



Friends,

As many of you know I really enjoy reading. I am usually reading 3-4 books at a time and go through them at a relatively quick rate. There's nothing better than continuing to learn and grow as a person. Well, maybe one thing better and that's Jesus. So when I have the opportunity to learn more and have it connect with Jesus—that's a great thing.

One of the books I was encouraged to read recently is from an LCMS pastor named Greg Finke. The book is called *Joining Jesus on His Mission*. The premise is that Jesus is doing stuff all around the world and our communities and we can join Him in what He is doing. Simple right? This is not a new concept or anything that I found Earth shattering but in its simplicity it was exactly what I needed to read at the right time.

We spend so much time wondering how to reach people and share the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, yet we often times overlook the fact that Jesus is already out and about messing with people and doing stuff. The Holy Spirit is in the places we go before and after we arrive. For example when we have a loved one in the hospital and we feel guilty that they are alone, is that really what our theology teaches? Of course not, we know that the Holy Spirit is with them. The great comforter is with them and will never leave them. That's a comforting reminder. Another example might be when we do our neighborhood clean ups. Jesus is there too, as people go about cleaning

up God's creation we can join Jesus in what he is doing in those moments.

I will speak for myself here and maybe some of you can relate. I do not always know what Jesus wants me to do. I am confused at times and wish I felt more confident in discerning the plan Jesus has instore. With that in mind I would like to share with you a prayer Pastor Finke left on his website dwelling114.org

Lord, I don't know what You want me to do today, but You are with me, so let's go do it.

Lord, I probably don't know how to do what You want me to do today, but You are with me, so let's go do it.

Lord, I probably don't want to do what You want me to do today, but You are with me, so let's go do it.

When we finish what You want me to do today, it won't be because of me but because You were with me. Let's go do it. Amen!

God Bless you my friends and I pray together we can continue to join Jesus on His mission.

In His Grip,
Pastor Jake

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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CROS Food Pantry Needs Our Help!
This month's needed items are **2 LB BAGS OF RICE**. Please consider donating any non-perishable food item. Together we can do more and make a difference! Thank you for your support! --- Evangelism/Missions

LWML MITE BOX FEBRUARY MISSION GRANT

The LWML February Mite Box Mission Grant of \$100,000 supports Camp Restore Detroit (CRD) which is a ministry of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. CRD purchased lots adjacent to the church which included two abandoned houses. This grant will fund the renovation of these houses into Christ-centered community outreach centers where lives of poverty-stricken children and families can be changed. Thank you for your February Mites, and please remember to pick up a Devotion Packet.



FEBRUARY 2020

02-02	Linda Wirtz
02-06	Teresa Kwan
02-06	Janice Willette
02-11	Cecilia Roedsens
02-11	Rock Tate
02-16	David Brown
02-24	Cameron Bruner
02-26	Beth Sheppard



We now have the Church Directory available online at our website. Go to www.osl-lw.org and click on the “Church Directory” tab. You will need the logon password. It is available through the Church office. Please email Alex at alex@osl-lw.org or call.



"The Shepherd's Quilting Team"

History and Purpose

Our mission started in 2008 with an average of 8-10 members. Since our start we have joyfully made and given away over 4,000 quilts. These special quilts are not just a gift of a quilt; but a gift of love and prayer. It is an affirmation of our faith in God and our belief in God's power to comfort, strengthen and heal. Our quilts have been given to Lutheran World Relief, Veteran's Hospital, U.S. emergencies in AL, MO, NY, NJ, MS, Haiti, Bahamas, Naples, and Ft Myers. Also First Care, CROS, LSF Youth Shelter, LSF Pahokee, LSF Belle Glade, Rebecca's Garden, Real Life Children's Ranch, PSA Health Care, ACC, Aveanna Healthcare, Darcy Hall of Care, Hospice Nursing Home Delray.

