



# THE LAMPLIGHTER



## OCTOBER 2011

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### Musings from Pastor Phred "Have We Wandered?"

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the results of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

This passage is the theme of the reformation. Martin Luther thought the Church had wandered away from this biblical truth. On October 31, 1517 he nailed 95 thesis, points he wanted to debate, on the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. He thought these thesis would be debated by the professors and students of the University of Wittenberg and would go no further. Johannes Gutenberg recently invented movable type, making the printing press practical. Printing replaced the tedium of hand copying with mass production. Soon Luther's thesis were spread throughout Europe.

With stubbornness on both sides, Germany broke from Rome and the Lutheran Church was begun. Soon other reformation churches developed in other European nations. All of these reformation churches were centered on the idea of salvation by the grace of God. The Church would never be the same again.

We are imperfect. We all wander away from one biblical truth or another. We all forget what church is about. We all need a reformation in our lives. Let us pray, "Lord, where have I wandered?" and trust in the Holy Spirit to lead us back home to the Lord and to the Lord's ways.

See ya' Sunday, with the saints, in the Lord's house. Peace,  
*Pastor Phred Cain*

### Child Protection Guideline Classes and Update Class

We are happy to announce that at our first class we were able to have 29 people update their files! Thank you! We are half way. Our next class will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> during Sunday School. This class must be taken by anyone who will be working in the nursery, as a Sunday School teacher, working at Kids' Club or in any way with children representing Woodruff Grove. This is required by our insurance carrier and the District Office. If you work with our children of Woodruff Grove please make our job easier by planning on attending October 23<sup>rd</sup> Child Protection Guideline Class/Update Class!



### Kids Club

**NEW PLACE:** Wolcott Mills School

**NEW DAY:** Wednesday

**NEEDED:** Many enthusiastic workers!

Kids' Club is now meeting at Wolcott Mills School on Wednesdays from 3:00 -5:00pm on October 5, 12, 19, 26 and Nov. 2, 9, 16, & 30. Please pray for our Kids' Club. We are optimistic about this new opportunity to spread God's message to kids. One of our challenges is that there is a possibility of more kids. Please consider if you could help for 2 hours for 8 Wednesdays with a willing heart.

*Karen Grossman*

## Calling all Voices!!



La La La La La!!! And a one and a two.....  
It's that time of year again. Let's start practicing for our Annual Christmas Cantata. This year we are starting a little later than usual due to the Choir Directors busy schedule. However, this only means we will be working twice as hard with fewer practice nights. October 12<sup>th</sup> will be the first practice where we will listen to the new Christmas music. I think you are going to like it. If you have ever had any interest in praising the Lord through song please come and join us. Blessings from the Choir Loft! *Sandy Ringler*

## Blessing of the Hunt



On Friday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. we will have a "Blessing of the Hunt" for anyone who plans to hunt this fall. This worship service will be open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to bring their hunting buddies and their (unloaded) shotguns, rifles, bows, or other hunting implements into the church. This is also an opportunity to display the proper indoor handling of guns.

Anyone wanting to help with this service (liturgist, pianist, putting this service together) is more than welcome. Please contact Pastor Phred as soon as possible.

## Mission Emphasis



The mission emphasis for October is LaGrange Clothes and Food Basket promoted by John Russell. Unemployment is still above the norm in LaGrange County and many people are using the services of the Clothes and Food Basket. For many, it is key to feeding and clothing their families. As hard as it is to believe, Christmas is not that far away.... For people with no or low incomes, the approaching holidays are another stress added to an already stressful life. The "CHRIST-mas Wish" program is a blessing to those who could not otherwise put gifts for their children under the tree. We will once again be supporting this very worthy program. There will be a barrel at the back at the sanctuary to place toys, hats, gloves, etc. Please prayerfully consider supporting this mission.

*Susan Young*

## Administrative Board Meeting



Our upcoming meeting in September will not be held on its regular day. Please make sure to put on your calendar Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> after Sunday School for our next Administrative Board Meeting. If you have anything to put on the meeting's agenda, please contact Glen Patterson at 854-3638, or his cell phone at 312-2678 or e-mail him at patter32003embarqmail.com. We hope to see you at our next meeting!



## United Methodist Women

The Woodruff Grove United Methodist Women met in the Cunningham Hall with six members answering roll call. Martha Young gave devotions reading an article entitled "The Path to Mary's House" and "A Ten Day Spiritual Fitness Program". Minutes were read and approved. A thank-you note was read from PB'nJ. Plans were made for the September Public Supper.

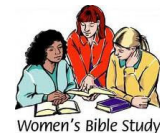
*Mildred Prough, Secretary*



## Public Suppers

Thank you to all who came, helped or gave donated items to our Public Supper "Ham Loaf or Roast Beef" dinner! Your support means so much - We couldn't have done it without you! The next and last public supper of 2011 will be "Baked Steak" on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-7pm.

Please plan to help us! We will be passing around clip boards asking for donations of salads, pies, and help. Plan to join our fun!



## Ladies Bible Study

Women's Bible Study

The next session of the Ladies Bible study will begin sometime in late October (after soccer season!). We will be meeting Monday evenings at 7:00pm at the home of Jim and Susan Young. We will be studying "What the Bible Says about Angels" by Dr. David Jeremiah. *This ten week study will be free.* It is important to let Susan Young know if you are interested so we may have enough materials for all. Plan to come and bring a friend! There's always room for more!

