LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH	Lake Oconee Lutheran Church God writes His Word on our Lives, Building us into a Family engaged in Spirit-filled Service.						
Our Church Newsletter		February 2					
Pastor	Steven Hayden revshayden@gmail.com	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. 1 st , 3 rd , & 5 th Sundays Holy Communion					
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Dear Friends in Christ,

What would happen at Lake Oconee if we took the words of Jesus, read them, and actually put them into practice? What kind of response would our non-Christian friends and neighbors have to us? It seems like a simple idea, right? This Lent, beginning February 14th, Lake Oconee Lutheran will kick off this "Red Letter Challenge" (RLC), a 40-day challenge where we as brothers and sisters in Christ are challenged to read the words of Jesus for 40 days straight. We'll do this by reading daily devotionals, attending a Bible study that goes along with what we are learning, listening to sermons and by being challenged in our walk with Jesus each of those 40 days. This study will cause us to take a closer look at the words of Jesus... and then will challenge us to actually live out Jesus' words in our lives! You may have noticed that in many Bibles, the words of Jesus are printed in red letters. That's where this study gets its name. But when you combine a sermon series with Bible study and a personal workbook, all focused on putting those red letters into practice, you don't just have an all-church Bible study ... you have an all-church CHALLENGE! As Christians, we are notorious for "nodding our heads" to God's promises and commands, but then like a bobble-head toy, we continue to stay stuck in one place nodding our heads rather than moving our hands, feet and mouths in the ways that God directs. In this study, we are going to take to heart Jesus' words in John 14:15, "If you love me, keep my commands."

Why is this so important? Because whether we like to admit it or not, you and I are a reflection of Jesus Christ in this world. More and more people do not read the Bible these days, so the only thing they know about Jesus is what they experience by interacting with Christians. And sadly, as authors David Kinnamon and Gabe Lyons write in their book unChristian: "Many of those outside of Christianity ... reject Jesus because they feel rejected by Christians."

We'll learn five principles that were important to Jesus: **Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, and Going**.

1. **Being**: Before Jesus invites us to do things for Him, through Him, and in His name, He invites us into a relationship with Him – one of simply being in His presence. We need more of Him.

2. **Forgiving**: So many of us struggle with receiving God's forgiveness, forgiving ourselves, or forgiving others. To truly represent Jesus in this world, we must understand God's grace in our lives and extend that grace to others.

3. **Serving**: After all that Christ has done for us, we want to serve Him. But as we direct our love toward Him, He directs our love outward – into the community, to help those in need.

4. **Giving**: Jesus talked about money a lot. Why? Because how we view money reflects our relationship with God. Jesus followers are generous.

5. **Going**: Jesus' last command to His followers was to go out and tell the Good News of the Kingdom and what Christ has done for us. Doing good works is nice. But what turns those works into ministry is sharing them in the Name of Christ.

This church-wide campaign is based on the book The Red Letter Challenge by Lutheran pastor, Zach Zehnder. He wrote it with the hopes of equipping Jesus' followers through 40 days' worth of readings and challenges to practically and daily live out our faith. Following Jesus is simply reading His words and then acting on them.

My prayer is that you will be greatly blessed by taking the Red Letter Challenge, and by letting the words of Jesus shape you into His image for all to see.

Taking the Challenge with you,

Pastor Steve

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

By this time you may have heard about the announcement which was made last Sunday, January 31st, after worship. Katherine Lutz, our much loved DCE intern who has been working in our congregation on service and missions to the community, had resigned effective immediately.

Katherine was loved and supported by all of us, including myself. We had dreams of her presence among us and leading us which stretched well into the future. We had voted in December to offer her a call and commitment to continue working here following the completion of her internship. We enjoyed time spent with her, learning from her, serving alongside her, working with her.

On Friday, January 29th, Katherine informed me of her decision to resign. In a meeting with her and her college supervisor, I received the following letter:

To Pastor Hayden and Lake Oconee Lutheran Church, Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation as DCE intern for Lake Oconee Lutheran Church. My intent is that this resignation is effective immediately. For personal reasons, I have decided that it is in my best interest to leave my position at Lake Oconee Lutheran Church. I have been so thankful for this opportunity to grow in relationship with each of you and serve our community alongside one another. I pray the Lord's blessings for each of you.

