

Lake Oconee Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

*God writes His Word on our Lives, Building us into a Family engaged
in Spirit-filled Service.*

A Church Newsletter

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
1st, 3rd, & 5th Holy Communion
2nd & 4th Morning Prayer

Bible Class 9:00 a.m.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The story is told of the legendary Green Bay Packer coach, Vince Lombardi, starting the season by hold up a game ball and saying with slow clarity, "Gentlemen, this is a football". Similarly, to help his basketball players focus on the fundamentals, the great UCLA coach John Wooden would begin each season by teaching his team how to correctly put on the socks and tie their shoes. He believed there was a right way to do these simple tasks and that these acts impacted the rest of the game.

Both Lombardi and Wooden were very successful. Their insistence on putting "first things first" led their teams to many victories. Without a solid foundation, they both knew that the results would not have been as glorious.

Here at Lake Oconee Lutheran, we are putting “first things first.” We recognize that we also need a solid foundation as we seek to serve and praise the Lord for all that He has given to us. We also need a solid foundation as we seek to live out our faith in words and actions. It is not a foundation that we build, rather it has been given to us by God in Scripture. We have just begun our focus on reviewing the solid foundation of what we believe, Scripture itself. The truth is that the Bible is central to our faith, but many people are intimidated by its scope and size. *The Story* gives us a way to journey from Genesis to Revelation together in 31 weeks so everyone understands God’s story and how their story intersects with it.

It’s not too late. Walk through the Scriptures with us in *The Story*; read each chapter, view the videos, attend worship and Bible class.

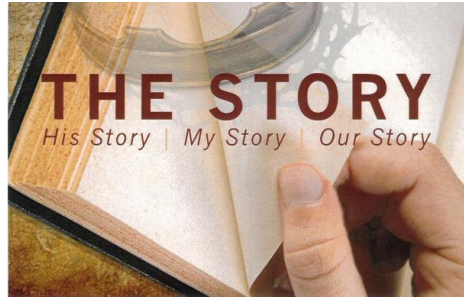
Join us as we experience *The Story* in worship and in Bible class. Find your story in God’s plan. What a story! What a God!



Paul Steve

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY



The Story is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. During this unique 31-week experience, every member of the family reads *The Story*.

Each Sunday, the sermon and the Sunday Classes are on the same chapter of *The Story*. Literally, everyone will be on the same page.

**Do you find the Bible confusing?
...intimidating in size and complexity?
...too much to even consider approaching?**

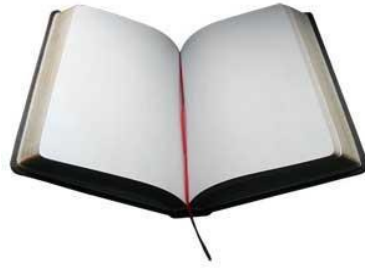
Maybe you know lots of the individual accounts: Noah's Ark, David & Goliath, Moses & 10 Commandments, Jesus on the Cross
...Ever wonder how it all fits together?



Come discover together with us how OUR STORY is found in GOD'S STORY!

For the next several weeks we will have hard copy books for sale on a table in the narthex. Each copy is \$5. Every week you will be asked to read one chapter (about 10-12 pages) before Sunday. That chapter will then be the basis for Bible class and worship. There are also schedules on the table which list the Bible chapters for each week. You may follow along without the purchase of the book by reading the listed chapters.

LCEC offers Bible Study and Ministry



Stephen's Ministry

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with focused care, encouragement, and the support they need to make it through the crisis.

If you know of someone who is hurting or you would like someone to talk with, please let Pastor Steve know and one of our Stephen ministers will contact you.

Mid-Week Bible Class

“MIRACLES of Jesus”

“It’s a miracle!” These words mean many things to different people. Some use them to describe any surprising or unexpected event. Some limit these words to events that seem humanly impossible. Many don’t know what miracles really are or question whether they exist. Miracles are an important part of Jesus’ ministry, and we can benefit from studying them. But what are they? Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus doing many different miracles. These miracles reveal our Savior to us. We see Him as God in human flesh who cares for His people in all of their needs. His miracles demonstrate His love.

Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in Bible class as we take a closer look at the Miracles of Jesus.

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Upcoming LOLC Events



Pack a shoebox or two for a child in need! We will be participating in the Operation Christmas Child project again this year. There are pre-printed shoeboxes available in the lobby for you to take home and fill with necessities and little toys and bring back. These shoeboxes will go around the world to children in need. PLEASE make sure to take a pamphlet on how to pack the shoebox (it gives suggestions on what to include and what you are not allowed to include). In addition, please make sure to give a \$9 donation to help ship your box. You can either 1) do it online at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/> to track your specific box, or 2) put \$9 cash or check inside your shoebox. Please bring your box back the week of November 10-17 and place it in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Laura at 706-830-4809 or lauraringer2@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Now is the time to order your Christmas poinsettia(s). Each plant is \$14.00. Deadline for placing an order is Sunday November 10th. Please use a separate check from your normal donation and designate "Poinsettia" on the memo line. There is a signup sheet on the sanctuary back wall.



The next Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday November 10th after worship to approve officer nominations & the 2020 budget. There are copies of the proposed budget by the hanging family folders.



THE ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS will begin on Wednesday December 4th at 6:30pm with the service at 7:00pm. The suppers will continue the next two Wednesdays, December 11th & 18th. The sign-up is on the back sanctuary wall for bringing soup, so sign up now!



Church Council Meeting Minutes – Sunday October 20 2019

Members present: Dave Ringer, Tom Mathson, Alan Oberdeck, Barney Ross and Pastor Hayden

- Opening Prayer – Pastor Hayden
- The Elders approved the Missions and Service Coordinator Qualifications and Expectations sheet. Alan Oberdeck
- Discussed the Budget sheets for 2019 and the proposed budget for 2020. The budget for 2020 was approved by the council.
- Dave Ringer will be out of pocket for the popcorn/pizza (Luther movie) Sunday night Oct 27th. 90th Birthday gala for Dave's dad.
- Pastor informed the council that the Bible classes were going well.
- Planning on a church service for the 27th of November. Thanksgiving Eve.
- Advent dinners are planned for Wednesday nights. Stay tuned.
- Sound system update: Hardware has been ordered. No timeline yet.
- The council approved the purchase of a new iPad for the Pastor – integral piece of hardware to be used with the new sound system
- Pastor discussed a possible new Choir Director. No interviews as yet.
- 5 acre parcel of land: Presbyterian church working on a proposal.
- 2 acres adjacent to our Church and along Hwy 44 to be acquired by LOLC.
- Nominating committee: Need a new President, Vice President, Congregational secretary and 2 new Elders.
- November 10th: Congregational Meeting after the Church Service.
- Brighter lights to be installed – overhead in the church.
- Purchasing 2 hand sanitizer stands for the Narthex.

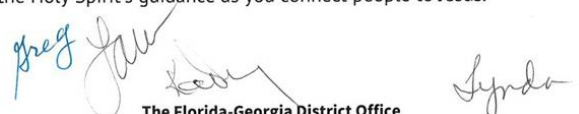
Respectfully submitted,
B.J. Ross

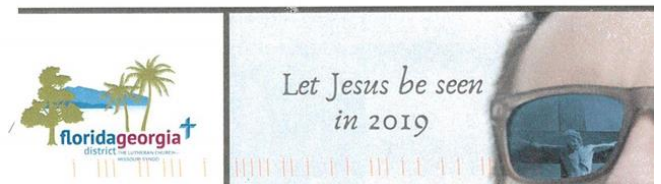
FLGA Prayer Postcard:

Grace and peace to you from your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Today we lifted you, your community and ministry in prayer during our morning devotions.

We are thankful for your partnership in the Florida-Georgia District and pray the Holy Spirit's guidance as you connect people to Jesus.


The Florida-Georgia District Office
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God Writes His word on our Lives, Building Us into a Family Engaged in Spirit Filled Service



Here are a few of the Bible passages that your family here at Lake Oconee Lutheran have shared to remind you that you are **"Built for a Purpose"**.

John 3:16 ¹⁶ **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."**

Romans 8:28 ²⁸ **"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."**

John 14:27 ²⁷ **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."**

Have you written down your Bible verse on the framework reminding us of our purpose at the front of the church yet?

