



Inside Lisha's Kill

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Pastor's Ponderings

October 2017

We are now fully into the swing of Fall. One of the things I love about autumn is the changing of the colors, usually so spectacular here in upstate New York (although perhaps not so vibrant this year?). In the changing of the seasons there is the cycle of life, growth, dying leaves and cold temperatures, and then new life once again. This reminds me of seasons in our spiritual lives as well.

As those of you who were present for our 165th Anniversary Celebration at LKRC know, we are embarking upon a church-wide study called "Transformed and Transforming." The premise of this study is that personal spiritual transformation precedes corporate, or church-wide transformation; you can't have the latter without the former. This is why we hope as many people as possible will participate, so that we can see how God will transform us that we may be useful to God both in this church and in our surrounding community.

On Welcome Sunday we watched a skit which involved action figures known as Transformers, compliments of our grandchildren. As you know, Transformers are toys which change from one thing into another, like a car into a beefy, hulk-like figure. We also heard that we, too, are to be "action figures," not just *talking* about faith, but also acting upon it.

As I thought of this today, it occurred to me that there is one thing not quite right about this metaphor. You see, with the toys, it is expected that you will change them back and forth between the car and the hulk. The transformation isn't lasting, and you can go back and forth at will; that's the purpose.

Sadly, this is sometimes the way we live the Christian life. We act one way in one setting, like church, but then we act in quite a different way in our relationships and activities outside of church. We resolve to follow Jesus, but then we get caught up in the things of the world that are contrary to the way of Christ. We use language that doesn't honor God, and we treat others as we ourselves wouldn't want to be treated. We may change, but we don't *transform*.

Paul says in Romans 12, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is

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Rev. Dr. Lisa Vander Wal

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- Inside: Courtney Bloomingdale
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Sunday Service:

10:00am

Christian Education:

Children: 11:20am

Adults: 9:00am & 11:30am



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your spiritual act of worship. Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." The Greek word for transform here is *metanoia*, giving the sense of changing from one thing into something completely different, like a caterpillar changing into a butterfly. The butterfly can't say, "Well, today I think I'll be a caterpillar." No, the transformation means not going back.

Friends, my prayer is that we will truly be transformed: made into the likeness of Jesus Christ and not wanting to slide back into un-Christlike behavior and words, or bad habits that diminish life. May we then discover God's good, pleasing and perfect will for us, both as individuals and the church.

Joyfully serving with you,

Pastor Lisa

Women's Evening Bible Study

...meets Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the library. They will be studying *Fingerprints of God* by Jennifer Rothschild during this year as well as *The Women of Christmas* by Liz Curtis Higgs. All ladies are welcome to join for a time of Bible study, fellowship and prayer.

Club 55

Club 55 is a lunch group for seniors and they'll be getting together for their first meeting of the Autumn season on Thursday, October 12 at 11:00am. They meet on the second Thursday of each month for devotions, lunch and maybe a short program. On the October



Food Pantry
169 bags
through Sept. 24

menu: subs, soup, salad and dessert. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Please RSVP by Monday, October 9 and let us know what type of sub you'd like for lunch.

Harvest "Souper" Lunch

Let's get together for a "souper" lunch after worship on Sunday, October 15. Please bring a crockpot of your favorite soup, cheese and crackers, fruit, dessert, or whatever you'd like to share and join in the fun. It's always a good meal and great time!

Kids Hope USA

KIDS HOPE USA is getting ready to begin their ninth school year at Woodlawn Elementary. The students are excited to have their mentors return, and the mentors look forward to another fun and rewarding year. If you would like to make a difference in a child's life, consider mentoring. It doesn't take a lot of time (about an hour each week) and can make a life time of difference. You'll be fully trained and receive lots of support. If you're unable to mentor, how about becoming a prayer partner? You'll be paired with a mentor/mentee and support them in prayer as they meet



October Calendar

Visit us on the web

to view this month's calendar

www.lishaskillchurch.org

Inside Lisha's Kill is published monthly. The deadline for submitting articles is the 16th of the preceding month.

Drop your **typed** news article in the Newsletter Editor's box in the downstairs consistory office, or email it to: newsletter@lishaskillchurch.org

Email attachments **must** be Microsoft Word documents (text) or JPEG format (pictures).

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each week. KIDS HOPE is an amazing program that makes a positive difference in our community.

NEAT Dinner (Not Eating Alone Tonight)

...Thursday October 26 at 4:30pm. On the menu this month: pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, green beans and almonds, applesauce, rolls, dessert and beverages. A freewill offering will be taken to offset the cost of the dinner. Reservations appreciated by October 23 by calling the church office.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

...is held the 2nd Saturday of each month. The first breakfast will be Saturday, October 14 at 7:30am. The group will be using *Follow*, an Andy Stanly discussion/video.

Nominating Committee

As stated in the Lisha's Kill Reformed Church bylaws: At least four months prior to the annual congregational meeting the consistory will constitute a Nominating Committee for the purpose of determining a single slate of nominees for election to vacant consistory positions at the annual congregational meeting.

Paul McConnelee, Mark Reynolds and Sue Sigas have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee.

In 2018 terms for the following consistory members will conclude:

- Elder Bill Dergosits (3 years served - eligible for nomination)
- Elder Paul McConnelee (6 years served)
- Deacon Kent Vander Wal (6 years served)
- Deacon Linda Brennan (3 years served - eligible for nomination)

The congregation is encouraged to submit names of church members for consideration to the Nominations Committee. No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the congregational meeting. Please give all submissions to the committee no later than October 29, 2017.

165th Anniversary (1852-2017)

On Sept. 10, Lisha's Kill celebrated its 165th Anniversary!



165th anniversary cake



Celebration brunch



Over the summer a garage renovation was completed... with a great new extension!



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 committed to touching lives for Jesus Christ in today's world.**



Hello!

Here is your **October 2017** newsletter from the Lisha's Kill Reformed Church. We hope you will enjoy all of the items inside and will find it helpful in knowing more about your church.

- SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 10:00am
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (for children)..... 11:20am
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (for adults) 9:00am & 11:30am
- WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY Tuesday 7:30pm
- AA MEETING Wednesday 7:00pm
- SENIOR CHOIR Wednesday 7:30pm
- CHRISTIAN CLUB "55" 2nd Thursday 11:00am
- N.E.A.T. DINNER 4th Thursday (As Announced) 4:30pm
- MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY 2nd Saturday 7:30am
- FAMILY ACTIVITIES As Announced
- CREATIVE MINISTRIES As Announced