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## Read Through the Bible

Join us as we read through the Bible together again in 2022. This year we will be doing a Chronological Reading Plan. This Bible reading plan will take you through the entire Bible in an historical linear timeline order with the first events first to the last. You may pick up a copy of the plan on the table in the foyer at the church. The readings for each week will be in the bulletin and for the month in the newsletter.

1: Matthew 20-21	9: Mathew 26; Mark 14	17: Acts 4-6	25: Galatians 4-6
2: Luke 18:15-19:48	10: Luke 22; John 13	18: Acts 7-8	26: Acts 17-18:18
3: Mark 11; John 12	11: John 14-17	19: Acts 9-10	27: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
4: Matthew 22; Mark 12	12: Mathew 27; Mark 15	20: Acts 11-12	28: Acts 18:19-19:41
5: Matthew 23; Luke 20-21	13: Luke 23; John 18-19	21: Acts 13-14	29: 1 Corinthians 1-4
6: Mark 13	14: Mathew 28; Mark 16	22: James	30: 1 Corinthians 5-8
7: Matthew 24	15: Luke 24; John 20-21	23: Acts 15-16	
8: Mathew 25	16: Acts 1-3	24: Galatians 1-3	



Our Mission:  
 To relate to  
 God more  
 intimately,  
 to evidence the  
 fruit of the  
 Spirit, and to  
 bring Jesus  
 into all our  
 relationships.

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# HRCC News

## From the Pastor's Pen....

It is hard to believe but Thanksgiving is coming quickly. Where has this year gone? It seems like it has flown by so fast. Yet now we are ready to celebrate Thanksgiving once again. Why are you thankful? I would like to list five things I am thankful for, first...



**1. I am thankful for the splendor of the whole creation,** for the beauty of this world, and for the wonder of life. Becky and I were able to go to South Carolina this past year and see great scenery, beautiful trees, wonderful sunsets, and the rolling Blue Ridge Mountains. Second...

**2. I am thankful for the blessing of family and friends,** and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. What a blessing it was to see our family in South Carolina. We saw our children, our grandchildren, and experienced love as only a grandmother and grandfather can from their "tribe." What a blessing it is to have family here in Hutchinson. What a blessing it is to have a church family and the loving care we know and feel from you our brothers and sisters in Christ. Third...

**3. I am thankful for the Lord giving us tasks which demand our best efforts,** and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. I love being the Pastor for Hunters Ridge Community Church now for 21 years as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope that I can give my best efforts so that we can be a church community that seeks to fulfill the Great Commandment as **Mark 12:30-31** tells us, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these." To be the Pastor of Hunters Ridge has been satisfying and delightful and I am so thankful to you and for ministry. Fourth...

**4. I am thankful for disappointments and failures** that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on God alone. Life can be disappointing sometimes and sometimes I fail my wife and children and friends and church family. Disappointments and failure drive us to depend more on God. One of my favorite Bible verses is **1 Corinthians 10:13**, "No temptation has overtaken but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it." I am thankful that God in Christ loves and cares for me even when I disappoint and fail others and God. May I be driven ever more to depend upon Him! Fifth...

**5. I am thankful for Jesus Christ.** I am thankful for the truth of his Word and the example of Jesus' life, His steadfast obedience as He overcame temptation and His willingness to go to the Cross to die for sin. I am thankful for His burial 3 days in the grave and for His resurrection by which He overcame death. I am thankful that Jesus ascended to heaven where He now sits at the right hand of

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God until He makes all His enemies a footstool and then He comes again in power and great glory. I am grateful for God's plan to rescue us and make us right with God. The Apostle Paul writes in **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." I am thankful to be Christ's ambassador and to be able to urge people to be reconciled to God.

Why are you thankful? Take some time to reflect upon this over the next weeks ahead.

Please know that I love you and I pray you will have a blessed Thanksgiving. My desire is that we all become more like Jesus.

