



GOOD NEWS!

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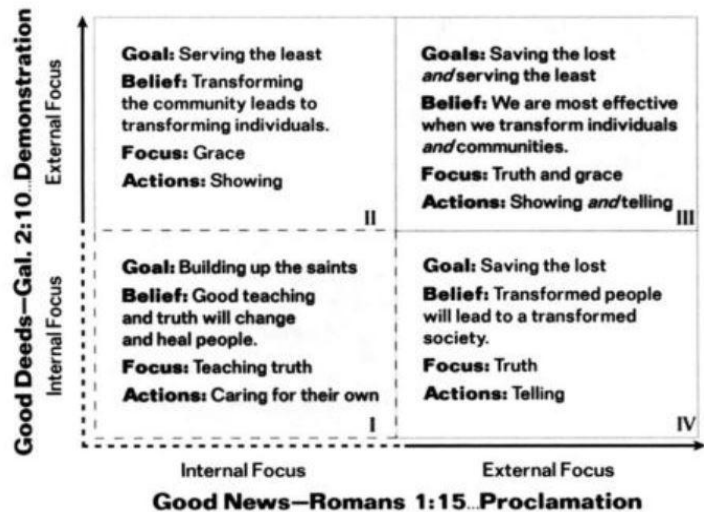
Last month, we continued the series based on the book, "The Externally Focused Church". In that article, we highlighted the concept that "Discipleship is not what happens inside the four walls of this church." The conclusion asked, "Isn't that just what OSL needs to become – a "door by which many individuals come into a relationship with Christ?" You can do it by inviting someone!" Since then, I've heard from several of you about "inviting someone". That's great! Invite, invite, invite!

This month, I want to move on with this thought, "It is our actions toward others that separate Christianity from philosophy." That's a mouthful. No doubt you've heard me quote John 13:35: "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The difference between Jesus and Aristotle is love. The kind of love Jesus modeled is perfect, unselfish, sacrificial love. He demonstrated this love not only on the cross, but daily in His interactions with those around him.

This love, Jesus says, is what identifies His followers. IF you love one another, everyone will know you are His disciple! The concept reminds me of that acronym we learned in Sunday School – J O Y. Jesus comes first, then others and finally yourself. You can't live that way if you aren't a Christian. Without faith, it not only doesn't make sense, it ends up in frustration and misery.

Message cont'd:

The Externally Focused Church sees this intentional way of life as central to its being. "If we care about people coming to Christ, we must figure out ways to be intentional about evangelism – sharing the Good News." They have an interesting chart:



Section III is the ideal – the church that is Externally Focused with the Gospel AND Good deeds. For the sake of brevity, I'll end here. Please think about this chart, how it relates to OSL now and what OSL would look like if we were in Section III.

--- Pastor Stephen Wipperman

FAMILY PROMISE



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!
"BIRDIES FOR CHILDREN"
&
THE 2014 HONDA CLASSIC
FEB. 24TH - MAR. 2ND**

Once again this year, local charities will have an opportunity to raise funds at the Honda Classic. This is a fun way to show your support of Family Promise and have the chance at winning a new 2014 Honda! Guess the number of birdies made at this year's Honda Classic which is being held February 24th - March 2nd. There will be donation forms on the table in the CAC Lobby and you can also log on to the website at [www.hondaclassic.com/birdiesfor children](http://www.hondaclassic.com/birdiesforchildren).



Shoebboxes for kids

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you so much for your generous response. Together we were able to complete 40 boxes. Thank you!! --- Donna

REBECCA'S GARDEN OF HOPE

MISSION MINISTRY



Rebecca's Garden of Hope is a Christian tutoring program for children of all ages. If you would like to be involved, call the Church Office. October was the kickoff and the program takes place on **Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall**. We have been tutoring 9 children and it's a wonderful, rewarding way to serve the Lord!



Next Sunday, Nov. 3rd, we plan to kick-off Partnering with LSF (Lutheran Services of Florida) and being a part of their Children's Christmas Mission! This will involve filling "Goody Bags" for the children which are 3 and 4 year olds. LSF has 174 children in this age group. These are not your typical 3 and 4 year olds; these are children who are in foster homes, Head Start Programs, or belong to refugee families. The one thing they have in common is they are in need. We are blessed to be a blessing and we at Our Savior are given that wonderful opportunity to help these precious children. If you can help put a smile on the face of one of their faces at Christmas please stop by the table after worship and pick up "Goody Bags for Kids" information sheet. Thank you! --- Donna

"THANK YOU" to everyone who remembered their mites on Oct. 13th. Our total was \$72.75! Please use checks and bills as well as coins, if you can! More than two-thirds of this total came in two checks! Keep in mind that our prayers for the mission grants are very important for the overall success of these missions.



