

Evangelical Events

Evangelical Free Church of Lena

November 2011

"Preparing People with Purpose"

LACC needs our help!
 Soon Sullivan's will be issuing stamps to save up for turkeys.
 Consider donating them to LACC for their Thanks-

Ladies Retreat at Stronghold Castle
 Nov. 11-12

See page 5 for all the details!

NOT PART OF A SMALL GROUP?

Why not consider joining in on the learning and fellowship.

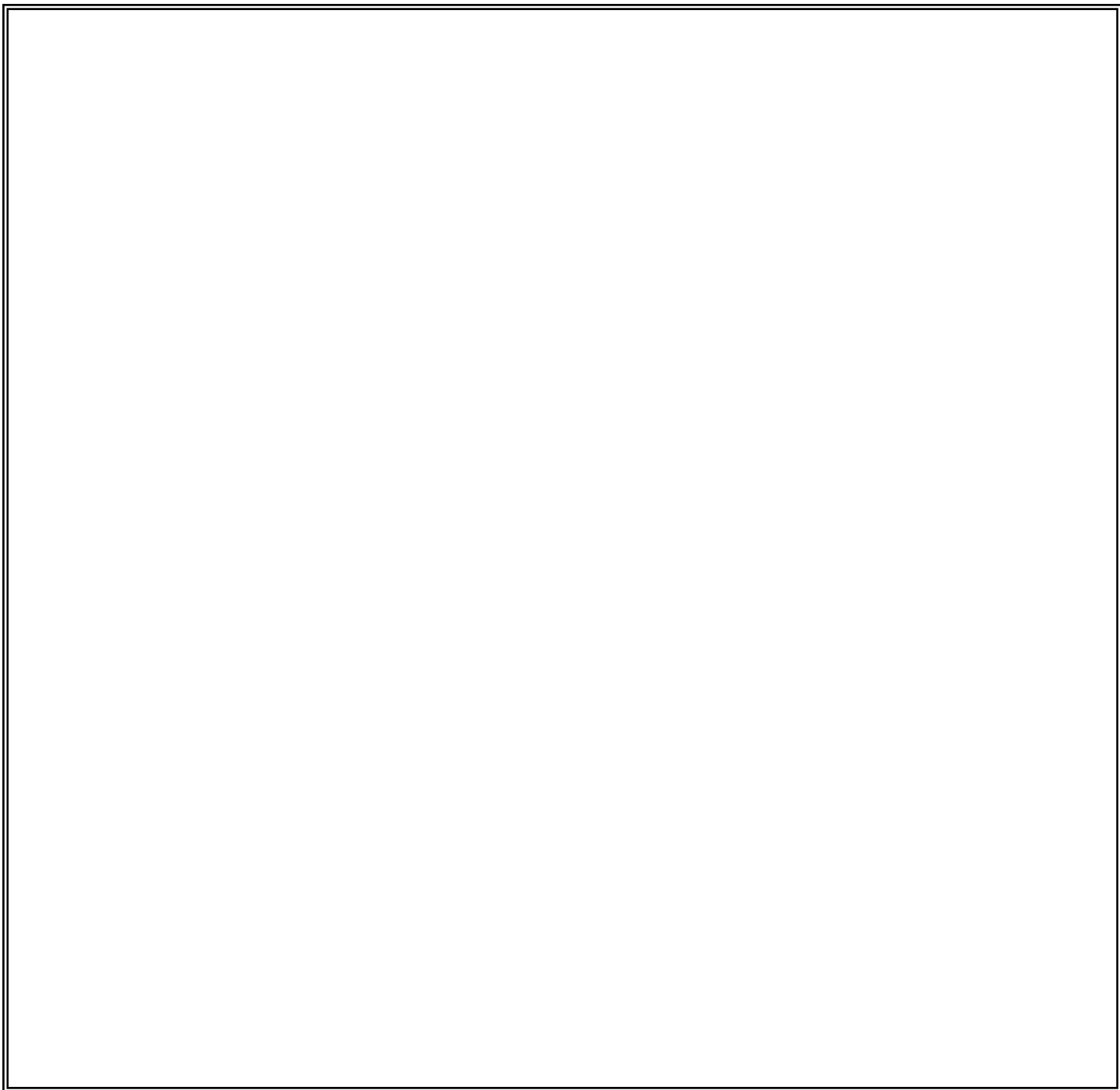
Pg. 7 has a listing of all the groups that are ongoing. Won't you join us by giving us a call?

Table of Contents

"From the Pastors Pen".....page 2
 Student Ministries.....page 3
 Missions Moments.....page 4
 November Activities.....page 5
 Library Corner.....page 6
 Small Groups/Thank You's.....page 7
 Monthly Schedules.....page 8
 Calendar.....page 9

From the Pastor's Pen

Student Ministries

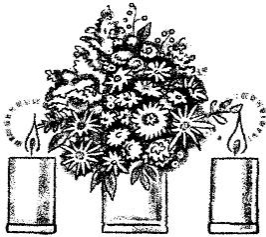


Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group
Every Wednesday

Missions Morsels



November Activities



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Women's Retreat at Stronghold Castle Friday, Nov. 11-Saturday, Nov. 12

If you need refreshment and encouragement, then plan to join us for a very unique retreat. We will be staying at Stronghold Castle in Oregon, enjoying worship and fellowship together. And also be refreshed by the leading of some of our own women to strength our lives both spiritually and as a group of women together.