Sincerely, Katherine Lutz

I was shocked and saddened to hear the news as you may be also. Like you, I was left with questions that would remain unanswered. So, what can we do now?

First of all pray...pray for Katherine as she goes through this change of plans and change in her life. Pray that God would continue to bless her and give her peace in trusting His presence. Pray for Lake Oconee Lutheran as we suddenly adjust to the change in our plans and deal with our personal grief which has resulted. Pray that God will continue, as promised, to accomplish His will, both through Katherine and through us as we continue to serve our community.

Secondly trust....trust that God does keep and fulfill the promises that He has made to each of us. We are not alone and forsaken, but He is present here among us (and with Katherine) in Word and Sacrament. And when the circumstances of life seem to be out of our control, we continue to trust that our creator God is in control. Finally hope...St. Paul writes, **"For to this end we toil and strive, because we have** our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe" (1 Ti 4:10). And of course, in Romans we read, **"**² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Ro 5:2-5) Did you hear that? Hope does not put us to shame!

May God bless Katherine and may He bless us as we continue to pray, trust and hope in Him. If you have any questions or would like to talk about this more, please either contact Pastor Steve or your elder. We may not have all the answers that you are seeking, but we can sit, listen, pray, trust and hope along with you.

> Yours in Christ, Pastor Steve

Congregational News

Worship Update -- Live streaming

In the past months Lake Oconee Lutheran has pre-recorded our worship service and then posted it online. Now we are live streaming our worship. That means it will be broadcast live on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am on Facebook. Join us as we all come together in worship.

If you are unable to be online at 10:30 am, do not worry. The recorded service will remain available for you to watch later as well. You may find it on the <u>@lakeoconeelutheranchurch</u> page on Facebook. The service will also be posted on the church website by Monday or Tuesday of each week. God's blessings to each of you!



Our Sunday Morning Bible Class Mountains

It is remarkable how many of the great events in Scripture took place on mountaintops. God chose mountaintops so that certain events would stand out in our minds. As if to hold them up for all to see, God performed some of His most dramatic lessons on mountaintops. In fact, God's whole plan of salvation can be seen through biblical mountaintop events. Join us every Sunday morning at 9 am as we see how God uses Mountains. You may also watch the Bible class live each week on Lake Oconee Lutheran Church's Facebook page.

Our Upcoming Sunday Bible Class

"The Red Letter Challenge"

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24

Jesus is saying, "If you want your house to stand up, practice what I am preaching. Do what I say." Jesus says in Luke 11:28: "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." James, the brother of Jesus, says it even more simply in James 1:22: " Do not merely listen to the word, so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

That's the big idea. Taking Jesus' words, the only ones that are written in red letters in your Bibles, and putting them into practice. Literally. That's the very unoriginal yet revolutionary idea that's going to change not just the followers of Jesus but the world in which we live.

The Challenge begins on **February 14th** as we kick off our journey together in Bible Class. Register today to reserve your book! Envelopes can be found in the back of the church.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday school meets Sunday mornings at 10am in the children's Sunday school room.

As the elected Treasurer of LOLC, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members and visitors who, in spite of all the personal and financial turmoil of 2020, found it in their heart to be so generous in their giving to our church. As a result, our giving considerably exceeded what we had budgeted. This enabled us to easily handle the unbudgeted costs we incurred with the hiring of a DCE intern and with the purchase of the Community Center.

I would also like to thank those persons who, as chairs of the various congregational committees, did a fantastic job of keeping our expenditures for 2020 well below what was budgeted which also helped to cover those unbudgeted expenses we incurred.

As you can tell if you examined the 2021 budget which was approved at our December congregational meeting, with the addition of the potential hiring of a full time DCE and the addition of other payroll increases and general increases in costs of most everything, our 2021 budget reflects yet another increase over the previous year.

I sincerely hope everyone will prayerfully consider what they are able to pledge in the coming weeks to see that we are able to meet our income budget once again.

Each committee chairperson has been provided with a copy of their budget for 2021. I will be closely monitoring all expenditures as I have in the past. If you are not a chairperson but have reason to purchase anything for which you expect to be reimbursed, please contact the committee chairperson first to be sure they approve the purchase within their budget and then have them sign the receipt before you submit it to me for reimbursement. In this way we can be certain that we are being good stewards of the blessings our Lord has provided to us.

