCE LISTINGS

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Saturday, Nov. 4th & Sunday, Nov. 5th

First Reading: Revelations 7:9-17

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Order of Service – Divine Service Setting One

Hymns: 543 What Wondrous Love Is This

677 For All the Saints

537 Beautiful Savior

548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

708 – Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, Nov. 11th & Sunday, Nov. 12th

Old Testament: Amos 5:18-24

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Order of Service – Prayer and Preaching

Psalm 70

Hymns: 514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, Nov. 18th & Sunday, Nov. 19th

Old Testament: Zephaniah 1:7-16

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Order of Service – Divine Service Setting Four

Hymns: 730 What Is the World to Me

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

507 Holy, Holy, Holy

748 I'm But a Stranger Here

783 Take My Life and Let It Be

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26: 1-22

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Order of Service – Prayer and Preaching

Psalm 65

Hymns: 894 For the Fruits of His Creation

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Com

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

The first PTL meeting of the school year was held this month under the direction of the new co-chairs, Josh and Deann Muehlhauser. The PTL reported that the Kabob stand at the Wheat Festival brought in just under \$15,000 and the fall T-shirt sale brought in \$1,677 from which expenses had not as yet been taken out. Approval was given to purchase two rock climbing wall nets for approx. \$100, \$100 to be spent on shrubbery for the large flowerpots on the north side of the building, and two new tricycles for outdoor play by the younger children. They are also planning on providing lunch time off from the students about once a month. Volunteer parents will come in on Nov. 3 for the first free lunch period. The next meeting will be on November 14.

The teaching staff participated in the CIS/SID Teachers Conference on the 6th. Over 300 teachers from central and southern Illinois were gathered for 3 plenary sessions and two sectionals. The conference reflected on teacher care and vision for the future.

Grades 5-8 helped at the Chili Cook Off on October 14th. The evening went very well and the students were able to raise some funds which will be used to help with the end of the year class trip.

The first quarter of the school year ended on October 13. Which was followed by a week of Parent/Teacher Conferences.

The school was able to utilize a state Board of Ed. Grant. We were granted over \$29,000 which was used to purchase 7 lunch tables, 10 Chrome books and a new math curriculum for all the students in grades K-8.

The school has held two building evacuation drills already this year. The Okawville Fire Department was here to observe this last drill as per state guidelines. We did very well, exiting the building in under 45 seconds. The police chief came in to observe a building lockdown as well. We have only one more fire drill and our shelter in place drill to conduct to complete the state requirements. Both will be conducted later in the year. The shelter in place drill be held the first Tuesday in March when the state wide drill is held.

Congratulations to our first quarter honor roll students:

4th Grade High Honors: Brynlee Borrenpohl, Nyelle Burianek, Oliver Crane, Markus Lautenschlaeger

5th Grade High Honors: Devin Hundelt

5th Grade Honors: Nicholas Kirby, Wyatt Wiedwilt

6th Grade High Honors: Teagan Burianek, Sawyer Galliano

6th Grade Honors: Caden Benfield, Carson Grissom, Cecelia Groom, Alexa Rennegarbe, Blair Schwartz

7th Grade Honors: Michael Lautenschlaeger

8th Grade High Honors: Clayton Hermanns, Katelyn Gogolek, Tyler Storck

8th Grade Honors: Michael McCarthy, Rex Obermeier

Red Ribbon Week Activities – October 23rd – 27th

Monday was spirit day as the children were asked to wear clothing celebrating our school sports.

Tuesday is Camo Day and students are encouraged to wear camouflaged clothing.

Wednesday is red day and children are to wear red colored clothing.

Thursday is Dress Your Best Day and also picture day.

Friday we end the week with Pajama day.

Mr. Edward Bower, Principal

Alumni & Friends News:

Christmas Stroll - As usual, there will be a lot going on at the school for the Stroll. This is intended to enhance the weekend and has been well received for many years. There are several ways that you can help with this project. There are only a few Board members and there are lots of opportunities for anyone to get involved.

Food Court – The Soup Bar has been very popular and brings people to the event. We may have a few more vendors this year and will need about 20 kinds of soup. Last year we had 17 crockpots of soup and SOLD OUT! If you have a specialty, please consider bringing a crockpot of it to the Stroll. There will be signup sheets on the table in the narthex so we can plan accordingly. We always sell a nice amount of desserts at the Stroll also. A signup sheet will be out for these, as well. Kitchen help is always welcome.

Party Supply Sale – The sale will be set up after school on December 1st. This booth is quick and easy.

Flea Market – Items to sell will be accepted after school is out on December 1st. This area takes quite a bit of time on Friday night. Everything needs to be displayed and priced.

