



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

November 2022

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays Holy Communion
2nd & 4th Sundays Morning Worship
Bible Class 9:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 10am

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Dear Friends in Christ,

In this fall season, we are blessed to see the leaves on trees and bushes change into some of the most magnificent colors of red, brown, and yellow. In this season, we also get to enjoy apple cider, cooler weather, and football. God is good! What a blessing it is to be able to thank and praise Him for all that we have received from Him. In a few weeks we will gather to thank God for His gifts to us around the Thanksgiving table. Giving Thanks, we will call it.

Giving and receiving are both a part of life. For us as God's people, giving and receiving are connected. We give because God first gave to us. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). For what God has done for us in Christ, we respond and give joyfully and willingly.

There are two different questions regarding our attitude toward giving.

How much do I give to God of what is mine?



How much of God's do I keep for myself?

Our relationship with God will determine which of these two questions we are asking. When we begin to realize through faith that all of life is a gift to us and that we are the recipients of God's blessings, our attitudes toward life and possessions change. King David helps us see the difference in these two questions. *"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You"* (1 Chronicles 29:14). Since we have received all things from God, the Apostle Paul tells us we have no grounds for boasting that we are self-made and independent (1 Corinthians 4:7). Jesus' brother tells us, *"Every good and every perfect gift is from above"* (James 1:17). Giving and receiving...We receive God's grace and blessings and then, in thankful response, we give of what we have received to His service.

The ministry of our church needs support to share the Gospel to our members and in the community we serve. Our District and our Synod need support to send missionaries world-wide. God also uses our giving to help support those in need, in our community and around the world. We are God's channels through which He works.

It is such a blessing for me to see how God is working in so many lives here at our church. Your love for Jesus is seen in your generosity. May God bless you as you continue the faithful stewardship of all that He entrusts to you.

Joining with you in thanking God for all His gifts to us,

Pastor Steve

LOLC offers Bible Study



Sunday Morning Bible class

The Christians in Corinth faced many of the conflicts that Christians today encounter as we seek to live out our faith in a culture that contradicts Christian beliefs and principles. At the same time 1Corinthians is a document of hope for our times. In trying to hold the Corinthians to the Word of God, Paul found it necessary to state both their human faults and their proper goals. In his epistle, Paul shows them...and us...the way of error and the way of truth. His letter contains God's answers and counsel. Join us on **Sunday mornings at 9am** in the Sanctuary or live-streamed on Facebook for **1 Corinthians**.

Mid Week Bible Class

We all have sung hymns in worship (and often complained about them). But what are they actually? Are they just musical entertainment, breaks where we can whisper to others or go to the restroom, time to stretch or re-arrange? Lutheran hymns are not breaks from worship, but a central part of worship. They concisely teach pure, clear Biblical doctrine in a way that reinforces the theme of the day in worship and teaches us using music. Hymns have always been a part of Lutheran worship beginning with Martin Luther who urged churches to use them as a vehicle for proclaiming the Gospel. He writes, "Next to theology, I accord to music the highest place and greatest honor." **Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am for our Zoom Bible study** as we study the Biblical teaching of the Hymn of the Day which will be sung at the next Sunday Worship service.

Women's Bible class

The Women's Bible Study group will be reading and discussing the Women of the Bible starting November 1, 2022, at 10:00 am on Tuesday in the Choir Room. Please join us in fellowship as we learn about the many women in Scripture that the Lord has called upon. They come from all walks of life and stepped up when the Lord made them a part of His plans. The book highlights 12 of these women and the valuable lessons we can learn from their stories, inspiring us to persevere through tough times and listen when He calls us in our hearts.

Worship Update -- Live streaming

Remember, we are now live streaming our Sunday Bible Class and Worship. This means both services will be broadcast live as they happen on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Facebook. Join us as we all come together in worship. If you are unable to be online while they are live, do not worry. The recorded services will remain available for you to watch later as well. You may find it on the @lakeoconeelutheranchurch page on Facebook. God's blessings to each of you!



