

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,

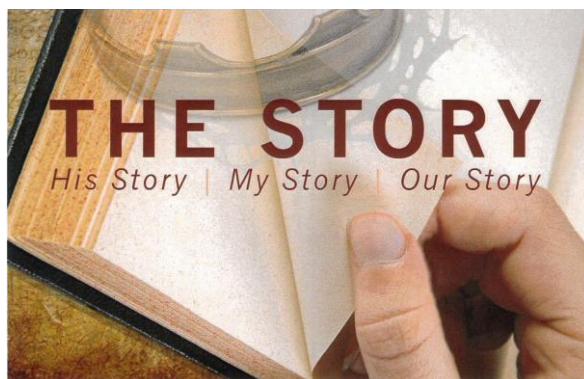
The Bible is the best-selling book in history, but how many people are actually reading it? A Gallup survey reports the average American household has four Bibles. However, research by Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life (2008) found that only 16 percent of Americans read the Bible every day.

We are hoping to reverse this trend, starting with us. Only through reading the Bible can the people in our own church family realize the incredible love God has for them and how their story is found in His story. I believe that *The Story* is the right tool to help us increase our Biblical literacy, helping us understand God's story from Genesis to Revelation and how their own stories intersect with God's story. Consisting of 31 chapters of carefully-selected scriptures sequenced in chronological order, *The Story* presents the word of God in an engaging format, reading like a novel.

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.

The Story will give us 31 weeks of adult Sunday school and 31 weeks of corresponding sermons. Our entire church will literally be on the same page for 31 weeks. We will introduce the program on Sunday, September 29th with the plan to begin the experience on Sunday, October 6th. With thousands of participating churches nationwide, *The Story* is becoming a movement that is bringing wide-ranging benefits to local churches. Others have reported increased community outreach, increased Biblical literacy, congregational growth and a greater understanding of how God's story reveals the reasons for the things that happen in man's story.

Join us as we experience *The Story* in worship and in Bible classes. Find your story in God's story.

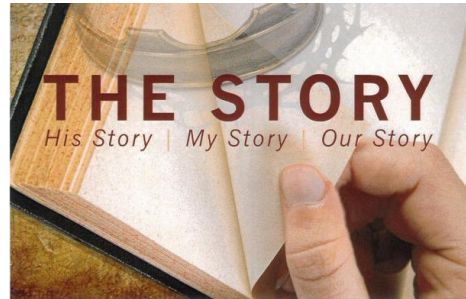


Factor Steve

Next Sunday October 6th we'll be starting...

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

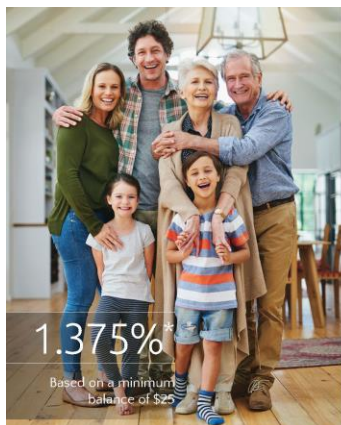
“NUMBERS: A theme throughout Scripture”

There are a lot of numbers in the Bible. There are especially a lot of threes, sevens, tens, twelves and forties. It almost seems like nothing ever happens in the Bible that is not somehow related to one of those numbers. Ever wonder why?

On Wednesdays, we will look at how God uses numbers in the Bible, along with words, to reveal His love and plan for us in Jesus Christ. The inspired authors of the Scriptures used numbers to repeat and echo the theme of grace back and forth between the Old and the New Testament.

The numbers used in the Bible convey the truth of God's love and ultimately show us who Jesus Christ is for us.

Our class will begin at 10:30 am in the Choir Room.



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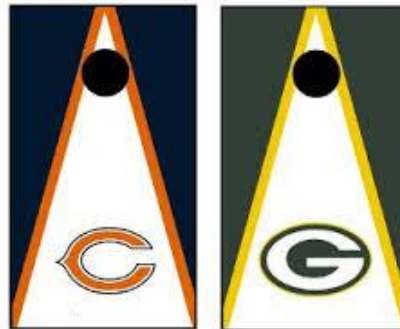
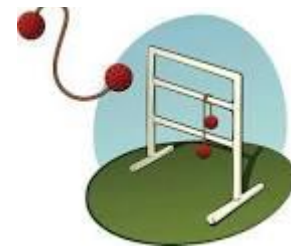
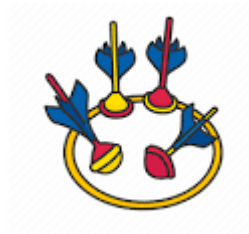
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LOLC & Community Events



Plan now to join your church family at Lake Oconee Lutheran on **Sunday October 6th** for our church picnic. We will stay here at church following our worship service. The church will provide the meats/buns to be grilled and we are asking our families to bring a side or dessert to share. Enjoy a great picnic lunch and time to visit with your family of faith. If you have a yard game, please bring it.



Plan now to join us!

