



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

June 2024

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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,

Sports are a huge part of the American culture. Not necessarily playing sports, mind you, but watching them as spectators. Football was described by one person as a game in which 50,000+ people, badly in need of exercise, sit in their seats watching 22 men, badly in need of rest, on the field running, throwing, and tackling. Of course, if the 22 men on the field decide to be spectators, there won't be a game. The truth is, the church has a problem of spectatoritis, too. If there are insufficient workers, church work will be crippled.

None of us are called to be spectators in God's kingdom. We have not been set aside by His grace to simply watch others. As Christians, we need not only to discover what our gifts or functions are, but also to use those gifts for the purposes intended to the glory of God and for the good of Christ's kingdom. St. Paul puts it this way, **"...fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you"** (2 Timothy 1:6). Faithful Christians will avoid abusing their gifts and abilities by ignoring them, refusing to use them, insisting that all should have a special gift like theirs, or being jealous of a gift someone else has.



No one is gifted enough, wise enough, or strong enough to live apart from others. God doesn't call us to be parasites on the Body of Christ. The parable of the Talents, using financial investments as an illustration, teaches that we are responsible to invest and use all our gifts, whether we have one, two, or five talents (*Matthew 25:14-30*).

And we cannot claim that there is nothing for us to do. It is not, after all, a question of needing a certain number of workers and the work will be finished. It is a question of each one using the specific gifts God has given. Whether you volunteer to teach Sunday School, help with the Little Free Pantry or the Bread of Life Pantry, pack Operation Christmas Child boxes, run the cameras, help at a blood drive, or even volunteer to assist at the Lutheran Center for Hope in Milledgeville when it opens, your gifts are vital to accomplishing the mission God gives to us: to get the Gospel to everyone, everywhere.

God's call to you is to view each day as a precious gift from God and an opportunity to use your abilities and gifts that will truly glorify His name and share His love.

Help us, Father, to know and do Your will. Amen.

Pastor Steve

We have all read the stories and heard the lessons in church, but what if we could stand in those very spots today? In October 2024 Pastor and Linda will be leading a tour to "**Walk in the Footsteps of Paul**". Experience with them the Bible coming to life as we follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and walk through the Bible lands ourselves. This 10 day tour will take us to many of the places Paul visited and which we have heard about: Thessaloniki (Thessalonians), Philippi (Philippians), Ephesus (Ephesians), Corinth (Corinthians), Crete (where Paul left Titus to serve as pastor), and Athens. We will also visit the island of Patmos where the Apostle John experienced the Revelation and more. In the midst of the trip we will board a ship for a three day Mediterranean cruise.

Talk to Pastor Steve for an itinerary, pricing, more information or if you have any questions.

LOLC offers Bible Study



Sunday Morning Bible class

Christian Worship is a very important activity of God's people, but it is frequently misunderstood. What is it really and how are we supposed to do it? In the Bible, God reveals His teaching about worship. God's Word helps us to understand **who** we worship and **why**. Does God need my worship? Do I need to worship?

Join us on Sunday mornings in person or live-streamed on Facebook at **9 am** for our bible class on **Worship**.

Mid Week Bible Class

Many people remember David as the Israelite who killed Goliath the giant. Or as the good friend of Jonathan. Or as the king who committed adultery with Bathsheba. However, if we are only remembering isolated events, the presence and mercy of God in David's life is easily distorted. We will study the events of David's life so that our lives can delight in the presence and mercy that God now shows us in the Son of David, Jesus Christ.

Join us on **Wednesdays** at **10:30am** on Zoom for the **Life of David**.

Women's Bible class

"The Women's Bible Study will wrap up the first half of their study of In View of God's Mercies, the Gospel of Romans, on Tuesday, May 21. Starting June 4 and for the duration of the summer they will meet every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am in the Choir Room for a more informal discussion derived from weekly bible readings. They will start back up in the fall to finish their study of the Book of Romans. Please feel free to join us on **Tuesday Mornings at 10 am** in the choir room!"

