

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.

Our Church Newsletter

July/August 2017

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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

“Thru Rod we feed...”

How Rod touched my life
By Deb Krahling, church secretary

When we lose a loved one, a vacuum hole develops in our hearts immediately. Grief and denial then follow - a time allowing us to adjust to a love one absence.

Rod Hansen was one of the first people I met here when I started work almost two years ago. He was such caring soul who loved his family, friends and his church. Although not always in the best of health, he would still concentrate his thoughts towards others. It is with this external love, he became my “dad” after my father passed away in Virginia last July. He’d come see me every Thursday to check on me; “How’s my

daughter?” and I’d get a big bear hug and a visit. It fed my heart & soul.

When told of Rod passing, I was in shock and denial. But as weeks past, God helped me finally understand what he meant and did for me. Rod’s devotion and tenderness all those months would feed me.

To keep Rod’s love and compassion for people alive, God has directed us to use

memorial gifts for Rod to literally “feed” others. **Here is what your gift to the Rod Hansen’s (a fisherman himself) memorial will do:**

Project Goal: Increase the food supply and income for an impoverished community through the establishment of a fishing village. This project is a “hand-up.” This is a self-sustaining program whereby the 15 people who will be employed (3 people per boat and 2 running the gear shed).

Project Description

The **Fishing Village** program was created to equip cooperatives of fishermen with the necessary tools and equipment to maximize their fishing potential and better provide for their families.

Each fishing village comprises four cooperatives and includes the following components:

- ☐ Four fiberglass fishing boats
- ☐ Four high-powered outboard motors
- ☐ Construction of a gear shed for equipment storage
- ☐ Four coolers
- ☐ Miscellaneous equipment (GPS, depth finders, handheld radios, fishing lines, safety vests, buoys,

etc.)

- ☐ Technical assistance, monthly monitoring and supervision

Food For The Poor’s fishing villages are self-help entrepreneurial initiatives specially designed to enhance food production, produce a steady source of high quality proteins for communities facing hunger and malnutrition issues, and to encourage economic sustainability with a viable and marketable product.

The cooperatives are expected to reinvest a portion of their catch (up to 10%) to a community organization/church or to help the elderly and the sick in their area. They are also required to regularly set aside a small amount of their proceeds for engine repair and maintenance. A fishing village coordinator will supervise the cooperative and provide guidance and business acumen as may be needed.

Prior to the establishment of a Food For The Poor fishing village initiative, a socio-economic study is conducted, followed by a selection process. An investigation then occurs to identify serious, honest fishermen who are eager to participate in the project.

Total Project Cost: \$65,000.00 -- Would you consider a gift in Rod’s honor that will save lives and transform a community with God’s hope?

NOTE: To date \$5,200 has been given by LOLC & other memorials for Rod.

*Intro by Deb Krahling
Project Description by Pastor Jim Stoltenberg
August 2017*

EOEC offers Bible Study and Ministry

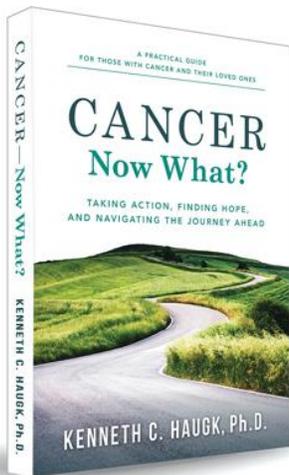


Adult Class Corner

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.

Music News

Introducing Bradley Sowell – LOLC new Instrumentalist



BRADLEY SOWELL

Bradley Sowell recently joined the faculty of Georgia College as an Adjunct Professor of Music in the voice area. He received his Masters of Music specializing in Vocal Performance from the University of South Dakota. While there, he performed regularly with the USD Opera. His roles included Bill Corey in an abridged version of Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love*, Bartolo in Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*, Golaud in a scene from Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande*, as well as Dr. Blind and Ivan in a production of *Die Fledermaus* by Strauss. In addition to performing with the opera, Sowell taught voice lessons to undergraduate students as

well as a vocal methods class for instrumental majors. He performed with the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra as a chorus member in Verdi's *Requiem* and the role of Doganiere in *La Bohème* by Puccini. Recently, he earned second place in the graduate division of the South Dakota MTNA competition. Originally from Georgia, he completed his undergraduate studies at Georgia College and received a Bachelor of Music Education with an emphasis in Choral Music.

New Sanctuary Speaker grill cloths



Have you noticed the new cloth covers and trim for the organ speakers on the walls? No more torn fabric and duck-tape. This is a big improvement for our sanctuary. Thanks to Harold Sollenberger for using some of Lois Sollenberger's memorial fund to buy the materials. Thanks to Barney Ross who designed, built, painted and installed the new covers with help from Dave Heimer and Ed Fritch.



Lake Oconee CALL COMMITTEE Update



On June the 19th, the call committee received information on 23 potential pastors from District President Greg Walton. After our District Visitor Pastor Roger Schwartz contacted them and our call committee reviewed the information provided by the pastors and their district presidents, the list was narrowed to 9 candidates. Later two of the candidates asked to be removed from the call list which reduced the number of candidates to 7. These pastors are all experienced pastors and most have served their current churches from 5 years to over 10 years.

The first week in August, the call committee had telephone interviews with these candidates asking basic questions about their current ministry, their approach to outreach, their use of lay people in the service including women assisting with communion and their view of communion for visitors. Based on the results of these interviews, the call committee selected 5 pastors to continue evaluating. We believe these pastors could serve our congregation and lead us to better serve our communities.

Next, we will have a more detailed interview with the remaining pastors. We will then select those the call committee will visit to hear them preach and experience their church service. Eventually the call committee will present the final candidates to a congregational meeting where the congregation will decide which pastor to call.

