



GOOD NEWS!

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Are you ready for an adventure? Is life getting a bit boring? Is your spiritual walk on autopilot? Want to grow? Does refreshment sound good? Well, I have some good news for you! On September 7th, 2014, join me on a weekly walk through the Bible called "The Story". It will be a tonic for your soul and an adventure with great blessings.

Week by week for 31 weeks, we will follow God through a condensed chronological Bible and discover how our story fits into God's Story. This intensive journey will happen in Sermons, Bible Studies, Small Groups and faithful conversation. Since God gave His Word to everyone, we invite all people – you, your family, friends, neighbors, even strangers to join us.

For now, I want to ask you to pray about The Story. Ask God to bless us as a congregation, you as a believer and many others through us. I also want to challenge you to consider making a commitment to signup for your participation. Finally, I want to open the door for an outpouring of financial support. The Story isn't in our current budget. Advertising is expensive. Some people may not be able to afford a book. Although the costs are not onerous, you may be moved to make a special donation to help underwrite this venture. That support will be much appreciated.

Message cont'd:

Think about this (for some people it's true!):
*If you think Genesis is just a band from the '80's . . .
If you think it was Dr. Dolittle who took two of each animal into a big boat . . . If you think an epistle is a woman married to an apostle . . . you may need to know more of The Story.*

You may be a bit intimidated by the Bible. You're not alone; many people are. And no wonder, its pages mention odd names like Jehoshaphat and Nebuchadnezzar. It contains accounts from places you probably never heard of, like Sinai and Samaria. And it seems to be made up of a lot of different, seemingly unrelated stories.

But it really is one big, exciting story. You can see it easily if you open your Bible to the beginning and then flip all the way to the end. The first words found in Genesis 1:1 read: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Then, if you turn all the way to the back of the book, Revelation 21:1, you find, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away . . ." In the beginning God is creating the heavens and the earth. At the end he is creating a new heaven and a new earth.

So the big question is this: "What on earth happened between the beginning and the end of the Bible?" If you can answer that question you will have uncovered the one seamless story of God. It's all about His Plan for your salvation! (and everyone else too)

Will you choose today to take your life chapter and make it a part of the Big Story of what God is doing on earth?

--- Pastor Steve Wiperman



CURRENT NEEDS

Flood Buckets: In cooperation with The LCMS Disaster Response program of Synod, The Florida-Georgia District has invited OSL to join the joint effort to create two thousand (2,000) or more prepared Flood Buckets to assist LCMS Disaster Response mercy efforts to those affected by flooding. Each Flood Bucket costs less than \$25. More info is on the bulletin insert. Please donate generously to "Flood Buckets". Let's be a blessing to those who suffer in the future as we have experienced suffering and the support unknown Christian friends!

FAMILY PROMISE:

- Drop your "pocket change" in the "House for Change" on the Lobby table
- Sign up to be a Club 360 member
- Donate a Gift card or Gas card (any amount is appreciated)
- Volunteers for Hosting Weeks

EVANGELISM/MISSION:

- "Flood Bucket" project
- Recruiters needed for the "End Hunger" Walk on October 12th.
- Donate to the CROS Food Pantry

MUSIC BOARD:

- Collect soda can pop tops and to put them in jar in the Lobby
- Keep collecting Campbell soup labels and box tops.
- Volunteer needed to process ink cartridges.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEKS:

The next three OSL "hosting weeks" are going to be September 14th, October 19th and November 2nd. Please note these on your calendars and remember that FP can always use volunteers to help out. There will be sign-up sheets in the lobby or you can see Sherrill Disbury or Sandy Capton.

"Thank you for your support of Family Promise, because "every child deserves a home."

**CROS Food Pantry needs
OATMEAL AND JELLY!**

C.R.O.S. MINISTRIES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



Caring Kitchen

Volunteers Needed for the Clothing Boutique

Please contact Danielle Devine at ddevine@croministries.org or 561-278-0918 for more information.

Toiletries Needed: travel size deodorant, razors, toothpaste, and Neosporin etc.

Please contact April Hazamy at caringkitchen1@gmail.com or 561-308-7980.

Volunteers Needed for Caring Kitchen Office

Duties include answering phones, filing, light computer work in MS Word/Excel, helping with mailings.

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Storage

Volunteers Needed to help with delivery and pickup of food. Must be able to drive pickup truck. May have to use your own vehicle for pickup and deliver. Must be able to bend and lift cases of food. (about 15 - 20 pounds). Need volunteers Monday - Thursday. You may choose the hours you are available between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm.

For more details, please contact Yolanda at 561-779-7936 or yjones@croministries.org.

Lake Worth Food Pantry

Volunteer Needed for food pickups on Tuesday.

Must be able to lift 25 to 40 lbs. 9 am to 2 pm.

Volunteer Food Bagger and Sorter Needed Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 am - 10:00 am (or 10:30) am.

Volunteer Needed (2-3 people) to greet clients and enter information into the computer, bag food, and help keep shelves stocked, Tuesdays, 10:45 am - 2:15 pm - *Need 2 - 3 people*. Must be able to lift at least 20 lbs.

