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*While we have already opened our doors and resumed regular services in the church, the following article is still a worth a moment of your time to read. It speaks of the place of God's Word and prayer in the Christian home and the benefits surrounding such a practice. The article was written during the "Spanish Flu" epidemic and appeared in our periodical Lutheran Witness in 1918. I offer it here as encouragement. May God richly bless you all.*

*- Pastor Suggitt*

### **Family Devotion**

During the present epidemic the Boards of Health of many cities have requested that congregations close schools, churches, and Sunday schools until the danger has passed. Not only our pastors, but also the ministers of other churches advised their people through the public press, or otherwise, that during the closing of the churches they should read the Scriptures at home and have family prayers.

In those homes in which this had been a custom before, it was easily arranged. To others it was a novel experience. It is to be hoped that some who tasted the spiritual delight of family devotion will continue the practice in the future. Let no one imagine that the churches or the pastors fear that the people will take to prayer in the family and neglect public services.

The family that enjoys the reading of the Scriptures and family prayers during the week is the one which is most ready to visit the house of God whenever the doors are thrown open. The more members of our congregation practice home or family devotions, the better will be the church attendance in that congregation. That father and head of the house who gathers his household together each day because it is his intention and determination: I and my house will serve the Lord,- that father will be of the same mind on the day when the churches are open and the pastor proclaims God's word.

Are you looking for some good work to do? Would you do something to glorify God, something whereby you may show your gratitude towards the Savior, something whereby you may be yourself, and whereby you may bless your neighbor, something whereby you may be a blessing to your whole community? Institute family devotion daily in your home. Go about in a cheerful, friendly, evangelical manner. If that is daily done, you have accomplished something that will bless you and yours in time and eternity. *1918 Lutheran Witness (vol. 37, p.359)*





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