Deb Krahlung has a list of the candidates in the church office if you would like to review it. This list is confidential to our church.

With God's guidance, the call committee is working to ensure we select the best pastor for our church. This takes time so please be patient. Please continue to pray for our church and our next pastor.

Ed Fritch, Co-Chairman, Call Committee

Council Minutes – June 2017

President Dave Ringer called the meeting to order at 11:50am and opened the meeting with prayer.

Reports

Vice President, Ed Fritch

Ed Fritch, as co-chair of the Call Committee, reported that 23 names of pastors who may be available for a Call to LOLC were received from the District. The Call Committee plans on meeting with Circuit Visitor Pastor Schwartz Thursday morning June 29 to review the candidates

Church Property, Andrew Ringer

Andrew reported that the newly installed security code lock on the door by the choir room was working and much appreciated by those using it. New fabric for the organ speaker screen has been received and it will soon be installed.

Christian Education, Josh Ringer

Josh is developing the idea of having a class on Lutheranism as a refresher class on Catechism and Lutheran theology beginning in September. Several options were discussed including a Sunday morning class or having it on a Wednesday evening with a “soup supper” and time for fellowship.

Christian Service, Laura Shipman

The work day to clean the Memorial Garden area on June 9 had 23 people attending and was highly successful in improving the appearance of that area.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Larson
Council Secretary

Council Minutes – July 2017

President Dave Ringer called the meeting to order at 11:40am. Linda Jorgensen opening the meeting with prayer.

Reports

Vice President, Ed Fritch

Ed Fritch, as co-chair of the Call Committee, reported that the list of available pastors for a call has been reduced from 23 to 9. Ed and Davis Mortensen, the other co-chair, will call these pastors to set up the first round of phone interviews.

Church Property, Andrew Ringer

Andrew reported that one of the A/C compressors for the sanctuary failed and was replaced. Andrew then discussed installing programmable thermostats that would be programmed for weekly events avoiding manual raising and lower temperatures before and after services. Also, if the temperature is manually raised or lowered for special events, the thermostat will return to the programmed settings within 2 hours. A motion was

made and passed to install the programmable thermostats.

Christian Service, Laura Shipman

Laura reported that she set up a Facebook page for LOLC with photos and the activities that LOLC is involved with. There is effort underway for an advertising plan for LOLC. She is planning activities and how and where to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and hopes to present it to the Council at the next meeting.

Next Council meeting August 20, 2017, 15 minutes after the close of the Service.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Larson
Council Secretary

Lake Oconee Lutheran Church Financial Report

July 2017

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report - July, 2017

	Period	Monthly		Y-T-D	Y-T-D		Restricted Fund Balance	
	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>		
							W-F Acct.	\$80,094
							Debt Red.	\$37,095
							LOLC Car	\$22,500
							Contingency	\$39,009
General Fund	18,003	19,667	-1,664	121,028	137,668	-16,640	Organ	\$478
Debt Reduction	2,015	3,682	-1,667	24,714	25,775	-1,061	A/P	\$1,800
Special Fund Income	493	83	410	7,744	582	7,162	Scholarship	\$2,098
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$20,511	\$23,432	-\$2,921	\$153,486	\$164,025	-\$10,539	TOTAL	\$183,074
EXPENSES								A/P:
Pastor Expense	2,652	6,642	-3,990	43,103	46,497	-3,394	District	\$1,800
Worship Expense	2,068	2,330	-262	16,159	16,311	-152	Payroll	\$0
Property Expense	3,934	3,580	354	25,346	25,065	281	Mortgage balance	\$246,290.63
Business & Administrative Expense	2,004	2,350	-346	14,777	16,449	-1,672		
Education Expense	0	42	-42	56	292	-236	BANK BALANCES:	
Evangelism/Outreach Expense	180	500	-320	2,847	3,500	-653	BankSouth	\$165,613.55
Stewardship Expense	0	21	-21	230	146	84	LCEF	\$105,055.84
Fellowship Expense	0	192	-192	302	1,342	-1,040	W-Fargo	\$80,094.47
Mission Expense (District)	5,556	1,967	3,589	10,685	13,767	-3,082	TOTAL	\$350,763.86
Other Expense	3,682	4,516	-834	25,775	31,609	-\$5,834		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$20,076	\$22,140	-\$2,064	\$139,280	\$154,978	-\$15,698		
TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSE	\$435	\$1,292	-\$857	\$14,206	\$9,047	\$5,159		

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.



The ReStore is at 1027 Lake Oconee Parkway. Everyone in the store is a volunteer and always happy to share information.

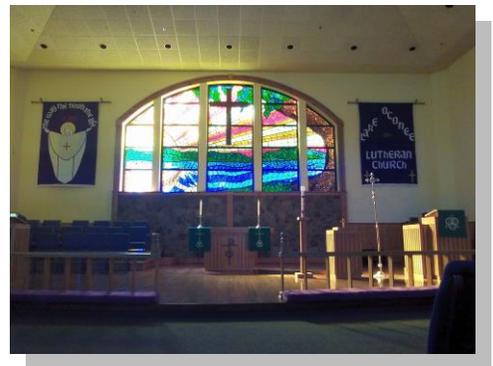
Help us to spread the word to anyone else—friend or family—who might be a willing volunteer. For even more first-hand information, talk to Janis after church or contact him at 706-484-0543.

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 reader; the church office for communion assistants and/or you can sign up yourself on designated sheets 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: \$21.00

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

- No Auditions
- Warm Up and Vocal Coaching

Contact: Art Hargrove 706-473-1290

CHOIR RESUMES Wednesday August 16th at 5PM. Practices will be weekly on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



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 round table at the back of the church.

Recycling Projects

Remember the LOLC paper recycling program to include extra copies of the 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



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