

Inside Lisha's Kill

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Sunday Worship
10:00a.m.
All are welcome!

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PASTOR'S PONDERING

Dear Friend,

Inevitably in the month of February my thoughts turn toward the season of Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6). One resource that I like to turn to for Lent is a book of readings by several Christian writers entitled *Bread and Wine*. An excerpt by John Howard Yoder captured my attention this morning; it's called "The Way of Peace": *"The innocent, silently uncomplaining suffering of Christ is not only an act of Christ on our behalf from which we benefit; it is also an example of Christ for our instruction, which we are to follow. This portrait of Christ is to be painted again on the ordinary canvas of our lives. Did not Jesus himself say that those who would follow him must deny themselves and take up their cross? What does it mean to bear a cross? ...*

"The cross of Christ was God's method of overcoming evil with good. The cross of the Christian is no different. It is the price of one's obedience to God's love. Such unflinching love for friend and foe alike will mean hostility and suffering for us, as it did for him...

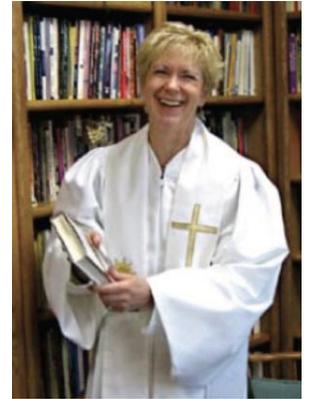
"Christians whose loyalty to the Prince of Peace puts them out of step with today's nationalist world ... love their enemies because God does so, and commands his followers to do so. That is the only reason, and that is enough... The Christian has no choice. If this was God's pattern, if his strategy for dealing with his enemies was to love them and give himself for them, it must be ours as well."

I believe this is an important meaning of Lent that we sometimes miss. The cross was not only God's means of forgiveness; it is also a way of life for those who would follow Jesus. To follow his pattern of suffering love is the most meaningful way we can live as true disciples of Jesus.

My prayer for this year's Lenten journey is that we will follow the way of peace and resolve, as far as it depends on us, to overcome evil with good, in Jesus' name.

Joyfully serving with you,

Pastor Lisa



Sunday Seminars

This year's Sunday Seminars began with Pastor Lisa's presentation on Architecture and Christianity. We saw some amazing cathedrals and worship spaces both ancient and modern.

Our next seminar on **March 3** will focus on Art and Christianity. We'll look at the history of the church through art, also some famous paintings such as the Last Supper and how they have been portrayed by artists. Our final seminar on **April 7** will focus on Music and Christianity.

Seminars are held in the choir room at 11:30a.m.

Did you know...LKRC is now a host site for **Family Promise**? Family Promise assists homeless families in our community and reminds us daily that compassionate service to others is part of the expression of God's love. The next Family Promise week is March 3-10; contact Paul McConnelee to learn more.

Camp Scholarship applications are being accepted through May 27. LKRC has established a scholarship fund for the children of LKRC members. If your child is planning to attend Camp Fowler, Camp Pattersonville, or other Christian camp this summer, and you'd like some financial assistance to help defray the cost, please contact the church office for an application. (You must obtain a registration form from the camp your child will be attending.)



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Do you have a story idea, article or other item to be considered for the newsletter? Let us know! Drop your typed document in the office mailbox or e-mail it to:

Lishaskill@verizon.net.

Articles are due by the 15th of the preceding month.

Upcoming Events -

- ✓ **Ash Wednesday Service** March 6 at 7p.m.
The service will include the imposition of ashes for those who choose to receive them.
- ✓ **6-week study** of Lenten reflections entitled: Falling into Goodness. These reflections are designed to invite you into the goodness of your life in Christ. Each week offers a unique theme that serves as a challenge for growth during Lent:
WEEK 1 - DWELL WITH GOD,
WEEK 2 - LIVE FROM YOUR TRUE SELF,
WEEK 3 - IMAGINE THE KINGDOM,
WEEK 4 - TAKE THE HUMBLE PATH,
WEEK 5 - WRESTLE WITH GOD,
WEEK 6 - FOLLOW JESUS
These reflections will invite you into a deeper spiritual life. You can participate in a group study, an e-mail study or self-study. Contact the church office to order your book. Studies will begin after March 7.
- ✓ **N.E.A.T. Dinners** -
Thursday, March 28 at 4:30p.m. menu: macaroni & cheese, ham, green beans, fruit cocktail, dessert, and beverages.
Reservations appreciated by March 25.
April 25 menu: spaghetti & meatballs
- ✓ **2019 CROP Walk** - Sunday, May 5th

Lisha's Kill Christian Preschool is now taking registrations for the 2019-20 school year.

All children are welcome at LKCP. Our preschool is designed for 3 and 4-year-old children, offers smaller class size to provide more individualized attention, a reasonable tuition rate and secure location. A Christian foundation to grow on!

CLUB 55 - Our monthly luncheon group for seniors will be getting together on March 13 at 11:00a.m. On the luncheon menu: fish fry on a bun, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and beverages. Cost \$6.00 per person. Reservations appreciated; call the church office.

Lisha Kill Senior Citizens Club meets here on Tuesdays at 9:00a.m. The group originated at LKRC many years ago, and now once again it's the place where seniors meet for conversation, friendship, games, coffee & goodies! The group occasionally takes bus trips too. New members are always welcome. Contact Shirley Hamm (518 -869-3020).



KIDS HOPE USA

Life Together is life at its best!

Our 10th year in partnership with Woodlawn Elementary! Too many students stand just one close adult relationship away from thriving in school and in life. This gap hinders education; loneliness obstructs learning. Together, we can make a life-long difference. Become a mentor or a prayer partner; you can help make it a positive one and have fun too!



Whether you've been coming to LKRC for many years or newly attending – there are many ways to be involved in the life of your church; here are a few:

- Sunday morning greeter
- Help with coffee hour
- Attend a Bible study
- Connect on the Prayer Chain
- Join a team or committee
- Attend a fellowship event (NEAT Dinner, Creative Ministries, Club 55, to name a few)
- Like to sing? Join the choir
- Enjoy working with kids? Teach Sunday school
- Be a mentor or prayer partner in KIDS HOPE
- Volunteer to help during a Family Promise week
- Have an idea? Feel as if God is leading you and nudging you to suggest something new? Talk to Pastor Lisa, a member of consistory, or call the church office.

Food donations are brought to the SiCM Food Pantry. Your weekly donations help Schenectady County families who are having difficulty meeting their family's food needs. Items in special need: canned tuna, peanut butter and spaghetti sauce.

January
27 Bags
February
36 Bags

Thank you for your weekly donations!



A picture of the crew who helped at the February lasagna dinner at the Schenectady City Mission. Thanks to the many hands who made this dinner a possibility and enjoyed by so many!

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**Lisha's Kill Reformed Church is a family of believers
committed to touching lives for Jesus Christ in today's world.**

Sunday Morning Worship	_____	10:00a.m.
Sunday School (for children)	_____	11:20a.m.
Sunday School (for adults)	_____	9:00 & 11:30a.m.
Women's Evening Bible Study	_____	Tuesday 7:30p.m.
Morning Bible Study	_____	Wednesday 9:30a.m.
AA Meeting	_____	Wednesday 7:00p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	_____	Wednesday 7:30p.m.
Club 55	_____	2 nd Wednesday 11:00a.m.
N.E.A.T. Dinner	_____	4 th Thursday 4:30p.m.
Fellowship Events	_____	As Announced
Creative Ministries	_____	As Announced