Christmas Showcase – This will be new this year. If you have decorating skills, please help set up this room. The Alumni Board has one tree planned and a former employee is planning a very nice display. We are looking for additional help and anyone willing to set up a lovely display or tree. We are considering a nativity display, with some type of tables or shelving, with material and lights. The setup for this room will also begin after school is out for the day. This will be a nice addition to the Stroll. This room will need to have one person to monitor the displays during the Stroll. A signup sheet will be prepared for this also. There will be no charge to see the displays.

Babysitting – This year, babysitting will be available. The children will be in a preschool classroom. There will be activities, snacks and possibly a Christmas movie for them to enjoy! Children must be over 15 months old and space may be limited, depending on how many volunteers step up to help for a while. Speak with Amy Bergmann if you would like to volunteer to help. She will be looking for assistance.

Art Exhibition – A local artist has consented to display several works of his art and is planning to be on hand for most of the day. He is going to start a painting and people going in to see his exhibit will be given the opportunity to add a few brush strokes to the canvas. At the end of the day, he plans to show the completed painting on Facebook.

Please help – There is always a need for workers to have a break. We'd love to have a few additional workers. If you have an hour or two to spare. Cashiers are needed for 3 areas. Set up will be Friday after school. The Stroll is open from 9-4:30 on Saturday, December 3rd. Take down/cleanup will begin after 4:30 on Saturday, December 3rd. Take down/cleanup will begin after 4:30 and continue on Sunday.

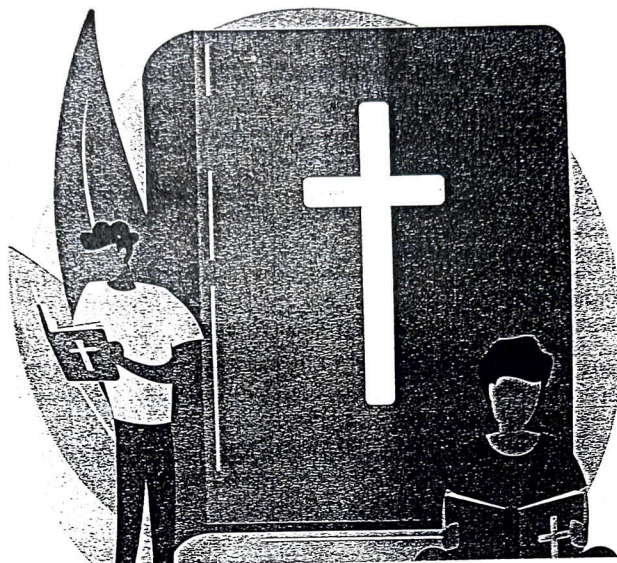
STEWARDSHIP – Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us; righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy. We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is going and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will e given, and he will have abundance.



Reversing the Trend

GOD'S WORD IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME

by Joshua Hayes

God wants His Word to be learned not only in our churches and schools but especially in our homes: "You shall teach [My words] diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house" (DEUT. 6:7). The apostles taught fathers to view this as one of their primary responsibilities: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (EPH. 6:4).

Some of us grew up with great examples of this and understand what it involves. Increasingly, however, Christians have not grown up with any Bible learning in the home or much talk about God. They are

not sure where to start. It is not surprising that the rise in Nones has coincided with a decline in congregational and home worship. With God's help and our mutual encouragement of one another, we can reverse this trend. Three things especially encourage us to take up this godly work:

First, we live in grace. All Christians plead guilty of neglecting prayer and the Word. God is happy with you for Jesus' sake. Many people shy away from home devotions because their guilt over their poor prayer life prevents them from making a start. This is similar to people who have skipped church for a while thinking it is too

awkward to return. But Christians are pleasing to the Father not because their prayers are good enough but because Jesus' blood covers all their sins.

Jesus already lived a perfect life of prayer for you. He intercedes for you still. You do not need to manufacture a perfect prayer life and then bring that before the Father as your righteousness. Instead, Jesus invites you into His prayers. Christ teaches us to pray, "Our Father." With that one word, "our," Jesus invites us to join our prayers to His. God is our Father — not only yours and mine, but Christ's and ours. It is as if He is saying to us, "Dear Christian, come, sit alongside

Me and pray with Me to our dear Father in heaven. Attach your prayers to Mine."

Second, realize that God commands this and that whatever God commands is good and wise. Luke 6:48 (NKJV) says: "He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock." Jesus promises that His words will be enough for us to withstand falling away. It is true that you are saved by grace. It is true that you contribute absolutely nothing to your salvation. It is also true that Jesus hands you a shovel and asks you to dig. Bible time in the home requires modest effort and sacrifice, but it is eternally worth it.

