



## Taking Faith Home January 7, 2018

My Dear Fellow Christians, The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 10:17: ***Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.*** If you have a sincere desire to grow in your faith and be strong in your faith then this promise of God is for you. When you read the Bible passages assigned below, be assured that God Himself is speaking to you. When you take to heart what God is saying to you, be further assured that the faith given to you in your Baptism is being nourished and strengthened. And so when you take this devotion outline and put it into practice, be assured that you are really:

### **TAKING FAITH HOME!**

May God richly bless you! *Pastor Dan Decker*

The following is offered as a daily discipline for your reading, study, prayer, and praise.

**I. Begin with: *In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

**II. Confess the Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer: For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.** *What does this mean?--That I should be certain that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and heard; for He Himself has commanded us so to pray, and has promised that He will hear us. Amen, Amen; that is, Yes, yes, it shall be so.*

**III. PSALM OF THE WEEK: Psalm 139:1-10**

**IV. PRAYER OF THE WEEK:**

Heavenly Father, You listen to me more closely than my best friend. You tell me not to doubt but that You hear every word, and You understand every thought that's too hard for me to put into words. You listen to me, Lord, to me. Only a God Who reigns over Heaven and earth could for me like You do. I am Your beloved child. For that reason alone, You listen. May I never forget that. In and through Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

**V. DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Sunday**-Psalm 139:11-16

**Monday**-Psalm 139:17-24

**Tuesday**-1 Samuel 3:1-10

**Wednesday**-1 Samuel 3:11-20

**Thursday**-1 Corinthians 6:1-11

**Friday**-1 Corinthians 6:12-20

**Saturday**-John 1:43-51

**VI. DAILY PRAYERS** (Please try to focus your prayers on the theme of each day):

**Sunday:** Pray for St. Paul's members to experience the joy of Jesus' resurrection and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

**Monday:** Pray in thanksgiving for your Baptism, for your coworkers and the unemployed.

**Tuesday:** Pray that God's Word would guide your daily decisions, for those who have fallen away from the Church, and for all unbelievers.

**Wednesday:** Pray for those who serve in our government, for your family and friends, and for those who are in adult and junior confirmation classes.

**Thursday:** Pray in thanksgiving for the privilege of receiving the Lord's Supper.

**Friday:** Pray for all Christians who are experiencing persecution because of the Faith and for all who experience mental and physical pain.

**Saturday:** Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw His people to His House.

**VII. SPECIAL PETITIONS FOR THIS WEEK:** Pray for our homebound members.

**Our members, who are ill:** Dorothy Johnson; Donna Louison; Frank Splinter; Payden Belk; Presley Belk

**Friends/Family of our members, who are ill:** *These names will remain on the list for three months.* Please remember all who are ill, especially:

NOVEMBER --- Erric Moen (*friend of Paul & Vicki Fetting*)

JANUARY --- Pastor Paul Garchow

**Military and families:** (Capital Letters = Active Military): ZACH BOUTELLE; Dan Caldwell; RYAN CLAUER; MASON CRAWLEY (*son-in-law of Cynthia LeStarge*); MAKENZIE DE WAR; SETH HAFFERY; Kyle Hendrikson; Emily (Oscarson) Keator; Stephen Lenaas; CHAZ and KALON MAGNUSON (*sons of Cynthia LeStarge*); TYLER MOREHEAD; JONATHAN PALSMA (*son of Cynthia LeStarge*); Kathy Seifarth, AMBER SORNSEN; KEITH SPOON. *Please note that some military members cannot be listed for security reasons.*

**Missionaries:** Shauen & Krista Trump serving in Africa; Kip & Ivy Hoech serving in Kyrgyzstan; Pastor John Reinke serving the Deaf; James & Christel Neuendorf and Jamielynn Tinkey serving in the Dominican Republic. *Please note that some missionaries cannot be listed for security reasons.*