

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

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Lisa Vander Wal

Elders:

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Courtney Bloomingdale –
Inside
John Rzeszuto – Outside

Lisha's Kill Christian**Preschool:**

Kristen Magil, Teacher
Susan Sharkey, Aide

PASTOR'S PONDERING

Dear Friend,

As I have said before, I have a collection of crosses that I have obtained from places all over the world: China, Romania, France, Italy and Germany, to name a few. Most recently I collected a cross in Ireland that is called "The Cross of the Scriptures," a replica of one found in the ruins of the Clonmacnoise Monastery and Cathedral. This cross has many panels which depict biblical scenes and symbols, some I recognize and others I don't. Some are warring figures; others, like the lion and the lamb, symbolize peace. I see the halos of the saints, the descending dove which symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit, the bound Jesus surrounded by soldiers, the two Marys, and the exalted Jesus. Saints and sinners all find their place on this cross.

What I see in the cross I also see in the church. We are a hodgepodge of saints and sinners alike, even in each of us individually. At times we closely mirror the life we want to live as followers of Christ; at other times we know we are faint images at best of a life lived wholly devoted to God. But the comfort we have is that we belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to our faithful Savior Jesus, who has fully paid for us through his precious blood. That is the beloved first question and answer of the Heidelberg Catechism that frames our relationship with God and with one another in the communion of saints: we belong.

This fall we are focusing on "New Beginnings" in our worship services. As we have noted, even though many of us have lived significant chunks of our lives in the church, there is always the biblical call to be made new in our life together in Christ. I repeat the verse of the song "Shine on Me" that led me to the sermon series title: "New beginnings light my way toward eternity. Lead me in your light today. Jesus, shine on me." Rather than living "stuck" in old ways, we always have the opportunity to begin again, to be refreshed and transformed in our Christian journey of life and ministry. That is my prayer for all of us: that new beginnings will light our way as we continue our journey together toward eternity.

Joyfully serving with you,

Pastor Lisa



Sunday School and Christian Ed.

Classes may have started, but don't let that stop you from joining in!

Sunday Morning -

Early Bird Class 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

"Transformed and Transforming," looking to cultivate transformation in Christ, while developing stronger growth in discipleship and to engage in Christ's Kingdom mission.

Youth classes -11:20a.m. Kids learn the foundational stories of the Christian faith in fun, interactive ways.

Adult Class - 11:30a.m. "Book of Daniel" by John MacArthur. This class will examine the prophetic book of the Old Testament.

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study -7:30p.m. "The Serenity Prayer" by Marty Grubb. The prayer that embraces the frailty of the human condition as well as the necessity to live each day trusting in the faithfulness of a good and gracious God.

Wednesday Morning Study - 9:30 a.m.

"Tell it Slant" by Eugene Peterson will be the focus our study. Come and join us as we look at the parables of Jesus and his prayers and how we can talk about religion in everyday life.

Saturday Men's Bible Study - Meets the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast included. This group will begin October 13. Study to be determined.



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Do you have a story idea, article to contribute, or another 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 -

- ✓ **October 10** -11:00a.m. Club 55 This great group of seniors gets together monthly for lunch, devotions, and fun! On the menu - chili, cream of broccoli soup, salad, bread, dessert, and beverages. A freewill offering will be taken to offset the cost of the luncheon. Reservations appreciated by Monday, October 8.
- ✓ **October 13** - 7:30a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study A time of fellowship, Bible study and prayer.
- ✓ **October 20** - 9:00a.m. Creative Ministries - A group for crafters! They'll be meeting to work on their own projects and enjoy lunch. It's a time of creativity, laughter and fun!
- ✓ **October 25** - N.E.A.T. Dinner at 4:30p.m. Come and enjoy dinner with friends both old and new. Couples, singles; everyone is welcome! On the menu: Beef stew, cornbread, dessert, and beverages. A freewill offering will be taken to offset the cost of the dinner. Reservations appreciated by Oct. 22.

Contact the church office anytime you'd like more information about an event.



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; thank-you!

Did you know... the **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 LKS meet for conversation, friendship, games, coffee & treats! The group occasionally takes bus trips; in September they took a train ride along the Lackawaxen River. New members are always welcome. Contact Shirley Hamm (518 -869-3020).



KIDS HOPE USA – Life Together is life at its best!

Our mentoring program is starting up again this month. 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. One young heart at a time. Become a mentor or a prayer partner; it's a new school year, a new beginning – you can help make it a positive one and have fun too!

Lisha's Kill Christian Preschool News

We welcomed Susan Sharkey as our new teacher's aide to LKCP this September. Mrs. Sharkey enjoys working with children and will bring lots of creativity and support to the classroom!

Students were full of excitement as Mrs. Magil began the school year with games, songs, Bible stories, and lots of fun ways to get to know new friends. Often on school days, you can hear the children playing and singing; making a joyful noise, and developing a positive Christian education experience.



New beginnings, a new church year; 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 children? Teach Sunday school
- Become a mentor or prayer partner in Kids Hope
- 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.

Worship services available online anytime!

WATCH OUR SERVICES LIVE ON SUNDAY MORNING, OR SEE THE RECORDING ANYTIME. GO TO OUR WEBSITE: WWW.LISHASKILLCHURCH.ORG AND CLICK ON THE BUTTON AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE A DIRECT LINK IN YOUR EMAIL ON MONDAY MORNINGS? CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.