Please share a verse that is meaningful to you and your faith life.

Opportunities to Serve

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Two of our LOLC members, Janis & Mara Lipacis, are faithful volunteers for Putnam County Habitat for Humanity, a vital organization that does much to benefit our community. According to Janis, the Habitat Furniture ReStore affiliate is in dire need of more volunteers.

Please consider that the amount of time you donate is flexible and at your convenience plus you can meet new people. In addition, the variety of things you can volunteer for is tremendous. The organization especially needs:

- Thursday afternoon cashiers;
- Mentors who give support and friendship to families selected to be homeowners and keep a record of their sweat equity hours;
- Friday and Saturday volunteers at the store;
- Construction team members;
- Help with pickup of donations that includes driving the truck; and
- A secretary to the board.



Help us to spread the word to anyone else—friend or family—who might be a willing volunteer. For even more first-hand information, talk to Janis after church or contact him at 706-484-0543.

Worship Service

You can become a vital part of the Sunday Worship service.

Become an

- usher,
- a greeter,
- a communion assistant
- an Altar care giver
- soundboard operator
- or a reader!



Contact Peggy Uehlin to sign up as a reader. To volunteer for the other opportunities contact the church office or sign up on the designated sheet on the sanctuary back wall.

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.

Recent mites' - collections last month: \$102.00

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



Choir meets for practice on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.



Coffee after Church

Check your calendars and sign up for a turn preparing coffee and light refreshments for Coffee Hour after service each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is on the sanctuary wall at the back of the church.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE
Make yourself at home!





Recycling Projects

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



Lake Oconee Lutheran Church Event Calendar

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28	29	30	31	1 All Saints Day <i>Bonnie Neuleib's bday</i> Pastor's and secretary's day off	2 3:30 PM Episcopal Church Bible Study 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
3  All Saints' Day Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship Service	4	5 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Lake Oconee Quilters Guild 1:00 PM Lake Oconee Quilters Guild Meeting	6  Elders Meeting 9:00 AM Elders Meeting 10:30 AM MIRACLE Bible class	7 <i>Greg & Barbara Hardesty's anniversary</i> <i>Janie Fritch's bday</i>	8 Pastor's and secretary's day off	9 3:30 PM Episcopal Church Bible Study 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
10 <i>Gary Roper's bday</i> 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 	11 Veterans Day	12 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Quilts of Valor SEW-IN	13 <i>Deb Krahling's bday</i> <i>Jerry Campbell's bday</i> 10:30 AM MIRACLE Bible class	14 <i>Bob Mai's bday</i>	15 <i>Donna Crouch's bday</i> <i>Harold Sollenberger's bday</i> Pastor's and secretary's day off	16 3:30 PM Episcopal Church Bible Study 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
17 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship Service	18 <i>Richard Noble's bday</i>	19	20 10:30 AM MIRACLE Bible class	21 <i>Max Ringer's bday</i>	22 Pastor's and secretary's day off	23 <i>Billy Glenn's bday</i> 3:30 PM Episcopal Church Bible Study 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
24 <i>Tom Uehlin's bday</i> 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship Service	25	26	27 <i>Lillian Blosser's bday</i> 10:30 AM MIRACLE Bible class 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service 	28 HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day	29 HOLIDAY -- OFFICE CLOSED Pastor's and secretary's day off <i>Roger & Linda Andersen's anniversary</i>	30 <i>Dick Braun's bday</i> 3:30 PM Episcopal Church Bible Study 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service



Recipe for...

APPLE SQUARES

CRUST:

- 1½ cup flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ cup butter or margarine, softened
- Mix ingredients till crumbly, press into ungreased 9"x13" pan

APPLE MIXTURE:

- 4 cups peeled & sliced apples
- 2 Tb lemon juice
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/3 cup sugar
- Mix ingredients and pour over crust; Bake 25 mins @ 375°

TOPPING:

- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- ¾ cup chopped walnuts
- 1 ½ cup coconut (can use less)
- Sprinkle over the baked apple mixture and bake additional 25 mins or until light brown

--Connie Piepenbrink