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report - April 30, 2024

	<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							Restricted Fund Balances
General Fund	31,167	19,585	11,582	125,967	109,979	15,988	Organ \$478
Debt Reduction	2,500	1,380	1,120	10,000	4,505	5,495	A/P \$4,278
Memorial Fund	0	1,200	-1,200	0	1,400	-1,400	Memorials \$7,048
Sunday School	0	0	0	0	0	0	OCC Fund \$3,893
Special Fund Income	<u>568</u>	<u>3,521</u>	<u>-2,953</u>	<u>2,274</u>	<u>10,632</u>	<u>-8,358</u>	Little FP \$5,311
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$34,235	\$25,686	\$8,549	\$138,241	\$126,516	\$11,725	M-of-M \$387
							M'ville Min. \$5,000
							DOT Funds \$238,317
							LOYA \$970
							TOTAL \$265,682
EXPENSES							A/P: \$0
Pastor Expense	15,639	12,684	2,955	62,555	61,086	1,469	District \$1,959
Worship Expense	2,734	3,306	-572	10,937	10,865	72	P/R \$2,319
Property Expense	5,625	5,409	216	22,658	20,196	2,462	
Bus. & Admin. Expense	2,894	1,851	1,043	11,578	8,593	2,985	BANK BALANCES:
Education Expense	142	77	65	567	439	128	Bank South \$146,106.76
Evangelism/Outreach Exp.	725	361	364	2,900	1,322	1,578	BS CD \$105,163.55
Stewardship Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	Anderson \$125,826.97
Fellowship Expense	167	295	-128	667	714	-47	Comm. Ctr. \$8,211.06
Mission Expense (District)	0	0	0	8,500	10,996	-2,496	Bread of Life \$54,860.41
DCE Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	Mortensen \$100,405.08
Other Expenses	<u>2,783</u>	<u>2,910</u>	<u>-127</u>	<u>11,133</u>	<u>10,226</u>	<u>907</u>	Exchange CD \$153,161.21
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,709	\$26,893	\$3,816	\$131,495	\$124,437	\$7,058	TOTAL \$693,735.04
TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$3,526	-1,207	\$4,733	\$6,746	\$2,079	\$4,667	

LOLC - COMMUNITY CENTER

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INCOME						
Rental Income	1,250.00	1,074.75	175.25	5,000.00	5,705.00	-705.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,250.00	1,074.75	175.25	5,000.00	5,705.00	-705.00
EXPENSES						
Rental Refunds	0.00	803.65	-803.65	0.00	2,060.95	-2,060.95
Utilities	250.00	176.00	74.00	1,000.00	942.00	58.00
Pest Control	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Yard Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Janitorial	400.00	400.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00
Supplies	30.00	0.00	30.00	120.00	183.10	-63.10
Repair & Mtce.	150.00	0.00	150.00	600.00	400.00	200.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	409.97	-409.97
Other Expenses	<u>386.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>386.67</u>	<u>1,546.68</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>1,446.68</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,216.67	1,629.65	-412.98	4,966.68	6,046.02	-1,079.34
TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES	33.33	-554.90	588.23	33.32	-341.02	374.34
Bank Balance	\$8,211.06					
Accounts Payable	\$0.00					

TREASURER'S REPORT - LOLC ANDERSON FUND

4/30/2024

	<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	68.72	0.00	68.72	259.66	0.00	259.66
Total Income:	\$68.72	\$0.00	\$68.72	\$259.66	\$0.00	\$259.66
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income Less Expenses:	\$68.72	\$0.00	\$68.72	\$259.66	\$0.00	\$259.66
Bank Balance: \$125,826.97						

A Special Thanks to LOLC




Lake Area
Easter Basket
Project
Thank You





BASKETS OF HOPE
Lake Area Easter Basket Project

Lake Oconee Lutheran Church —
Many thanks to your members who
helped provide baskets again this year.
With your help and participation, we
were able to provide 791 baskets to
youth in foster care or in need. Your
generosity has made a significant
difference in our ability to serve our
community. Blessings
Shaunna D. 2024 Coordinator

Announcements

At its last scheduled meeting, the Church Council of Lake Oconee Lutheran addressed the ongoing problem of finding the front doors being left unlocked by key even after all have left the premises. To resolve this, it was decided to re-key the exterior doors of the church and direct people to use the lock code buttons on the east side. If you currently are in possession of a church key, it will no longer work. If you are in need of entering the church when no one is present, please go to the code lock and enter by that door. Thank you.

Lake Oconee Lutheran Church
Eatonton, GA

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.
(May \$127)

Coffee & Fellowship

COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE
Make yourself at home!

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 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 the step back into the familiar friendliness of our church family.

Choir Notes



Choir will be on break for the summer until Sept 8th.

Opportunities to Serve

Lake Oconee Lutheran Church Food Ministry

The goal of The Bread of Life Food Pantry and the Little Free Pantry is to respond to the needs of our community through food distribution and support by sharing God's love in Word and action with those most in need.

We do this in two separate ways:

1. The Bread of Life Food Pantry provides equitable access to food and staples twice per month to those in need in the community.
2. The Little Free Pantry provides emergency food for community members who might have run out of food and have no other means in which to feed themselves or their family.

We also have two different mechanisms by which LOLC members can provide either their time or their donations to help us sustain both of these important ministries.

- For the Bread of Life Food Pantry cash donations are the best way to support this ministry. We need a certain number of specific items for each distribution and limited storage. You can volunteer your time on the second and fourth Wednesday and Thursdays of the month to either set up the food distribution or distribute the food to those in need.
- For the Little Free Pantry, food and/or cash donations are needed. The food you provide goes directly into the pantry and any cash you provide is used to fill in supplies where we might be running short. You can volunteer your time by checking on the cabinet and filling it up when food supplies run low.