UPCOMING EVENT
Quilter's Craft & Bake Sale
Sunday November 17th, 2013
Before & After Worship



CROS MINISTRIES STILL NEEDS HELP!
We will continue taking donations. **The MOST NEEDED Basic food items include:** peanut butter, canned tuna and meats, two pound bags of rice, canned beans or one pound bags of beans, canned vegetables, tomato sauce, soup (canned or boxed), macaroni and cheese, pasta, and canned fruit. *Thank you for being a blessing to those in need.*

FALL ZONE RALLY UPDATE

Our Savior sent four ladies including former member Andrea Van Voorthuisjen to the Fall Zone Rally on Sat., Oct. 12, 2013. Our worship and activities centered around LWML theme, Ps.100:2: "Serve the Lord with GLADNESS

Mark your calendars now:

The joint Spring Zone Rally in March will be in Stuart at Redeemer Lutheran Church on **Sat., April 5th** and all are invited. Save the date!



**THANKSGIVING EVE
WORSHIP SERVICE
NOV. 27TH at 7:00 PM**



**ADVENT SEASON BEGINS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**

THANK YOU ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

The potluck luncheon held on Reformation Sunday was a time of great food and great fellowship! It was a big success thanks to all the hard work of our OSL volunteers. A special thanks to Alycia Pryor and Joan Ingersoll for the planning and to everyone else who shared in helping out!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Annie Phillips	11/02	Shirley Runke	11/19
Irma Barish	11/03	Shannon Vowel	11/20
Doug McCrorie	11/05	Lee Disbury	11/22
Samuel Kelly	11/09	Robert Hosack	11/27
Pat Snyder	11/13	Frank Battey	11/28
Mark Eggen	11/14	Jerry Hiner	11/29
Carol Eberle	11/16		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David & Cindy Eberly	11/13
Rock & Lyn Tate	11/20
Lee & Sherrill Disbury	11/25
Robert & Pat Hosack	11/27

If you have a birthday or anniversary this month and it is not on the list, please inform the Church Office (561-582-4430) or alex@osl-lw.org



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

Building Bridges, Crossing Boundaries

from Lutheran Hour Speaker, Pastor Gregory Seitz

The Apostle Paul reminds us the challenge before us to share the Gospel with people who don't know Jesus is sobering and daring. In First Corinthians 9: 19-22 he tells us: "Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew to win the Jews. To those under the law, I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law though I am not free from God's law but I am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak, I became weak to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I save some."

To build a bridge is to "cross over a chasm" that allows people to receive things that were otherwise unavailable to them and to be taken on a journey where they otherwise couldn't go. It takes planning, effort, knowledge and even courage. But more than anything, it takes love for the people for whom those bridges are to be built so that they hear and understand for themselves how great this Good News of Jesus is for them. So let's learn together how to grow in our bridge-building work. And let's rejoice in the challenge before us as we probe the Scriptures for resources needed to share the Gospel with those who don't know Jesus. Thanks for your prayers and your donations to make Lutheran Hour Ministries even more relevant in today's bridge-less, wandering world. To God be the glory!
(Compiled from LHM and other sources)

---Ernie Parbhoo, LHM Ambassador

FL/GA DISTRICT & LHM OUTREACH INITIATIVE

The Barna study, sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) and conducted in the Florida-Georgia District, identified three key behaviors acted upon by congregations that are effectively reaching the lost in their communities: Preaching/Prayer, Training, and Telling the Story. Lutheran Hour Ministries is working to provide resources in each of these areas.



Two training events have been conducted to help equip God's people to share the Gospel. They took place last month and this month with an attendance of 550 and 400 people respectively! Attendees were also encouraged to tell their story of Gospel-sharing on the Outreach Initiative website, www.lhm.org/flgaoi. Resources for prayers to support outreach are also available there.

Lutheran Hour Ministries has also produced a resource for pastors to integrate the topic of outreach into their preaching. *Evangelism Jumpstarts for Preaching* provides themes, outlines and illustrations to jumpstart sermon preparation. Written by Emeritus Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour**, Rev. Kenneth Klaus, this resource will serve pastors well in their task of connecting the Word of God to their people. Download it today from the Outreach Initiative website - www.lhm.org/flgaoi/pastorres.asp



“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 **September 24, 2013**. Opening devotion was led by Pastor Wipperman from Psalm 113.

