

WEEKLY TOPICS

1. The Story: Introducing the Bible
2. Beginnings: Genesis
3. God's People on the Move: Exodus—Deuteronomy
4. Getting Settled: Joshua—Ruth
5. Kings and Kingdoms: Samuel-Chronicles
6. Trails of Tears and Joys: 2 Kings-Esther, Lamentations, Daniel
7. When God Speaks: The Prophets
8. For Every Matter Under Heaven: Wisdom and Poetry Books
9. People of Promise: The Old Testament Story for Us
10. The Word Became Flesh: The Gospels , Part 1
11. Who Do You Say I Am?: The Gospels, Part 2
12. You Will Be My Witnesses: Acts
13. The Power of God for Salvation: The Letters of Paul
14. So Great a Cloud of Witnesses: General Letters
15. Come, Lord Jesus!: Revelation
16. Jesus People: The New Testament Story for Us

A complete schedule will be distributed at the first session.

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A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Worship at 8:30 and 11 am

every Sunday morning.

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ST MARK BY THE SEA
LUTHERAN CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO
*The Greatest Story:
An Introduction
to the Bible*

Sundays

6:30 pm

Sept 11—Jan 22

Preregistration

by Sept. 5

Is requested.

THE GREATEST STORY: BIBLE INTRODUCTION

Everybody loves a good story! In the Bible God has given us the greatest story ever told! It's a tale of God's love and faithfulness throughout the generations. Come join us as we take a look at The Greatest Story: Bible Introduction.

Through this study you will embark on a journey that starts at the very beginning of God's good creation and quickly moves through the effects of sin on a fallen humanity. You will be introduced to the first family of faith, who God blesses and calls to be a blessing to all people.

The stories of the Bible are very human stories. We see the most heroic and important ancestors in the faith struggle with sin and evil.

Both the Old and New Testaments describe God's persistent efforts to reconcile with God's rebellious people. These efforts take a surprising twist in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who conquers both sin and death for all time.

After Jesus' resurrection the story continues with the appearance of the Holy Spirit and the birth of Christ's church called to witness to his name. That means we're part of the story too! The story lives on through our witness!

As we make our way through God's story from Genesis to Revelation, you will have ample opportunities to reflect on the meaning of the story and how you live in the story and the story lives in you.

THIS COURSE IS FOR ANYONE WHO:

- Is encountering the Bible for the first time.
- Wants a refresher of the Bible story.
- Has questions about how the stories of the Bible fit together.
- Is just curious about this book called the Bible

YOU WILL NOT BE EXPECTED TO:

- Memorize anything.
- Take a test before or after the course.

YOU SHOULD BRING:

- Your favorite study Bible.
- Your questions no matter how big or small.
- Your openness to being encountered by God's story.

The cost of the book published by Augsburg Fortress is \$13. This is the only cost associated with the study group. Books will be distributed at the first session and payment will be collected at that time.

COURSE FACILITATOR

The Rev. Pam Northrup, pastor at St Mark by the Sea Lutheran Church, will facilitate the study group. Pastor Pam, as she likes to be called, earned her M.Div. from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC where she graduated with honors. She also holds a M.Ed. from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC where she focused on Adult Education.

Pastor Pam sees the Bible as the written Word of God. It creates and nurtures faith through the work of the Holy Spirit and points us to Jesus Christ, the living Word and center of our faith. In reading the Bible we are invited into a relationship with God that both challenges us and promises us new life.

Preregistration by Sept 5 is requested so that enough copies of the book can be ordered in advance. Preregister by calling the church office at 386-445-3420 or by sending an email to Pastor Pam at pastorpam@stmarkbythesea.org.