We will leave the church Friday at 6 p.m. and have snacks when we arrive at the castle. We will have both breakfast

and lunch Saturday at the castle before returning early Saturday evening.

The cost will be \$60. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center beginning October 11.

Questions, call Suzy Erb at 815-369-9733, or Cathy Graham at 815-908-1335.



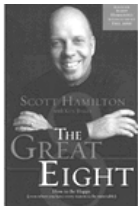
Church Library

Lynn's Austin's latest novel, **Wonderland Creek**, takes the reader back to the great depression of the 1930's. Alice is a young librarian in Illinois who



lives her sheltered life with her nose in a book. When her job is cut, Alice decides to take donated books to an isolated area in Kentucky, where her life takes a drastic change. Her story book world is shattered by no modern conveniences and family feuds. In

Wonderland Creek, Alice learns more about life than any book can reveal. Austin's characters will keep you reading from beginning to conclusion.



Two books that are not newly written, but are worthy of shelf room, are **The Great Eight** and **Beyond Our Selves**. **The Great Eight** by Scott Hamilton (248.8 Ham) was written to help others to live joyfully, even when circumstances give every reason not to.

World renown ice skater, Scott Hamilton is one who climbed the ladder of success, only to be dropped rung by rung as cancer threatened to



take his joy. Scott gives 8 key points of inspiration for meeting life's challenges. **Beyond Our Selves** by Catherine Marshall, (248.8 Mar) is an oldie but goodie classic for defining your life purpose.



Courageous is in the theater, but the book is in the library. It is very much like its predecessor, **Fireproof**. The main characters are cops and their families. It's a fine book for dads who juggle God, career, and family. The book is written by Randy Alcorn.



Forgotten by Melody Carlson, is a book teen girls will enjoy, however I'm not ruling out adult "girls" won't like it as well. Adele is 17 and thrown out of her home. Adele tries to hide the fact to finish high school. Complications set in and Adel's normal world is set into troubled motion.

Forbidden is a 2011 novel by Ted Dekker. Suspense fans of Dekker will want to snatch this one up.

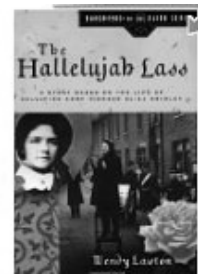
Dancing on Glass is a novel by Pamela Binnings Ewen that illustrates the consequences of a bad choice. Amalise is charmed by Phillip, an unbeliever. Amalise soon discovers that being unequally yoked is a big mistake. Phillip has a manipulative dark side that grips Amalise with fear. When Amalise discovers as \$100,000 insurance policy on her life with Phillip as beneficiary, she realizes it is time to flee. This is a thought provoking novel of suspense.



If you've read Beverly Lewis' **Rose Trilogy**, (book 1 and 2) you'll want to finish the series with **The Mercy**. Join Hen as she cares for Brandon and prays for her failing marriage. When Nick returns, the Amish neighborhood must practice forgiveness and digest the truth of Nick's story. Enjoy your travel back to Lancaster County with **The Mercy**.



Eliza Shirley grew up in England during the 19th century, in an area where poverty and depravity were the norm. Eliza was sheltered by her minister father and genial mother. Eliza attended a revival meeting where she saw a good many lives changed for the Lord by the ministry of The Hallelujah Lassies. From England to the United States, 16 year old Eliza took the Salvation Army, but not without insult or injury. **The Hallelujah Lass**, by Wendy Lawton (92 Law) is the story of Eliza Shirley. Incidentally, I discovered that those ugly black bonnets the women missionaries in the Salvation Army wore, served a purpose. They were made of sturdy fabric to protect heads as they were often hit by protesters throwing objects at them. This is an engaging story of a girl desiring to make a difference for God.



Submitted by Carol Corp



**FALL INTO A
SMALL GROUP**

Mondays at 7 p.m. with the Baker Group: **369-5393**
(every other Monday)

"Living the Cross Centered Life"

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. with the Tawfik Group: **369-5102**
(1st & 3rd Tuesday)

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with the Erb Group: **369-9733**
Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday and is doing a Sermon Study.

Thursdays at 9 a.m. with Precept Bible Study: **369-5102**
"1 Peter" begins September 22. Sign up at the Welcome Center!

Thursdays with the Dawson Group: 248-4518
(meet at members' homes, scheduling as they go)
"The Forgotten God" by Francis Chan

Thursdays with the Hansen Group:
947-2108
Watch for start up date!

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. with the Hubner Group: **821-3804**
"When Sinners Say I Do"

Fridays at 7 p.m. with the Don Visel Group: **369-9036**
Meeting every other week.

