

Coming This Month...

October– 3 Deacons and Trustee Meeting

8 Jack Marincovich Service

9 Installation of Pastor Carr & New Member w/Dinner

13 WMF Meeting

15 Men's Breakfast

30 Quarterly Meeting

Why is it so important?

As Bethany's newest pastor, one of my first major objectives has been to help people better understand the Bible. Each sermon I preach has been and will always be based on the Bible. Fortunately, Bethany has a long and rich tradition of solid Biblical based messages. This is nothing new. My first series of Sunday School classes was about the Bible. I taught what it means when we say that the Bible is inspired and inerrant. I explained how the Bible was put together, as well as lots of background information about the Bible. I also explained how the Bible is extremely accurate and that it is the most accurate of all ancient written works hands down. Now we as a church are about to dig even further into our study of the Bible by launching a sermon and Sunday School series called *The Story*, which is a chronological overview of the Bible condensed down into 31 lessons.

The church purchased copies of the book that we will be using for this series and has made them available to all members and actively attending visitors of all ages for free. This book called *The Story* is a condensed chronological collection of Biblical works from the NIV translation of the Bible. Unlike normal Bibles, *The Story* does not have normal chapter and verse breaks. It is written much like a novel. It is intended to be read and studied from beginning to end. It is not intended to be a replacement Bible by any means. Rather it is just another tool that churches and individuals have found useful to help make the Bible make sense.

If you ask any good pastor if church and Sunday School attendance is important, they will of course say yes. While I believe that all Christians of all ages should commit to coming to both Sunday School and church, I believe that these next 31 weeks, it is doubly important. Our official launch date is October 2nd. Beginning then we will have a unified theme of study tying together Sunday School, our Sunday preaching themes, and our personal devotions. Each of you are asked to read the chapter of *The Story* before you come to Sunday School and church. Take notes, write down questions, and come looking

for answers. The benefit of reading the chapter of *The Story* for your personal devotions then coming to Sunday School, and finally hearing that chapter preached on in church will make a huge difference. I have heard from others that have gone through this series that now the Bible finally makes sense. Others have commented that they never really understood how all the stories in the Bible worked together until they went through *The Story*.

If you are skeptical about this series, or have reservations about this series I want to encourage you to reach out to me and set up a time where we can talk. I have done this series with two other churches that I have pastored and seen great results. However, as with most things in life, you will get out of this series what you put into it. If all you do is occasionally attend church and rarely if ever read *The Story*, don't be surprised if it doesn't have much of an impact on your faith journey. So, I ask you to commit the time needed to attend for both Sunday School and church, as well as doing the reading on your own. You will be greatly blessed, and I think you will be amazed at your depth of growth in knowledge and wisdom of God and His Word at the end of this series.

Pastor Rich Carr



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Worship With Us

8:45 A.M. Glad Tidings Radio 1370 A.M.
9:40 A.M. Adult/ Youth Sunday School (all ages welcome)
11:00 a.m. Worship Services

Live Stream

We live stream our 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship services on Facebook Live (Bethany Free Lutheran Church) Links can be found on our website: bethanyfree.com. Sermons after can be found on our YouTube -Bethany Free Lutheran, Astoria, Oregon

Installation

Sunday October 9th AFLC President Lyndon Korhonen will be here for the installation of Pastor Carr, because of a couple unexpected events the installation and some of the new members had to be moved. We will also be receiving new members. There will be a dinner after the service provided by the church.

Men's Breakfast

Men's breakfast and prayer will be October 15th at 8:00 A.M. at the church. If you would like to help with cooking that will start at 7:15 A.M.

Church Council Meeting

Board of Deacons and Trustees will be meeting Wednesday October 3rd at 6:00 P.M.

WMF Meeting

Women's Missionary Federation (WMF)



Thursday October 13th, at 11:00 A.M. Everyone is asked to bring a sack lunch, all ladies are welcome.

Bethany Sewing Ministry

Sewing will be October 6, 20 & 27 at 10:00 A.M. All sewing skills are welcome. A lunch is provided. Sewing is every Thursday at 10 A.M.

Right Now Media

A free online Christian service filled with book of the Bible, kids shows, women's studies, small groups, youth studies and men's studies. If you have not gotten a link sent to you in your email, send an email and we will get you one.

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Sunday School

10/2 Starting the book "The Story". *The Bible as one continuing story of God and His People*. If you would like a book, free copies can be picked up at church.