*Susan Young*



## Morning Fellowship

Is there a better way to start your Sunday morning than sharing a cup of coffee or tea with your brothers and sisters in Christ? Morning fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning from 9:00 to 9:30. In addition to tea and coffee, there are light refreshments, such as donuts or muffins. Several have been gathering for the past months, enjoying one another's company before heading up for the service. Why not plan to join us next Sunday?

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the coffee and provide refreshments. If this is something you think you could do, please contact Susan Young. There are some open days in October, and you can have your pick of Sundays for November and December.



## Three New Members!

We are pleased to welcome three new members to our Woodruff Grove Church family! We welcome Janet Gerardot, Pam Green and Karen Ottersen!



## Charge Conference

Our nominating committee has started the process of filling positions for 2012. Please say "YES" when asked to fill a position. Or better yet, let them know what you are interested in doing!

Being involved in this process helps you to understand what is going on in our church. This will also lessen the load for the few that always take care of everything, it will make you more informed and can improve your walk with Jesus!

Our Charge Conference will be at La Grange First United Methodist Church along with all the other La Grange County United Methodist Churches. This will begin at 6:30pm with a fellowship time, followed by our conference at 7pm. This is more of a worship service than it was in the past like a meeting. It is important to have all of your reports ready to hand in at this time. Please see Pastor Phred with any of your questions or concerns.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 9:30am October 4<sup>th</sup>. We welcome anyone who would like to join us, no matter what skill you may or may not have knitting or crocheting. Also, you are welcome to take a prayer shawl, lap robe (more narrow) or mini pocket-shawl as needed. If you would like to contribute to this ministry please see Jeanie Park, Marty Young.



## Setting Vital Church Goals

We welcome you to attend our first "Setting Vital Church Goals" after Sunday School on October 16<sup>th</sup>. We will provide pizza for your enjoyment! Stay tuned for further details!

## Trunk or Treat

We had so much fun with the "Trunk or Treat" last year that we have decided to do it again! The Evangelism and Mission Committees are teaming up to spearhead this outreach project. We will meet in the parking lot of the Farmer's State Bank in Wolcottville on Halloween evening from 5 - 7 p.m. to hand out treats. Plan to bring lots of candy, decorate your car (or not), and join us for an enjoyable evening! If you would like to participate but won't be able to come, we will gladly accept donations of candy. Look for the box in the Gathering Place. Contact Bev Jordan or Susan Young with any questions. *Susan Young*





## Clergy Appreciation Month!

We continue the tradition of supporting and honoring our pastors at Woodruff Grove with a special recognition on October 16<sup>th</sup> during our worship service to show our appreciation for the job Pastor Phred Cain is doing for each of us. We will have an opportunity for you to add something to our "Sunshine Jar" as in years past too.

Becoming a minister is a unique calling - it can't be compared to any other job, with a boss like no other! As a congregation, we have the remarkable power to make a difference through our prayers, support and encouragement.



## Sunshine Jar

Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time we set aside each year to honor our pastor at Woodruff Grove. We will celebrate during our Worship Service on October 16<sup>th</sup>. We plan to present Pastor Phred Cain with a "Sunshine Jar" full of notes from his church family at Woodruff. Everyone is encouraged to help us fill the jar - kids through adults! You may write a favorite Bible verse that has been inspirational, a prayer, a silly joke, or a note of encouragement - anything to show you care. We hope when Pastor Phred reaches in this jar and pulls out your note, he will feel the support and love from his Woodruff Grove Church family for him. Love is precious, and Jesus' love is perfect! We can make a difference with our positive affirmation and prayer! Please help us fill this jar to overflowing!



## October

### Anniversaries

1. Brad & Sandy Ringler  
Lawrence & LaVada  
Grossman
4. Danny & Marty Young
9. Harold & Betty Runkle
25. Bob & Marie Strater



## Scriptures and Sermon Titles October 2011

### Sunday, 2 October 2011

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Scripture: Luke 22:14-20

Sermon Title: 2000 Years of Remembering

### Sunday, 9 October 2011

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon Title: Rejoice in the Lord Always

### Sunday, 16 October 2011

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 99

Sermon Title: Praise God for His Holiness

### Sunday, 23 October 2011

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon Title: Loving God

### Sunday, 30 October 2011

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon Title: Jesus, Luther, and Reformation



## October Birthdays

2. Jeanie Park  
Sam Young
7. Molly Grossman
8. Beverly Jordan
10. Michelle Young
12. Chuck McKinley  
Susan Jones
13. Jake O'Brian
15. Weston Voirol
18. Travis McNall  
Chuck Troyer
21. Jacob Morris
22. Jemma Henschen  
Angelina Jordan
24. Sheri Ringler
30. Greg Ringler

If you have any news items you would like to have put in the November 2011 issue of "The Lamplighter" newsletter, please let Rosy O'Brian know. We'd like to include them! The deadline for submissions will be the morning of October 24th. If you have any address updates or corrections, or if you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please let us know that too! You may contact us by e-mail at [woodruffgrove@yahoo.com](mailto:woodruffgrove@yahoo.com) with this information. Thanks!