



# *Taking Faith Home*

## *December 2, 2018*

Please take this devotion outline and put it into practice.

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 Eighth Commandment:** You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?* - We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

**III. PSALM OF THE WEEK: Psalm 66:1-12**

**IV. PRAYER OF THE WEEK:**

Lord God, in these private words to You, I raise up my weakness before You regarding lies and gossip. Make me more careful when talking about my friends and neighbors. Good reputations are so precious, and so fragile, Lord, that I ask You to help me keep a good one for myself, and help my neighbor do the same. Reputations are so very hard to restore when damaged. Keep me from stealing my neighbor's good name. Give me the courage to defend others when I see them under attack. Help me do this in response to Your love for me, and out of a growing love for my neighbor. In and through Jesus I pray. Amen.

**V. DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Sunday**-Psalm 66:13-22

**Monday**-Psalm 50:1-15

**Tuesday**-Psalm 50:16-23

**Wednesday**-Malachi 3:1-7

**Thursday**-Philippians 1:1-11

**Friday**-Luke 3:1-14

**Saturday**-Luke 3:15-20

**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; for the hungry and homeless; for the widowed and orphaned and for all those in prison.

**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 and military; first responders and all who protect us; 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; for the sick and dying and for all those who care for them.

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

**VII. SPECIAL PETITIONS FOR THIS WEEK:** Pray God's blessings on members inviting unchurched friends and relatives to our Christmas Eve services.

## *Weekly Bible Studies*

SUNDAYS AT 9:15A ..... *ROUTE 66: THE LIFE OF CHRIST THROUGH THE GOSPELS*  
FELLOWSHIP HALL ..... FOR MORE INFORMATION: PASTOR DAN DECKER (754-4471 EXT. 300)

SUNDAYS AT 9:30A ..... *ADULT BIBLE STUDY*  
SCHOOL: ROOM 204 ..... FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 9:30A ..... *THE GOSPEL OF LUKE*  
FELLOWSHIP HALL ..... WITH PASTOR DAN DECKER

WEDNESDAYS AT 9A ..... *WOMEN'S STUDY*  
SCHOOL ROOM 204 ..... FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)

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THURSDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30A ..... *RAY VANDER LAAN: FAITH LESSONS*  
FELLOWSHIP HALL ..... WITH BARRY & RUTH WIER (608-752-9330)

THURSDAYS AT 6P ..... *WOMEN'S STUDY*  
SCHOOL ROOM 204 ..... FOR MORE INFORMATION: KATHY PINGEL (754-4471 EXT. 306)