

Lake Oconee Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Our vision is to become an expanding community of faith, growing in the Holy Spirit and practicing before the world a Christ-centered life. Lord willing, we will do this with Outreach that is inviting, interesting, and inclusive; while serving the people of our large area and with Worship that goes beyond Sunday morning.

A Church Newsletter

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
1st, 3rd, & 5th Holy Communion
2nd & 4th Morning Prayer
Church School 9:00 a.m.

Visit our web site: www.lolc.info

We Have a New Pastor!



Our prayers for a pastor have been answered. Pastor Steven Hayden has accepted our call to be the pastor of Lake Oconee Lutheran Church. We are working on his start date which will probably be in October.

While it took 1 1/2 years of reviewing pastors and lots of praying, he is the best for us of all the pastors we interviewed. Please continue to pray for Pastor Steve & Linda as they plan their move. And pray for Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church as they begin the call process for a new pastor.

The Doctrine of Two Kingdoms

By Alan Oberdeck, Head Elder

Do we Christians live in two worlds? Well, in a Sermon given on the 19th Sunday after Trinity in Marburg, Germany in 1528 Luther taught that we do. It is referred to as The Doctrine of two Kingdoms.*

So following that thought, the month of August falls in the secular world between the celebration of “Memorial Day” and “Labor Day”. This is usually referred to as “Summer” or the “Summer Break” when referring to the school year. This is a time when the weather allows us to usually do things outdoors. It is a time for vacations and travel, a time to spend with family and relatives.

On the other hand in the Christian world of the “Church Year” August is about the 8th month in the year or approximately two thirds through the year. If you don’t count the festivals for the saints, and we Lutherans at LOLC don’t, we don’t have a religious celebration between The Nativity of St. John the Baptist and Reformation Day. We mark the time in terms of counting the Sundays after Pentecost, but in terms of a Religious Holiday Celebration, there is none.

What we do to generate some extra fellowship is to sponsor activities such as the fish fry and an Ice cream social. And we do recognize the secular world by doing things on Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day.

But for us as Christians, the Month of August is a great time for reviewing and remembering what forms the basis of our Faith. Beginning with the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost and continuing to the Thirteenth, the Series B Gospel lessons take us to the book of John Chapter six.



Reading from verse 25 we find Jesus talking about the “Bread of Life”. Beginning in verse 53 the words remind me that Jesus told the Disciples, and others listening, of what was to come with communion and they didn’t understand! In verse 68 “Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” which is something we sing in our liturgy before the Gospel is read. Then the Gospel reading for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost comes from The Gospel of Mark Chapter 7 and warns us about letting traditions get in the way of faith from the heart.

So in one world, the secular world, the month of August is really the month that “Summer” comes to an end. In Putnam County the schools begin the “School Year”. The fun and excitement of summer comes to an end.

On the other hand in The Christian world we have re-lived, reviewed and remembered the spiritual excitement of having been given greatest news we could have. That given to us is the “Bread of Life” for our salvation.

*For those who wish to look this up go to <https://www.lcms.org/life-ministry/library/two-kingdoms>

Update on the Loaves and Fishes Fishing Village



“The amount of money raised to date is \$32,279 against a goal of \$65,000. The fund seems to have stalled. Needed is a "kick-start" to move us toward our ultimate goal of funding a Fishing Village which will transform a complete village.

Please pray for a fish fry on September 21 at Grace Lutheran here in Hendersonville. My friend Kevin is planning one this fall in Northern Ohio. Jesus ask "I was hungry and you fed me," are you willing to answer his call for help?”

--Blessings, Pastor Jim

If all pre-stamped envelopes have been used, you can insure the gift goes to the correct place by using the address below:

Food For The Poor Inc.

Attn: Champions

6401 Lyons Road

Coconut Creek, FL 33073

Write on the check's memo line SC 121777 to ensure proper tracking



GUEST PASTOR'S SCHEDULE



DATE	PASTOR
AUG 5	Pastor Neil Wehmas
AUG 12	Pastor Dave Kruger
AUG 19	Pastor Larry Townsend
AUG 26	Pastor John Oberdeck
SEPT 2	Pastor Dave Kruger
SEPT 9	Pastor Paul Droutz
SEPT 16	Pastor Larry Townsend
SEPT 23	Pastor Paul Droutz
SEPT 30	Pastor Ray Borchelt

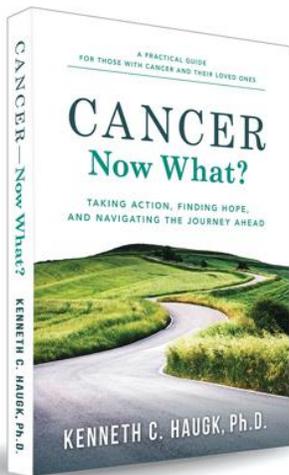
EOEC offers Bible Study and Ministry



Adult Class Corner

Bible reading centered on the Scripture Lessons of the day: Sundays 9 a.m.
Weekly scheduled Scripture readers are encouraged to attend and receive a preview of their worship service reading.

Stephen's Ministry



The Stephen Ministers' have a guidance book focusing on Cancer [CANCER, Now What?] available for check out.

The book itself and a sign out sheet reside on the book shelf across from the church secretary's desk. Please sign out the book & return it promptly after reading so others may also benefit from the readings.

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
- 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 the round table.

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: \$36.00

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



Members Wanted -- Join Us Now

Choir is on sabbatical during the summer
Contact: Art Hargrove 706-473-1290



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 round table 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. All collected paper goes to the recycling center.



We are also collecting aluminum cans for Amber Bailey, the person who does such a great job keeping our church clean.



Lutheran Laughter & Wisdom

**THE JEDI IN ME SAYS
"MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU"**



**THE LUTHERAN IN ME SAYS
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