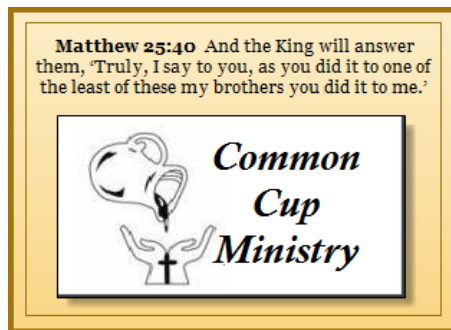
*Pastor Howard*

### James

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Please keep pudding cups for the Weekend Backpack feeding program on your grocery list. Each church in the area has 1 item that they are asked to provide., so we are the only church providing pudding cups. Common Cup is currently serving 402 McLeod County students in Pre-K through 8th Grade in Glencoe and Hutchinson Schools. Lester Prairie will soon be added to the numbers. That's a lot of pudding cups, so please keep pudding cups coming.



Another way to help Common Cup is to participate in 30 Days of Thankfulness. A calendar available on the Common Cup corner will give you a month's worth of ideas to help meet the needs of people in McLeod County. Donate single items, fill a bag or box or basket - everything helps. Items can be brought to the CC office at 105 2nd Ave, Suite 2 or left here at the church.

The annual mass choir concert, Coming Together in Song, will take place November 20th, 2:00PM at Christ the King Church. A free will offering will be taken to help support Common Cup Ministries.



Everyone is invited to help decorate the church for Christmas on Friday, December 2nd starting at 5:30 p.m. Supper will be provided.



We are all striving to be healthy. It is important to be spiritually healthy as well - even more so. Our church library can help, as this month we are featuring books on spiritual wellness.

### Scrap & Craft



If you have not started already, now is a good time to get started on your holiday cards, Christmas gifts and more. Join us

Friday, November 18, 4:00-10:00, and Saturday, November 19, 9:00-4:00. Friday evening the meal is bring your own. Saturday will be a sharing potluck meal. Remember to invite a friend or two to join us. Please let Becky Anderson or Dawn Vandenberg know if you plan to attend so they can plan accordingly for tables.

### Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the all-church cleaning on October 8. As you can see, we had jobs for everyone—big or small!



It is getting close to **Black Friday** when we encourage you to take advantage of the flannel that is on sale at Joanne Fabrics. This flannel is used for our White Cross work for the mission hospitals in Africa. Fabric cuts should be in half yard increments and a 3 1/2 yard cut makes a complete baby layette. Full bolts are also accepted. Donations of flannel can be brought to the church office.

Every year we send out a **Care Package to Our College Students** during finals. We want to let them know we are thinking of and praying for them as they are taking their finals. We will be collecting \$10.00 Subway gift cards, \$6.00 coffee shop cards, candy bars, meat sticks and monetary donations. There is a basket in the church office to leave your donations to help with this project. Please make your donations by November 27<sup>th</sup>.

The **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** practices are beginning. Please let Priscilla Alameda or Meredith Tavary know if you would like your child to participate in the program this year.

Each November we serve a meal for the workers at the **BLOODMOBILE** that comes to Peace Lutheran. This year it will be on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving spaghetti with salad and bread. They are also asking for 8 dozen cookies for those who are giving blood. If you would like to donate toward the meal and cookies or help with preparation and serving, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Ladies, You are invited to join us for a **POTLUCK AND VIDEO NIGHT** on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. We will be viewing a video on God's Sovereignty and how Heaven Rules from the True Women 22 Conference sponsored by Revive Our Hearts.

The **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be held at Oak Heights Covenant Church on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM. Pastor Howard will be bringing God's Word. A pie fellowship will follow the service. Our church needs to provide 5 pies. If you can help with bringing a pie, please let Becky know.

### Potluck Meal November 13

The Body Life team invites everyone for an afternoon of food and fellowship at our all church potluck. The potluck will take place in the fellowship area right after church on Sunday, November 13. Tableware and beverages will be provided. Families are asked to bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert. Singles are asked to bring an item of their choice.

### Operation Christmas Child

The collection deadline for OCC shoeboxes is fast approaching. Our goal is to collect 50 boxes by Sunday, November 13 when we will be praying over and dedicating the boxes. Check out the display table in the foyer, or contact Dawn Vandenberg for any questions.