Dr. Youngmi Kim is an Associate Professor of Music and Voice area Coordinator at Georgia College. She has previously taught at Radford University in Virginia and Wilberforce University in Ohio. She received her education at the College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) at the University of Cincinnati (DMA and MM) and Ewha Womans University (BM) in Korea. As a recitalist and chamber music artist, she has performed in prestigious venues, including Spivey Hall, Franz Liszt Museum in Hungary, Newton Free Library in Boston, Moss Arts Center in Virginia, and Weil Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York. She also has performed and given masterclasses at numerous universities, such as Murray State University (KY), University of Texas, Arlington (TX), Lee University (TN), Toccoa Falls College (GA), Ewha Womans University (Seoul, Korea), Ball State University (IN), Central State University (OH), and University of Mount Union (OH). Her outstanding voice has been hailed by San Francisco Classical Voice as "one of those silvery, "strand-of-pearls"-type voices." A versatile artist, Youngmi Kim is an accomplished interpreter of early music.



Dr. Lev Ryabinin graduated with distinction as a pianist from the Kharkov Institute of Arts in Ukraine, and later earned his Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Iowa, where he held a three-year teaching assistantship. Dr. Ryabinin won First Prize in the Tel-Aviv Academy Competition and was a finalist in the Kankakee Piano Concerto Competition. Dr. Ryabinin has worked as a collaborative pianist/accompanist for Interlochen Center for the Arts, Chicago Opera Theater, Roosevelt University, the University of Iowa, and numerous music theatre productions. He participated in competitions and presented solo and collaborative recitals both in the United States and abroad. Dr. Ryabinin currently serves as staff accompanist and piano instructor at Georgia College.



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Council Meeting

October 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Mathson.

Pastor Hayden, Joshua Ringer and Walter Krause were not in attendance.

The minutes from the September 11th meeting were distributed and approved.

Council Committee Reports:

VP/Personnel: Mike Joost- Barney Ross and Margaret Pedersen have agreed to run again for their current positions beginning in 2023. Joshua Ringer is stepping down, and Bob Elkins has agreed to run for the Christian Education position beginning in 2023. Barney Ross, Virginia Daley, Kathie Kueven and Ed Fritch have agreed to run again for their Elder positions.

Treasurer: Kathie Kueven- The Treasurer reports were distributed and discussed. LOLC is running \$4,347 in the black through September YTD. The Community Center is running \$5K in the black YTD.

Financial Secretary: Walter Krause- Tom distributed the September report. Member donations are behind \$1,441 YTD. An early 2023-member donation of \$12K was made in September and counted in 2022.


Congregational Secretary: Larry Davis- no report

Church Properties: Barney Ross – Some members have mentioned that the Community Center landscaping has not consistently been kept up. Barney will investigate using the LOLC landscaper, Yellowstone, to take over the Community Center landscape maintenance.

Lay Ministry: Don Menke- The Elders meeting was held on 10/2. Jerry Campbell and Pam Kuntz were welcomed to the Elders group. The status and options of Hope Lutheran-Milledgeville were discussed at that meeting. The 2023 Elders schedule is nearly complete. Some redistribution of parishioners will take place in 2023.

Christian Education: Joshua Ringer- no report

Christian Service/Outreach: Margaret Pedersen- The last blood drive was on 10/6, and another is scheduled in November. Operation Christmas Child met its goal of items for 150 boxes. The packing party is on 11/5 at 10:00 AM. The national collection week is 11/14-21



from 10AM-2PM at LOLC. The visit to the Processing Center in Atlanta is on 12/5 from 1-5PM.

Pastor's Report: Steve Hayden- no report

Old Business:

1. **Choir Director-** Our new choir director, Dr. Youngmi Kim, has been hired and started on October 1.

New Business:

1. **2023 Budget-**The proposed 2023 budget was distributed and discussed.
2. **Nominating Committee for 2023 Officers** – Discussed in Mike's report.
3. **Donation to Greene College and Career Academy (GCCA)-** GCCA helps prepare High school students for college as well as students not going to college to help prepare for a career path. Margaret led a discussion of the goal and methods and needs of this local organization.

A motion was made by Barney, and seconded by Kathie, "I move that we make a donation of \$1,000 to the Greene College and Career Academy." The motion passed.

4. **Agenda for Voters Meeting (10/30/22)-** The agenda will be to present and approve the 2023 budget.

