Lakeview United Methodist Church

A Week of *Faith*

Open Hearts, Wise Minds, Generous Lives

Luke 19:1-10

November 24-28

Five days. One message.
A faith that goes with you.

TUESDAY–SATURDAY DEVOTIONALS

Christ's Community in Action with Love for All
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Welcome to This Week's Devotionals

Life gets busy, but there's always room for a moment with God. Our Tuesday–Saturday devotionals connect Scripture with everyday life through reflection, a question to consider, a practical step, and a closing prayer.

Read one each day, share it with someone you care about, and carry Sunday's message into the week ahead.

Your next step in faith begins here.

THIS WEEK'S THEME

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TUESDAY

November 24

A Heart That Changes

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1–10

DEVOTIONAL

Zacchaeus didn't simply change his financial habits. His encounter with Jesus changed his heart, and that changed how he viewed what he had. This week, remember that generosity begins deeper than the checkbook. When we recognize how much grace we have received, we begin to see our time, resources, abilities, and possessions differently.

REFLECT & CONSIDER

What might change if you viewed something you have as something entrusted to you rather than something you simply own?

PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

Identify one resource you have—time, money, ability, or possessions—and consider one way it could bless someone else.

A CLOSING PRAYER

God, open our hearts to recognize the blessings we have received. Help us use what we have in ways that bring care, hope, and love to others. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

November 25

Generosity Needs Wisdom

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 11:24–25

DEVOTIONAL

Generosity doesn't mean responding to every request. Sometimes the wisest and most loving thing we can do is pause, ask questions, and verify before giving. Discernment doesn't make us less generous. It helps make sure our generosity reaches the people and causes we truly want to support.

REFLECT & CONSIDER

Where might you need to slow down and use greater discernment before responding to a request?

PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

Before responding to an unexpected financial request, verify who is making the request and go directly to the organization or person involved.

A CLOSING PRAYER

God, give us open hearts and wise minds. Help us recognize genuine needs and protect us from deception. May our generosity truly help those we intend to bless. Amen.

THURSDAY

November 26

Every Gift Has Meaning

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:41–44

DEVOTIONAL

The widow's offering was small by the world's standards, but Jesus saw its meaning. Her gift wasn't compared with anyone else's. Neither should ours be. We have different circumstances, responsibilities, resources, and seasons of life. Faithful generosity begins with honestly considering what we have and what we can faithfully share.

REFLECT & CONSIDER

Have you ever compared your giving or generosity with someone else's?

PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

Instead of comparing your contribution with another person's, prayerfully consider what generosity looks like within your own circumstances.

A CLOSING PRAYER

God, free us from comparison. Help us recognize that every faithful gift has meaning and that our contribution matters. Amen.

FRIDAY

November 27

Earn. Save. Give.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 6:17–19

DEVOTIONAL

John Wesley's simple principles—earn, save, and give—point us toward a life where resources have a purpose. We aren't called simply to accumulate. We are called to use what we have in ways that honor God and serve others. Wealth can be uncertain, but a life invested in doing good can have lasting impact.

REFLECT & CONSIDER

How are you using what you've been given beyond simply meeting your own needs?

PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

Think of one way you can use your resources to make a positive difference for another person this week.

A CLOSING PRAYER

God, help us hold our resources with open hands. Give us wisdom to earn responsibly, save thoughtfully, and give generously. Amen.

SATURDAY

November 28

Make the Greatest Impact

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 6:18–19

DEVOTIONAL

As Lakeview looks toward a new year, generosity becomes a question of impact. Our giving supports worship, pastoral care, Stephen Ministry, fellowship, outreach, missions, and the many ways Lakeview creates a welcoming church home. But the question reaches beyond the church budget. It reaches into our daily lives: How can what we have been given become a source of care, friendship, hope, and love?

REFLECT & CONSIDER

How can you use what you've been given to make the greatest impact?

PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

Choose one concrete way to turn gratitude into generosity this coming week.

A CLOSING PRAYER

Generous God, thank you for all that you have entrusted to us. Help us live with gratitude and generosity, using what we have to strengthen our families, our church, our community, and the people around us. Amen.

Keep the Journey Going

A few quiet minutes with Scripture can change how we approach the day ahead. We hope this week's devotionals have encouraged you, challenged you, and reminded you of God's presence in your life.

CONTINUE THE JOURNEY

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Open Hearts, Minds and Doors

Together, we can make a difference—in our church, in our community, and in the world.