Those persons who can approve expenditures are:

Property - Barney Ross	Sunday School – Josh Ringer					
Altar Guild – Donna Crouch	Office – Sonya Plunkett or Pastor Steve					
Music – Pastor Steve	Missions – Katherine Lutz					
Stephens Ministers – Virginia Daley	Evangelism and Fellowship- Margaret Pederson					
Community Center – Sandy Mathson or Pastor Steve						

Kathie Kueven

LOLC offers Bible Study and Ministry



Stephen's Ministry Class

Stephen Ministers are members of Lake Oconee Lutheran church who have been extensive training and provide confidential, one-on-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide weekly support for as long as the need persists.

If you or someone you know of are hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with Virginia Daley, 706-485-3564. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care to those in need.

Mid - Week Bible

Genesis

The study of the Old Testament is nothing less than an exploration into the thoughts of God and His desires for ordinary people like you and me. And what makes more sense than to "begin at the beginning"? As the history of sinful humanity finds its beginning, so also does the unfolding of God's plan to redeem fallen humanity through the sending of a Savior. Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am on Zoom as we look at old familiar stories and clearly see the new life that God gives to us in Jesus Christ.



WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS Many women know Psalm 23 by heart but haven't experienced its power in their lives. This beloved psalm can breathe new life into women who are weary and unsure of their next steps. It's more than a psalm that comforts in death; it gives confidence in life. In this 7-session study by Jennifer Rothschild, gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23. Explore the depths of God's compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd's goodness throughout each season of life. Join us on Tuesdays at 10am in the choir room.

Lake Oconee Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Mathson, followed by an opening prayer by Pastor Hayden.

Walter Krause was not in attendance.

The minutes from the November 15th Council Meeting was approved. Also, the minutes from the November 29th Special meeting and the December 13th Congregational meeting were approved.

Council Committee Reports:

VP/Personnel: Mike Joost- No report

Treasurer: Kathie Kueven- 2021 Budgets were distributed to council members for their area of responsibility. The December treasurer reports were distributed, LOLC, Community Center and Anderson Fund. It was discussed that GFL trash had not credited a payment made. Barney will follow up with them.

The current bookkeeping process by Kathie was briefly reviewed. It was noted that financial backups are not on the church computer system. Pastor Hayden will discuss with Kathie and obtain passwords to access the Ledger Cloud system going forward. It was mentioned that LOLC had a positive cash flow of \$50,669 for 2020. The Community Center

also has a positive flow of \$1,002 for the 2020.

Mike made a motion and was seconded: I move that we authorize a credit card for the Church Secretary with the appropriate limits. The motion was approved. Pastor Hayden mentioned that this is to be used to order supplies online.

Financial Secretary: Walter Krause- The December report was distributed. December giving was over December 2019 giving by \$3,987.

Congregational Secretary: Larry Davis- no report

Church Properties: Barney Ross – A group of members will be removing additional trees on the corner lot this week. Also, Barney will be replacing rotted wood and sills at the Community Center and will be donating the supplies. Mike will be working to replace exterior lights at the Community Center and will donate the cost.

Lay Ministry: Joe Peeples- Sonya has completed her probationary period. Ash Wednesday service will be an in-person event with communion. All other Wednesdays will be online.

Christian Education: Joshua Ringer- Childrens Sunday School will begin on January 17th at 10:00 to 10:30 AM.

Christian Service/Outreach: Margaret Pedersen- Has met with Katherine to begin coordination.

Time and Talent Sheets will be distributed this month. A virtual trivia night is being discussed, as well as adding a Fellowship coordinator. Ideas are being discussed on how to better promote the Little Free Pantry. The Blood Drive was a success with 43 people donating.

DCE: Katherine Lutz- Snacks were provide to those donating blood at the drive, as well as information about LOLC. Katherine will explore changing the name of the Community Center on Google Maps. The January Mission is supporting the Circle of Love Center which provides support services for domestic abuse victims. We will be providing assorted items such soap, towels, cleaning, and hygiene items. The February Mission is in development, it will provide a care basket for our area police and fire personnel.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hayden- The new sign on 44 has been installed and was paid for by Lutheran Church Extension. The Time and Talent Sheets will be distributed at the January 24th Service. Katherine will be traveling to Chicago at the end of January for a conference at Concordia which is required for her internship program.