Request an exemption from the current by-laws on term limits and allow current officers that exceed their term limit to serve again.

Hold the election of the 2023 officers.

The meeting was adjourned followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Larry Davis

Congregational Secretary

LOLC - COMMUNITY CENTER

Treasurer's

	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>Period Activity</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Activity</u>	<u>Difference</u>
INCOME						
Rental Income	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$12,802.45	-\$3,802.45
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$12,802.45	-\$3,802.45
EXPENSES						
Rental Refunds	\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00	\$0.00	\$1,638.11	-\$1,638.11
Utilities	250.00	263.00	-13.00	2,250.00	2,112.00	138.00
Pest Control	59.00	59.00	0.00	531.00	649.00	-118.00
Yard Maintenance	150.00	120.00	30.00	1,350.00	960.00	390.00
Janitorial	250.00	360.00	-110.00	2,250.00	2,745.86	-495.86
Supplies	30.00	0.00	30.00	270.00	214.99	55.01
Repairs & Mtce.	186.00	0.00	186.00	1,674.00	383.94	1,290.06
Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	611.95	-611.95
Other Expenses	<u>75.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>675.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>675.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,000.00	\$952.00	\$48.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,315.85	-\$315.85
TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$0.00	-\$952.00	-\$952.00	\$0.00	\$3,486.60	-\$3,486.60

Bank Balance \$11,017.28
 Accounts Payable \$0.00

Note: Due to error by bank or Square, no deposits were listed on bank statement; however, per Terry \$1,566.45 was actually deposited via Square. We are working to resolve this.

TREASURER'S REPORT - LOLC ANDERSON FUND

31-Aug-22

	<u>Period Activity</u>	<u>Period Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Year-to-Date Activity</u>	<u>Year-to-Date Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income						
Interest Income	<u>42.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>42.22</u>	<u>169.23</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>169.23</u>
Total Income:	\$42.22	\$0.00	\$42.22	\$169.23	\$0.00	\$169.23
Expenses						
DCE Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DCE Rent & Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DCE Internet	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evangelism Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Total Income Less Expenses:	42.22	0.00	\$42.22	169.23	0.00	\$169.23

Bank Balance: \$124,563.63

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Treasurer's Report - September, 2022

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Restricted Fund Balances</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Activity</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Activity</u>		
INCOME							
General Fund	30,278	25,975	4,303	273,098	250,992	22,106	Organ \$478
Debt Reduction	3,684	3,980	-296	33,160	20,475	12,685	A/P \$8,938
Memorial Fund	0	1,775	-1,775	0	6,825	-6,825	Memorials \$13,228
Sunday School	0	0	0	0	0	0	OCC Fund \$3,407
Special Fund Income	<u>32</u>	<u>3,269</u>	<u>-3,237</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>16,933</u>	<u>-16,648</u>	Little FP \$219
TOTAL OFFERINGS	<u>\$33,994</u>	<u>\$34,999</u>	<u>-\$1,005</u>	<u>\$306,543</u>	<u>\$295,225</u>	<u>\$11,318</u>	M-of-M \$454
							TOTAL \$26,724
EXPENSES							
Pastor Expense	14,067	17,185	-3,118	126,599	122,152	4,447	A/P:
Worship Expense	3,065	1,650	1,415	27,588	14,680	12,908	District \$6,864
Property Expense	5,649	5,828	-179	50,844	46,630	4,214	P/R \$2,074
Bus. & Admin. Expense	2,525	1,771	754	22,721	19,694	3,027	Mortgage Balance:
Education Expense	158	23	135	1,425	201	1,224	\$24,702.07
Evangelism/Outreach Exp.	784	192	592	7,058	3,017	4,041	BANK BALANCES:
Stewardship Expense	0	0	0	300	0	300	BankSouth \$145,924.24
Fellowship Expense	200	0	200	1,800	704	1,096	LCEF \$101,707.91
Mission Expense (District)	8,325	0	8,325	24,975	18,229	6,746	Anderson \$124,563.63
DCE Expenses	769	0	769	6,919	0	6,919	Comm. Ctr. \$11,017.28
Other Expenses	<u>4,185</u>	<u>4,504</u>	<u>-319</u>	<u>37,665</u>	<u>65,571</u>	<u>-27,906</u>	Mortensen <u>\$150,030.41</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$39,727</u>	<u>\$31,153</u>	<u>\$8,574</u>	<u>\$307,894</u>	<u>\$290,878</u>	<u>\$17,016</u>	TOTAL \$533,243.47
TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES	<u>-\$5,733</u>	<u>\$3,846</u>	<u>-\$9,579</u>	<u>-\$1,351</u>	<u>\$4,347</u>	<u>-\$5,698</u>	