Volunteer Needed Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm to greet clients and enter information into the computer, bag food, and help keep shelves stocked.

For more details, please contact Rhonda at 561-243-7634 or rstapleton@croministries.org.

One Volunteer Needed every Thurs. at 9:00 am to sign paperwork for CROS at the Feeding South Florida's warehouse in West Palm Beach. Some lifting involved.

For more information, please contact Yolanda Jones at 561-779-7936 or yjones@croministries.org.

FROM LWML:

Our July mite offering last Sunday was \$95, the total of 5 donations. We usually have loose change, which is the original meaning (Mark 12:41-44) but this occasion was unique, as was the following: Our faithful church Treasurer closed the books for 2013-14 and found there were designated LWML Mission funds for \$131.45. THANK YOU to all who have given, whether through your mite boxes or your Sunday Offering envelopes during the past year.

You may all designate LWML Mites or other special LWML funds, if preferred. Or you may donate each 2nd Sunday to LWML mites in the large mite box near the altar. Thank you in JESUS' Name!



ATTENTION ALL OSL LADIES!

It's our turn to host the Spring ZONE Rally! After the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Aug. 3, all ladies, YOUNG and older, are invited to stay in the West Wing for a few minutes, to help organize the basic planning. So please ALL pray as to how the LORD would have you help, whether with the date selection, the theme and text, Bible Study, food menu, invitation, or decors, etc. And of course we need someone to keep track of all progress. Please plan to stay AUG.3 for a few very important minutes. THANK YOU!

LUTHERAN SERVICES OF FLORIDA

'Start Children Off on the Way They Should Go'

Head Start Programs are designed to provide economically disadvantaged children with the tools needed to help them keep pace with children born to more affluent families. Lutheran Services Florida now operates all Head Start and Early Head Start Programs in Pinellas, Duval and Palm Beach counties, along with Early Head Start Family Child Care Homes in Hillsborough County. For the 2014-15 school year, we will serve 6,000 children ages 5 and under in these programs. We operate these centers ever mindful of Proverbs 22:6: "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." For weekly ministry updates, please visit us on Facebook.



If your email address changes, please notify the church office (561-582-4430) asap. Thanks.



**Please remember to have
articles in the Church Office by
the 21st of the month.**

“NEWS FOR THE PEWS”

Want to know more about Our Savior Lutheran’s activities? Read the bulletin boards in the Church lobby, check out the Calendar in the Newsletter, or enjoy our website. Want to learn more about activities of Church Council and Voter’s Assembly? Read this column. If you would like more detailed information or to more actively participate in OSL activities please call the Church office at 582-4430.

Church Council Highlights: The last meeting was held on June 24, 2014, led by Kim Frey. Opening devotion was led by Pastor Wipperman, as he read from a prayer book and led the group in prayer.

- **Minutes:** Minutes were accepted as read. Minutes for this meeting were taken by Dave Brown in the absence of Barbara Grumbach.
- **Pastor’s Report:** A Bible study in which members will study the Bible in a 31 week program, “The Story”, will begin in September, with a preliminary meeting to be held Thursday July 17, 2014 at 7PM. Rebecca’s Garden of Hope will not meet during summer months.
A letter was sent to the Hispanic Ministry requesting representation at Church Council meetings to increase communication. We are all sad that the previous representative, our sister in Christ, Hortensia Ramos, has passed on, and we send prayers to her family.
- **Elder’s Report:** Contemporary Services, in which our Youth will participate, is in the planning stage. CROS Ministries will be holding Summer Camp, 75 students are registered. It begins on June 9 and ends the end of July, with students singing at the July 27th OSL church service. If VBS is held, it will be held during that time period for one week. Christmas Eve Service this year will be held at 7PM.
- **Treasurer:** The Budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year as of June 21, 2014 was presented and approved.
- **Christian Education and Youth:** Youth are working with Pastor to plan the new contemporary Worship Service, and have been in contact with several musicians.
- **Evangelism and Missions:** Four charities have been chosen to receive 25% each of funds received: **Lutheran Church Charities (LCC)**, **Lutheran Services of Florida (LSF)**, **Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Foundation (LCMSF)** (global funding, for Pastor Mark Eisold), and Haiti “**Hearts for Jesus Project**” to help children. T-shirts and tennis shoes will be collected for this project, more information upcoming. Also for LSF collections of goods, hygiene kits and puzzles will be held soon, and delivery will be in November 2014.
- **Nominating and Bylaws:** Changes to the OSL Constitution and Bylaws needed to integrate the Boards of Stewardship and Finance will be presented for the second reading at the July Voter’s Assembly. An updated Constitution and Bylaws containing these changes will be made after approval. The list of Church Council members and terms of office will also be updated after July 1, 2014. Both documents will be e-mailed to church council members after upgrades are completed. Congregation members can obtain either document by contacting the Church Office and having copies e-mailed to them. Thank-you notes will be sent to those Church Council members who have finished terms, are coming on to Council, and those who have been re-elected for their time and service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Worship Center Remodeling Committee has called for a special Voters Assembly for June 29, 2014 to request approval from the congregation to contract with Renee Tercilla. His architectural firm will be retained to be the architect for the remodeling of our Worship Center.