Old Business:

1. **Community Center Pathway-** Pastor Hayden presented bids for a 46' x 5' path from the parking lot to the Southwest corner of the Community Center which ranged from \$3-4K. It was discussed and providing the path to the Northwest corner would take it to the backdoor which may be more functional. Paster Hayden will request bids for this. Barney will also contact Jim Randolph to discuss grading costs.

New Business:

1. LCMS is asking for a congregational vote to authorize delay of District and Synodical Conventions for 1 additional year due to COVID-19 restrictions. It would take the usual 3-year span into a (one time only) 4-year span. A vote is necessary due to constitutional expectations. A Convention Referendum was distributed which explained this in detail.

Kathie made a motion and was seconded: **I move that we vote yes, allowing for the delay as requested in the Convention Referendum document.** The motion was approved. Pastor Hayden will report our approval to the LCMS.

The meeting was adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by: Larry Davis Congregational Secretary

LOLC Treasurer Reports – January 2021

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Community Center - Treasurer's Report

		January, 2021						
	Monthly	Period		Y-T-D	Y-T-D			
	Budget	Activity	Difference	Budget	Activity	Difference		
INCOME							Bank Balance	\$5,653.24
Rental Income	\$1,000.00	\$1,429.87	-\$429.87	\$1,000.00	\$1,429.87	-\$429.87		
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Accts. Payable	\$0.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,000.00	\$1,429.87	-\$429.87	\$1,000.00	\$1, <mark>429.8</mark> 7	-\$429.87		
EXPENSES								
Rental Refunds	\$0.00	\$75.00	-\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	-\$75.00		
Utilities	250.00	249.00	1.00	250.00	249.00	1.00		
Pest Control	59.00	59.00	0.00	59.00	59.00	0.00		
Yard Maintenance	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	150.00		
Janitorial	83.34	0.00	83.34	83.34	0.00	83.34		
Supplies	41.67	0.00	41.67	41.67	0.00	41.67		
Repairs & Mtce.	333.34	0.00	333.34	333.34	0.00	333.34		
Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Other Expenses	82.67	0.00	82.67	82.67	0.00	82.67		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,000.02	\$383.00	\$617.02	\$1,000.02	\$383.00	\$617.02		
TOTAL INC. LESS EXPEI	-\$0.02	\$1,046.87	-\$1,046.89	-\$0.02	\$1,046.87	-\$1,046.89		

TREASURER'S REPORT - LOLC ANDERSON FUND

December 31, 2020

	Period Budget	Period Activity	Difference	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Activity	Difference
Income			Santon Construction			
Interest Income	0.00	26.89	-26.89	0.00	361.70	-361.70
Total Income:	\$0.00	\$26.89	-\$26.89	\$0.00	\$361.70	-\$361.70
Expenses						
DCE Salary	0.00	2,184.70	-2,184.70	0.00	6,997.31	-6,997.31
DCE Rent & Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,453.14	-3,453.14
DCE Internet	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evangelism Supplies	0.00	8.64	-8.64	0.00	190.63	-190.63
Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	472.23	-472.23
Total Expenses:	\$0.00	2,193.34	(2,193.34)	\$0.00	11,113.31	(11,113.31)
Total Income Less Expenses:	0.00	-2,166.45	\$2,1 <mark>66.4</mark> 5	0.00	-10,751.61	\$10,751.61

Note: Y-T-D Rent & Utilities and Other Expenses are for initial apartment rent, deposit and moving expenses

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Treasurer's Report - January 2021

Monthly	Period		Y-T-D	Y-T-D			
Budget	Activity	Difference	Budget	Activity	Difference	Restricted Fun	d Balances
						Anderson	\$127,903
29,431	50,598	-21,167	29,431	50,598	-21,167	Organ	\$478
3,685	1,430	2,255	3,685	1,430	2,255	A/P	\$6,391
0	55	55	0	55	-55	Sign Fund	\$633
0	43	-43	0	43	-32	Memorials	\$1,472
32	416	-384	32	416	-384	TOTALS	\$136,877
\$33,148	\$52,542	-\$19,284	\$33,148	\$52,542	-\$19,383		
						A/P:	
						District	\$5,060
13,522	10,997	2,525	13,522	10,997	2,525	P/R	\$1,331
2,022	1,060	962	2,022	1,060	962		
5,483	3,556	1,927	5,483	3,556	1,927	Mortgage Bala	ince:
2,329	1,881	448	2,329	1,881	448		\$329,455.38
142	329	-187	142	329	-187		
825	689	136	825	689	136	BANK BALANC	ES:
21	0	21	21	0	21	BankSouth	\$142,894.83
200	0	200	200	0	200	LCEF	\$101,422.38
0	0	0	0	0	0	Anderson	\$126,174.30
1,601	1,914	-313	1,601	1,914	-313	Comm. Ctr.	\$5,340.07
4,101	7,285	-3,184	4,101	7,285	-3,184	TOTAL	\$375,831.58
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Note: Jan. 31 giving is not included (not deposited till Feb.)