Notes: CC bank balance does not reflect \$1,566.45 of deposits not credited due to bank or Square error
 Other expenses over budget due to 1 time extra mortgage payment of \$25,000 (good thing)

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.

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.
(Oct \$50)

Susan Larson

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 have missed it, But now it has returned. You may still leave after church if you do not feel comfortable yet with the in-person gathering. We want you to feel free to make the best decisions for your own care. We do want to continue to enjoy the coffee fellowship, so we are making a few temporary adjustments for the time being.

*We are asking you to give each other lots of room and keep in mind the need for social distancing. We can still talk with one another, just standing further apart.

*Wearing a mask is now optional.

*We are also need volunteers signing up for snacks and serving.

Look for the signup sheet in the narthex on the table if you'd like to volunteer. We are thankful for one small step back into the familiar friendliness of our church family.

Choir Notes



Choir Meets Sunday Morning at 9 am for rehearsal.

Opportunities to Serve

Little Free Pantry

Lake Oconee Lutheran has an 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 any time 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

Volunteers

Altar Care there is a signup sheet in the narthex on the front table.

Sunday service camera operator. It will be controlled with an iPad and we will provide training on how to manage it.

signup sheets are in the narthex on the front table, or you can call/email the church office.

Ushers' signup sheets are in the narthex on the front table, or you can call/email the church office

Coffee Fellowship signup sheets are in the narthex on the front table.

Little Free Pantry signup sheets are in the narthex on the front table.

Sunday School

We are looking for children's Sunday school teachers, we will need 2 teachers per Sunday. It will be held from 9:30am-10 am. Sign up sheet is on the blue table in the entryway.

Blood Drive

The next blood drive is scheduled for Nov 17. If you are interested in volunteering email Pam Kunz at Kunzpd3@outlook.com. To sign up to donate blood go to redcrossblood.org and use code LOLC. **Times will be from 1pm to 6pm.**

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service	31	1 9am Quilters Guild 10 am Women's Bible Class Happy Birthday Bonnie Neuleib	2 10:30 ZOOM Bible Class	3	4	5 10am OCC packing party 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
6 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service Communion Daylight Savings time ends	7 Happy Birthday Janie Fritch Phil Johnson Happy Anniversary Greg & Barbara Hardesty	8 Election Day 10 am Women's Bible Class	9 10:30 ZOOM Bible Class	10	11 Veterans Day Happy Birthday Gary Roper	12 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
13 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service Council Meeting Non-communion Happy Birthday Jerry Campbell	14 OCC Collection 10am -2pm Happy Birthday Bob Mai	15 10 am Women's Bible Class OCC Collection 10am -2pm 2 pm Community Center Meeting Happy Birthday Donna Crouch Harold Sollenberger	16 10:30 ZOOM Bible Class OCC Collection 10am -2pm	17 OCC Collection 10am -2pm	18 OCC Collection 10am -2pm Happy Birthday Richard Noble	19 OCC Collection 10am -2pm 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service Happy Birthday Kent Matson
20 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service OCC Collection 12pm - 2pm Communion Happy Birthday Gustavo Romero	21 OCC Collection 10am -2pm Happy Birthday Max Ringer	22 10 am Women's Bible Class	23 10:30 ZOOM Bible Class Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 pm Happy Birthday William Glenn Lucille Ringer	24 Happy Birthday Tom Uehlin	25	26 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
27 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service Non-communion	28	29 10 am Women's Bible Class Happy Anniversary Roger & Linda Andersen	30 10:30 ZOOM Bible Class 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Advent Service	1	2	3 Hanging of the greens 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service