Saturdays with the Walter Group: 369-4072
"Wrestling Prayer" by Eric Ludy

NEW....

Saturdays with the Freeport Small Group

Starting October 8th meeting the 2nd and 4th Saturday at 7pm

Call Karl Byerley to join in **232-7030**

4th Saturday with Women of Wonder: 369-9733
(meets at 8 a.m. at Lena Family Restaurant -led by Suzy Erb)
"Lies Women Believe" Chapter 7

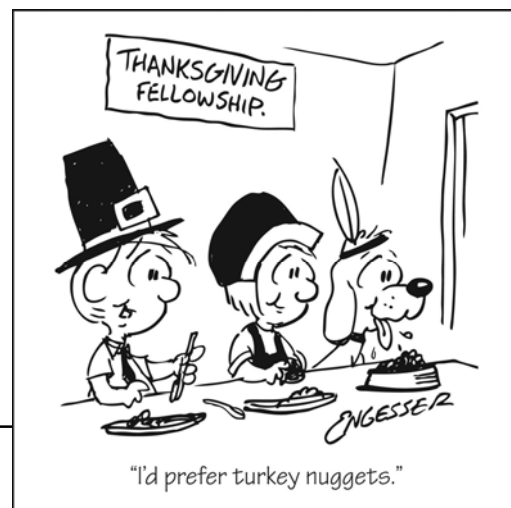
WITH
Gratitude 

To the Dear Church Family of Lena, Your prayers and love have carried us in these days as we watch the hand of God in Paul's home going. Our whole family rests in the Lord wisdom and care. We thank you for the cheer, delivered by the lovely flowers.

Pastor Howard and Lois

A Big Thank you to our church family for all the prayers and the meal card given when we were at UW Madison. There is no better blessing than to be lifted up in prayer. We love and appreciate all of you.

Larry and Jenny Alt



Schedules for



Nursery - 8:00 a.m. service

November 6
November 13
November 20
November 27

Nursery - ABF hour 9:30 a.m.

November 6
November 13
November 20
November 27

Nursery - 10:45 a.m. service

November 6
November 13
November 20
November 27

Children's Church 10:45 a.m.

November 6
November 13
November 20
November 27

Greeters - 8:00 a.m. service

November 6
November 13
November 20
November 27

Greeters - 10:45 a.m. service

November 6
November 13
November 20
November 27

Ushers for September (* head usher)

8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Byron Baker*	Ron Watson*



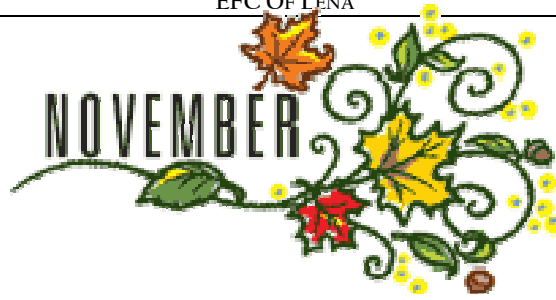
November 1	Deb Mahon
November 2	Natalie Mancosky
November 5	Marlee Andrews
November 6	Mike Corbin
November 7	Marie Boyer
	Ron Oxley
	Don Visel
November 11	Barb Duncan
	Hannah Visel
November 13	Austin Mancosky
November 14	Stephen Heinrich
November 15	Ellie Bower
	Ryan Werhane
November 16	Mary Lou Krahrmer
November 18	Connie Visel
November 20	Cody Wedige
November 23	Daniel Myers
November 24	Matt Heinrich
November 26	Kay Russell
	Scott Wuebbels
November 27	Whitney Becker
	Bryanne Rodriguez
November 29	Jan Parks



November 1	Jerry & Mary Staskal
	Larry & Christne Woolcock



Hi! I know you all remember me, Mr. Bulletin. I'm playing hide and seek. If you can find me somewhere in this newsletter, and be one of the first three people to call the church office (815-369-5591), you will win a prize! All ages can play along with me!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5  Don't forget to turn your clocks back tonight! 7p Walter's Small Group
6 Communion	7	8	9	10	11 Women's retreat at Stronghold Castle →	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 NO AWANA	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30			



EFC of Lena

720 North Freedom Street
 Lena, IL 61048
 (815) 369-5591
 FAX: 369-4886
 office@lenafreechurch.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG.

U. S. POSTAGE PAID

LENA, IL 61048

PERMIT NO. 25

CAR-RT-SORT



"I will praise the name
 of God with a song;
 I will magnify him
 with thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF LENA

Summer Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Student Ministries
 Jr. High Youth Group
 Sr. High Youth Group
 Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Church Staff
 Senior Pastor
 Assoc. Pastor of Youth
 Church Secretaries

Sunday School and
 Adult Bible Fellowship
 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Awana Clubs Age 3 - Grade 8
 Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
 September - April

Jim Erb (815) 369-9733
 Scott Wilson (309) 371-4645
 Cathy Graham
 Jean Paisley

Contact us at: office@lenafreechurch.org