Volunteers may sign up for either or both pantries by signing the sheets provided on the blue table in the narthex.

Because the Little Free Pantry is to be used to fill in what is needed on an emergency basis, we thought it would be helpful to provide a shopping list for those who choose to donate food and a daily distribution list for those who fill up the Little Free Pantry. You will find a handy guide to help you with these important tasks posted on the doors where we keep the Pantry food. Please limit food donations to the items on this list. It can help you when you shop for the pantry or when you fill the pantry with supplies.

As always, we thank you so much for the wondrous gifts you provide for both of these important ministries.



Volunteers

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

Sunday service camera operator. 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.

Scripture readers You can contact the office for Sonya to put you on the email list

Communion assistants you can contact the office for Sonya to put you on the email list

Sunday School teachers 2 teachers per Sunday to rotate sign ups are on the blue table.

Blood Drive

The next blood drives are scheduled for June 6th & July 11th 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.

Operation Christmas Child – 2024

This year our Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Ministry will look just like last year. We will have shoeboxes with instructions for you to **pack your own boxes**. This way you can personalize your shoeboxes and encourage family and friends to participate with you. Include your family, neighbors, pickleball or tennis team, craft group, or co-workers. Celebrate your birthday, anniversary, or other special event by packing a shoebox with your family or friends. Remember, school supplies go on sale in July! Drop off your filled shoebox gifts **throughout the year at the church before November 10**.

Another option that you may find more convenient is to **build a shoebox online**. Shoebox gifts built online go to the ends of the earth to children in some of the hardest-to-reach places. Online boxes are carefully prepared and sent by OCC, abiding by strict customs regulations to safeguard partners who will deliver the gifts, as well as the boys and girls who receive them. The suggested donation is \$25 per shoebox. The link and instructions are available at:

(Ctrl+ click to follow the link)

<https://sampur.se/3OZCwKz>

You can also scan this QR code below with your cell phone camera:



Select “**BUILD A SHOEBOX ONLINE NOW**” and follow instructions. By using this link, we will be able to track our church’s progress toward our shoebox goal. You can also make a monetary contribution to the church, and we will build a shoebox for you (\$25/shoebox).

Our “faith goal” this year is **200 boxes**. Let us **pray and rejoice** as God works through us to reach children with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Members of Lolc celebrating birthdays and Anniversaries this month!



June Birthdays

- June 4 Connie Piepenbrink
- June 8 Donna Hansen
- June 11 Ed Fritch
- June 12 Rosalyn Carson
- June 12 Don Menke
- June 13 David Heimer
- June 15 Scott Manley
- June 17 Joan Lucas
- June 20 Elizabeth Flemming
- June 23 Monica Ketchie
- June 24 Karen Schornhorst
- June 25 Kathryn Roper

June Anniversaries

- June 5 Marlo & Bonnie Neuleib
- June 7 Rosalyn & Jack Carson
- June 7 Ron & Karen Schornhorst
- June 8 Gary & Kathryn Roper
- June 9 Stephen & Gayle Bradford
- June 12 Pastor Steve & Linda Hayden
- June 12 Tom & Connie Saner
- June 13 Roy & Candy McAllister
- June 23 Alan & Eileen Oberdeck
- June 24 Janis & Mara Lipacis
- June 29 Robert & Marcia Elkins

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 or by clicking the button on our website homepage. 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 or the website. God's blessings to each of you!

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service Non Communion	27 Memorial Day	28	29 10:30 ZOOM Bible Class	30	31	1 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
2 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 10:30 AM Worship Service Elders Meeting Communion	3 10am Quilt Guild	4 9 am Quilt Guild 10 am Women's Bible Class	5 10:30 ZOOM Bible Class	6 12:30 Blood Drive	7	8 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
9 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 10:30 AM Worship Service Non-Communion	10 5pm Lake Country choir rehearsal	11 10 am Women's Bible Class	12 10:30 ZOOM Bible Class	13 11 Bread of Life	14	15 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
16 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 10:30 AM Worship Service Communion Father's Day	17 Voting Setup	18 Primary Runoff Voting 10 am Women's Bible Class 2 pm Community Center Meeting	19 10:30 ZOOM Bible Class	20	21	22 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
23 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 10:30 AM Worship Service Non-Communion Semi Annual Voters Meeting	24 Quilts of Valor 10-2	25 10 am Women's Bible Class	26 10:30 ZOOM Bible Class	27 11 Bread of Life	28	29 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
30 9:00 AM Adult Bible School 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service Communion	1	2	3	4 July 4th Office Closed	5	6