Other expenses includes \$3400.00 for walkway to CC

Opportunities to Serve

(During Covid)

Little Free Pantry

Lake Oconee Lutheran has a new opportunity to serve our community on a daily basis. We now have our own Little Free Pantry where members of the community can come and take groceries at anytime that they need and leave anything that they do not need. Our mission is to stock up on items so that we can have a supply of Groceries to share!

> Items to purchase *please make sure they are not expired and in good condition* - pasta products/rice/Ramen noodles - peanut butter/jelly - canned vegetables/fruit - pasta sauce - canned meat

> > *Please NO glass containers*

In order to keep the pantry full, we are now asking for a volunteer to take a week of time and check the pantry twice throughout the week. The volunteer will add food if the shelf is low and make sure that it is clean and well cared for.

Blood Drive

We have another Red Cross blood drive scheduled for February 16^{th,} 2021. We are looking for volunteers to help during the drive. Please email Pam Kunz at <u>kunzpd3@outlook.com</u> If you would like to sign up to donate please do so by visiting redcrossblood.org and make sure to use code lolc.

Mites

The Widow's mite of Mark 12: 41-44 is the inspiration for the LWML mite boxes.



The Ladies of the Church organize mites' collections on a continuous basis. The third Sunday of each

month is the official Mites Sunday after which the monies gathered go to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to support various ministries around the world. Recentmites' collections (Jan) 16.25

Detailed information is available at www.lwml.org and on Facebook. The third Sunday of the month is designated Mite Sunday, but donations are always welcome.

We express heartfelt thanks for your charitable generosity.

Susan Larson



Choir Notes

(Inactive during COVD19)



Coffee & Fellowship

The coffee fellowship that follows the Sunday church service gives us an opportunity to welcome visitors, meet new members and visit with each other. We also want to continue to enjoy the coffee fellowship, so we are asking everyone to help. You can sign up for snacks, drinks and clean up. Tom Uehlin will be providing coffee and ordering kitchen supplies. If you would like to serve and have questions or need assistance, please talk to Barbara Hardesty. *[This will resume after all worship restrictions are removed]*





Remember the LOLC paper recycling program only includes weekly bulletins and other white paper products.

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 10:00 AM Children's Sunday school 10:30 AM Worship Service	1	2 10AM Women's Bible Study	3 10:30AM ZOOM Bible Class Happy Birthday! Kayleen Ringer Carol Campbell	4 Happy Anniversary! Harold & Joyce Huston	5	6
7 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 10:00 AM Children's Sunday school 10:30 AM Worship Service	8 7pmTrivia Night	9 10AM Women's Bible Study	10	11 LOLC Charter Anniversary Happy Birthday! Charlie Crouch	12 Happy Birthday! Mark Ketchie	13 Happy Birthday! Jerry Pailer Happy Anniversary! Lance & Jerry Pailer
14 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 10:00 AM Children's Sunday school 10:30 AM Worship Service Red Letter Challenge	15	Blood Drive 1-6pm Happy Birthday!	17 10:30AM ZOOM Bible Class Ash Wednesday 7pm service	18	19	20 Happy Birthday! Marge Heimer
21 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 10:00 AM Children's Sunday school 10:30 AM Worship Service Red Letter Challenge	22	23 10AM Women's Bible Study 2pm Community Center Committee	24 10:30AM ZOOM Bible Class 7 pm Lenten Worship Online Happy Birthday! Leroy Horst	25 Happy Birthday! Kathleen Stallings	26 Happy Birthday! Alan Oberdeck	27
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