Please sign up on the back sanctuary wall for the following: **Attendance; Side dishes &/or Desserts**



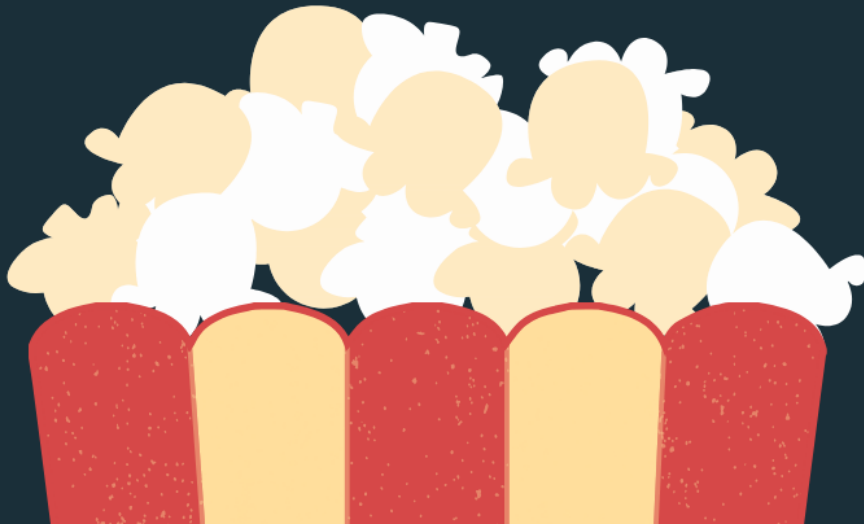
OCTOBERFEST: Butler-Baker Alumni Project **Saturday Oct 19th** 9am – 4pm. Mark your calendar for a day of food and fellowship for the whole family. Join the fun of buying and selling of items, a classic car show, a kid zone (with a free bounce house and goodie bags), and a DJ for dancing. For more details, see the flyer on the bulletin board.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS!

LUTHER MOVIE NIGHT

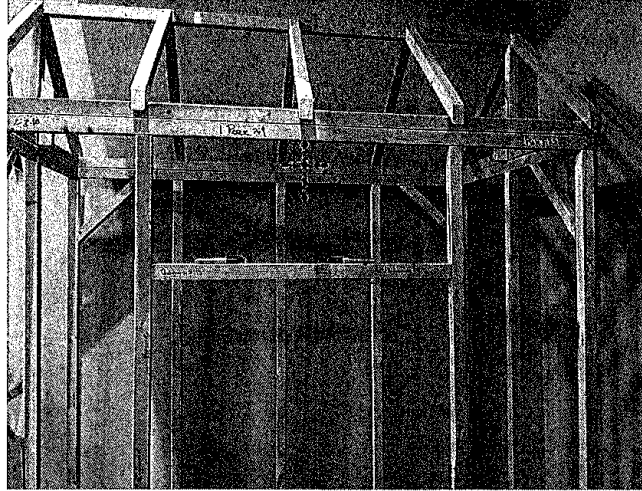
Join us at church as we set up the big screen &
watch the movie Luther on Reformation Sunday!

OCTOBER 27TH
4 PM - 7 PM
PIZZA AND POPCORN PROVIDED



LUNCH FOR HABITAT: Lake Oconee Lutheran is scheduled to provide/serve food to the Greene County Habitat builders **Thursday, October 31st**. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Barbara Hardesty. More details to come...

**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”.

Proverbs 3:5-6 ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Hebrews 12:1-3 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Matthew 6:10 [Jesus said] ¹⁰Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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: **\$213.00**

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.



IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE
Make yourself at home!

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.


Recycling Projects

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



Lake Oconee Lutheran Church Event Calendar

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship Service	30	1 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Lake Oconee Quilters Guild 1:00 PM Lake Oconee Quilters Guild Meeting	2 9:00 AM Elders Meeting 10:30 AM NUMBERS - a theme throughout Scripture	3	4 Pastor's and secretary's day off	5 3:30 PM Episcopal Church Bible Study 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
6 Bob Elkin's bday Mike & Reda Joost's anniversary World Communion Sunday 9:00 AM Adult Bible School - THE STORY begins  9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - vote on approval of sound board 12:00 PM CHURCH PICNIC 	7 Barbara Smolinski's bday	8	9 Pamela Menke's bday Susan Krause's bday 10:30 AM NUMBERS - a theme throughout Scripture	10	11 Pastor's and secretary's day off	12 Jerry & Carol Campbell's anniversary 3:30 PM Episcopal Church Bible Study 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
13 Roger Martinson's bday 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM COUNCIL MEETING	14 Columbus Day Ed Blosser's bday Henry Ringer's bday Richard & Kathryn Noble's anniversary	15 Margaret Pedersen's bday	16 10:30 AM NUMBERS - a theme throughout Scripture	17	18 Harold Huston's bday Pastor's and secretary's day off	19 3:30 PM Episcopal Church Bible Study 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
20 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship Service	21 Abigail Ringer's bday Barbara Hardesty's bday	22	23 10:30 AM NUMBERS - a theme throughout Scripture	24	25 Noel Schornhorst's bday Pastor's and secretary's day off	26 Charlie & Cindy Helms' anniversary 3:30 PM Episcopal Church Bible Study 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service
27 Mike & Sandy Langan's anniversary Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class 9:00 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship Service 4PM MOVIE NIGHT: LUTHER 	28	29 Joel Smolinski's bday Raymond Hilpipre's bday	30 10:30 AM NUMBERS - a theme throughout Scripture	31 Reformation Day	1 All Saints Day Bonnie Neuleib's bday Pastor's and secretary's day off	2 3:30 PM Episcopal Church Bible Study 5:00 PM Episcopal Church Service