Third, know that God has attached great promises to His Word for preserving and sharing the faith. The biblical formula for passing on the faith from one generation to the next is simple: Learn the Word of God by weekly attendance at the Divine Service and by daily

Bible learning in the home. Sunday school, VBS, youth groups, even the pastor's confirmation class are all wonderful aids, but these cannot replace the spiritual powerhouse of congregational and family worship. When this is done, children are less likely to leave the faith when they are grown (PROV. 22:6). To the contrary, in times of persecution they will have a treasury of God's Word laid up in their hearts from which to confess their faith and spiritually thrive. After all, the Lord wants us to grow in knowledge so that we can teach others. The more we are comfortable discussing the things of God in our homes, the more comfortable we will be sharing them with others. When God's name is praised in the home, it becomes much more natural to share His name with others, even if suffering for His name's sake (ACTS 5:41).

Beware of two obstacles. First, if you are just getting started, know that it will probably feel awkward at first. Embrace the awkwardness. All new habits are strange at first. I tell people to blame it on me. So,

a father who is just getting started and has teenagers can say to them, "We're going to have Bible time every day from now on. If we miss, we'll pick up where we left off the next day. I know it seems awkward at first, but pastor asked me to do it so let's just do it." That offloads some of the pressure. Also, give time (at least three months) for the power of habit to kick in. Eventually it will feel strange *not* to have devotions.

Second, people naturally ask what resources they should use. Beware of "paralysis by analysis." Our church produces more resources than ever before, such as *Portals of Prayer* and *The Treasury of Daily Prayer*. These are wonderful. But people often complain that they have not "found the right resource," which is beside the point and an excuse to inaction. I recommend the Bible. The Holy Spirit wrote the Bible for everyone. Keep it simple and read from the Bible. If you are already doing that, then you can add other things.

"You shall teach [My words] diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house." (DEUT. 6:7)

AS FOR PRACTICAL ADVICE, households vary widely, and so it is not possible to give a one-size-fits-all formula. Families with children, singles and widows, empty nesters and so on, all face different challenges and opportunities in this task. Specifics will change and develop over time. The following advice will need to be applied to your situation. Ask your pastor if you need help. He will be happy to come to your house and lead you in a model family devotion to get you started.

The basic task can be summarized as:

- Ⓐ Hearing and reading the Bible,
- Ⓑ Learning and teaching it, and
- Ⓒ Prayer.



HEARING AND READING THE BIBLE

Adults who are not familiar with the basic Bible stories or who have small children should start with *120 Bible Stories* (GPH) or a similar faithful children's Bible. For absolute beginners, I ask them to read one of these Bible stories per day, discuss it briefly and then say the Lord's Prayer. Anyone can do that and will be blessed by it. As new members are born to the family, it will usually be necessary to return to the children's Bible every so often. Once the basic stories are well known, move to a regular Bible.

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LEARNING AND TEACHING THE BIBLE

God not only wants His Word read, but also learned and talked about in the home (DEUT. 6:7). This is a necessary ingredient. Sometimes this will take two minutes, while other times the discussion will take off and continue for some time (single might consider taking notes or sharing what they read with a friend). Basic questions to discuss are: Who was mentioned? What did they do or say? Where were they? When? Have children retell the story or act it out. As age and understanding allow, move on to questions like: Why? How? What else in the Bible does this remind you of? How does the catechism apply to this? Check cross-references in a study Bible or see if the passage you read is listed in the Scripture index of your Small Catechism. If so, you will easily have connections and applications to discuss. Luther suggests we complete statements like: "From this Scripture God wants me to learn ..."; "I can give thanks for ..."; "I can confess these sins ..."; and "I learn to pray for ...". In this way, life's tough questions and important conversations will arise naturally from

the Bible. For example, you will probably never need to have a special conversation with your kids about extramarital sex and the dangers of falling away because you will have already discussed it countless times from the family Bible.

Bible memorization, catechism recitation, and devotional and doctrinal readings can be added here under discussion and teaching. Older youth and adults should occasionally find time to study apologetics — answering the objections raised by our fallen flesh. Not everything has to be done in one sitting. Some days will go better than others. On Sundays, talk about what was learned from the pastor's sermon, and ask what was covered in Sunday school.



PRAYER


Hymns — ideally sung, but if not, reading them aloud is good too — fit under prayer. Using the same hymn verse(s) for a week or more enables us to build up a set of memorized hymnody to which seasonal hymns can be added. Psalms and prayers in addition to the Lord's Prayer can be added, or the particular requests and thanksgivings for which we are praying the Lord's Prayer can be named.



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God's Word is our great heritage and makes for the happiest life.

Between the Bible, the catechism and the hymnal you will have a lifetime of material. The order (and sometimes chaos) in which you do this, along with the specifics, will change and is not nearly as important as having these three general ingredients: (a) hear and read the Bible, (b) discuss and teach it, and (c) pray.

God's Word is our great heritage and makes for the happiest life (PSALM 119:111). Whether you are single, busy with children, empty nesters or widowed, it is the blessed hope of heaven and being forever with Christ that brings happiness and joy into our life. The daily study of God's Word impresses this heavenly hope upon our hearts and brings joy to our daily lives through the Scriptures. 

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