God calls us to serve in many ways and always in love with hope and joy. Thank you for your Prayers and Support.

--- *The Shepherd's Quilting Team*

(*Donna, Jim, Dottie, Jayne, Pat, Geraldine, Carol, Sandy, Jeanne, Lula, Shirley*)



**JOIN US EVERY
WEDNESDAY
9:30 A.M.**

Don't forget that Prayer Partners meet every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and you are always welcome and encouraged to join them! **You are invited to stay for the Bible study, led by Pastor Jake, immediately following it at 11:15 a.m.**

BIBLE STUDY AT OSL

The following are Bible Studies ongoing currently at OSL, please feel free to join in and learn about God's Word. Please call the Church Office for more information at 561.582.4430

SUNDAYS: **8:15 AM Proverbs**
Donna Macha (small group)
10:45 AM Noah
Pastor Jake
10:45 AM Matthew
Budd Leverenz
10:45 AM Kids Connection
(Sunday School)

WEDNESDAYS: **11:15 AM Psalms**
Pastor Jake
7:00 PM Acts
Pastor Jake



New Outreach Opportunity

February 15, 2020 / 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

LOVELAKEWORTH.COM

Love Lake Worth is about local churches coming together to love on and make a positive impact in Lake Worth Beach! Please visit LoveLakeWorth.com for more details on the first "serve" projects to be done!

Lent BEGINS



February 26th @7:00 p.m.



GOOD FRIDAY

April 10th Worship at 7:00 p.m.



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5th
Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.



Easter Sunday, April 12th
Lake Worth Beach Worship at Sunrise



Maundy Thursday, April 9th
Worship at 7:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday, April 12th
Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.



THRIVENT BENEFITS AND ACTION TEAMS

Choice Dollars: Thrivent is big on giving back to the community, by donating dollars to many 501C-3s (nonprofits) that work with Thrivent. Based on the amount eligible members pay in annual premiums for qualifying products (life, disability income, long-term care insurance), each member can allocate their Choice Dollars each year to a designated nonprofit, such as OSL. There is a deadline (March 31st), the same every year and the same for every member, for the easy process of filling out paperwork or donating on-line. Please access your account on-line or call the Thrivent Home Office at (800)847.4836 or Sarah Davis's Office at (561). 622.9588 to see if funds are available and how to complete the process. If you don't indicate a specific nonprofit, Thrivent designates funds that you could have sent to OSL, but may go a different non-profit instead.

Action Teams: Thrivent members develop teams of 10 volunteers or more and a leader, who must be at least 16 years old. The team chooses a project that addresses the needs of the church and /or local community. Each eligible Thrivent member has the opportunity to apply for 250.00 grants to fund 2 projects per year, including educational, fundraiser, and service events. Many of these projects can be short term. After an easy application on-line, approval can come within 24 hours, shirts and gift card may take a week or two to arrive. Projects must be completed within 120 days.

Some of the recent projects include: helping Rebecca's Garden in a variety of ways, Evangelism and Mission Board Projects (which address many community needs in a variety of ways), Goody Bags (for small children to keep them busy during church), Hygiene Kits for the homeless and much more. Thanks to Donna Macha and the Evangelism and Missions Board, Kay Schubert, and Melinda Shelton for their sewing expertise. Even our Kids Connection (Sunday School) is involved by packing Goody Bags and Hygiene Kits. A couple of other projects are in the works including the possibility of having a coat drive as well as a Valentine's Day party. Please feel free to contact Peggy VanArman ((561)964.7469), Pastor Jake (561).582.4430 or Sarah Davis, if you need help with developing a project of your own, if would like to take on one of Pastor Jake's long list of projects, or if you need help getting a team together. Additional benefits are that by your participation in the Great Commission of spreading the Lord's Word, you get to know our members and local community members better, they are great fun, and OSL receives extra dollars from Thrivent for Action Team Projects undertaken by our members. Jump on the bandwagon and start a project today!!