- **New CC Members:** Susan Jones was appointed as Chair of the Christian Education and Youth Board in August 2013. Welcome back Susan!!
- **Pastor’s report: Rebecca’s Garden of Hope** will include a kick-off event of canvassing the local neighborhood on October 2, 2013. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) and the Florida/Georgia District Outreach Initiative will meet for the second time on Saturday October 19, 2013 to discuss the “Power of Sharing Christ as a Congregation”. Ministry planning will include Personal Leadership and People of Passion.
- **Elders:** Pastor Wipperman is getting commitments from small groups of members, 5 or 6 at a time, to begin meeting in September to discuss OSL ministry opportunities. This will be an ongoing commitment to eventually include the entire congregation through these small group meetings. New church members are being assigned to specific Elders, who will call them occasionally.
- **Treasurer:** As of September 23, 2013: **Income total** \$81,133.00, **Expense total** \$107, 282, **Deficit total** \$26, 149.
- **Finance:** The LCEF Note (church insurance from hurricane damage) is around \$1.3 million. Some investment funds have been moved to a steward account in order to access funds if needed for upcoming expenses. Pastor will take care of updating name changes to allow newly elected Council members access to the stewardship account. Funds withdrawn for capital expenses must be approved by Voter’s Assembly.
- **Trustees:** The repair of the leak in the school building and the duct cleaning for the church office were approved. Massey Fence will be called to repair the chain link fence in the stairwell of the 3 story building. Appraisal of church property awaits approval from Voter/s Assembly in October. The chemicals have been removed from the school. Mice are being eliminated from the building.
- **Nominating and By-laws:** The updated OSL Constitution and Bylaws, and the updated list of CC members and contact information were e-mailed to CC members. Copies can be obtained from the church office. A version of the integration of the Boards of Stewardship and Finance was presented to CC for discussion. NBL members are still searching the Constitution and Bylaws for other changes that need to be made related to this integration.

- **Music:** A frame for the banners was completed by Al Trumpie and Bill Simms. The frame makes it much easier to store and to retrieve banners. Thanks to these two gentlemen for a great job!! Choir rehearsal began September 8. The choir needs more voices, and meets right after church services on Sundays. Carillon Choir (bells) had its first rehearsal on September 22, and these members will rehearse the third Sunday of each month. Special thanks to Barb McCrorie, Susan Jones, Pat Snyder, and Teresa Kwan for their time and efforts in polishing the bells. Please contact Barb McCrorie or Dottie Castorina to use your God-given talents to praise the Lord in music.
- **The Board of Social Ministry:** In lieu of a donation (or in addition to), persons can register, and spend the night in their car in front of the downtown West Palm Beach Salvation Army site in October to simulate awareness of problems of the homeless. Flyers are being handed out at church supporting the mission of “Putting the Brakes on Homelessness”. Family Promise week at OSL has just ended and November will be the next Family Promise visit. Thanks to those members who support this incredible ministry. Volunteers are always needed, if you can help please contact Sherrill Disbury or Sandy Capton.
- **Hispanic Ministry:** The flea market location has been changed to inside the little church. Four Hispanic congregation members will attend face-painting classes on Saturday evenings. These classes will give them an opportunity to evangelize, while earning a living at a side-job. A former student of the ESOL classes has offered to give free classes in reading and writing in Spanish to neighbors. These classes will be held on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30PM. Call Hortensia Ramos for more information.
- **Special Committees:**
 - **Worship Center Renovation Committee:** This Committee will meet on Thursday September 26th to put final recommendations together. Options will be presented ranging from 100 up to 500 thousand dollars, depending on which option is chosen by the Voter’s Assembly. A Building Committee will be formed to follow up on renovations.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - Sandy Capton has marked items to be retained for future school use from the third story of the school building
 - Slab Permit is to be signed and at the Building Dept. this week. Various companies will be donating time and machinery.
 - Rezoning. Still waiting for the City of Lake Worth to get their state status done.
 - Property Appraisal. The appraisal of both parts of the property will be done at a cost of \$3500.00 pending Voter’s Assembly approval.
 - Integration. A motion was approved to change the Constitution and Bylaws regarding integration of the Stewardship and Finance Boards to include the integrated name of “The Board of Stewardship and Finance”, rather than the Board of Stewardship.
- **New Business:** A motion was approved for the Evangelism and Missions Board to present their hand-made quilts to needy children for Christmas.