



Inside LKRC

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Pastor's Pondering for Easter

Rev. Dr. Lisa Vander Wal

As I write this, it is Monday of Holy Week. We've waved the palms and remembered that this is also Passion Week, the last week of Jesus' earthly life, when his ministry reaches its culmination in the Passion, death and finally, the resurrection. With the children we turned palm fronds into crosses, reminding us that the praise of the crowd quickly turned, in a matter of mere days, into cries of "Crucify him!"

All of this reminds me of the fragility of life and the ways in which we fickle human beings often turn so quickly from celebration to despair. It's happening in the culture around us, and it often happens in our personal lives. An unexpected diagnosis, a serious car accident, a fatal fire, or yet another school shooting can change the course of our lives or the lives of loved ones. In the Palm Sunday gospel lesson we read of Jesus weeping over Jerusalem, announcing that doom would come upon them, and lamenting "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes." If at such a time even Jesus would weep, what does this mean for us?

But, thank God, Easter is coming! Easter is here! Jesus has risen from the dead! Alleluia! Despite the challenges that life can bring, there is new life coming for us when we are in Jesus Christ. Though for a while we may be blinded to the things that will bring us true peace, in Jesus' resurrection we get a taste of what lies in store for all of us.

In my church study I have many crosses, but there are two wooden ones that I see whenever I look up from my desk. One is a cross that has a manger scene as a cutout in the center. The second is a butterfly, the symbol of new life, with a cross for a body. These two crosses symbolize for me what this week, and the Sunday that's coming, are all about. God sent the Son to be born as one of us, a baby born in a manger. That same Son willingly sacrifices his life to reconcile us to God. And finally, out of death comes new life—not just for Jesus, but for each one of us.

Thanks be to God for this most wonderful gift! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Joyfully serving with you,

Pastor Lisa



Upcoming Events

- **NEAT Dinner: Thursday, April 26 at 4:30pm**
Menu: veggies & dip, pulled pork, potato wedges, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and beverages. *Please RSVP by Monday, March 23. A freewill offering will be taken to offset costs.*
- **Mother/Daughter Banquet : Friday, May 4 at 6:30pm**
Menu: appetizers, baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, dessert and beverages. *Tickets will be on sale April 22-29 after worship, or call the church office. Cost: \$8.00 each.*
- **Schenectady CROP Hunger Walk: Sunday, May 6**
Join the LKRC team and walk to fight hunger. *Contact Melissa Vicalvi (518-377-7829).*

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Linda McConnelee at Olympics

Since she is living in South Korea, Linda was able to visit PyeongChang during the Winter Olympics. She and teacher friends spent four days there and witnessed four different events.

They went to a women's hockey match, two snowboarding events and a downhill skiing event. They enjoyed the friendliness of many people of different nationalities. It was cold and windy, but they bundled up to keep warm. It was a wonderful experience.



Easter Story Time

Lisha's Kill Christian Preschool teacher, Kristen Magil, reads an Easter story to her class.

Registration is open for 2018-19 school year. Lisha's Kill Christian Preschool provides quality educational programming, a safe and fun learning environment, and reasonable tuition rate.

Contact the church office if you'd like to learn more.



Camp Scholarships

Summer is a wonderful time for camping experiences. It is a time when youth have the opportunity to experience the wonder of God's glory in the outdoors. Because we believe it can be an important experience in a young person's life, if you



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Emailed files must be Microsoft Word format (text) or JPEG format (photos). The deadline for submitting articles is the 16th of the preceding month.

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Food Pantry

105 bags

through March 25

Listed in the announcements each week is a suggested item for a weekly donation to the SICM Food Pantry.

Collection bins are in the front and rear entryways of the church, and donations are brought to the food pantry every week.

have been thinking of sending your child to a Christian camp this summer and would like some assistance to help you do so, we invite you to complete a Camp Scholarship Application (available through the church office) and submit it to the church office no later than May 27. The only requirement for assistance is that you provide the required camp registration fee. Go to the Fowler website at www.campfowler.org or Camp Pattersonville at www.camppattersonville.org to obtain a registration form. Should your child wish to attend a different Christian camp that is certainly fine.

Kids Hope

Our KIDS HOPE mentoring program provided Woodlawn Elementary with 24 Sensory Baskets for the classrooms. Some children who have experienced trauma in their lives need a little help redirecting their emotion. These baskets are filled with special toys to help them refocus and bring about a sense of calm.



Mother/Daughter Banquet

Mother/Daughter Banquet is being planned for Friday, May 4 at 6:30pm: "A Walk Down Memory Lane." All ladies are daughters and all are welcome! The menu includes appetizers, baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, dessert and beverages. Tickets cost \$8.00 each and will be on sale April 22-29 after worship, or call the church office. (Children 12 and under are free.)

Prayer Requests

LKRC Prayer Chain is always there ready to pray for those with a joy or concern. If you would like

prayer, or to be included on the prayer chain, contact Diane McConnelee (518-869-7357) or the church office.

Did You Know?

We hold dog socialization classes here on Monday nights? "Going to the Dogs" is a fun opportunity for both the pups and their owners.

Classes are held on Mondays: Little Dogs under 40 pounds or 6 months old 6:00-6:45pm, and Big Dogs over 40 pounds 7:00-7:45pm. You must register and provide proof of vaccinations for your dog before coming to class.

Contact Barb Paquette (518-257-0965) for more information.

May/June Birthdays

May

- 4 Miranda Rand
- 8 Steve Stufflebeam
- 10 Delaney Bryson
- 14 Sharon Nagell, Donna & Sonny Rejak (Anniversary)
- 15 Mia Stufflebeam
- 18 Jill Dergosits
- 20 Marilyn Morash, Karen Stufflebeam
- 21 Diane McConnelee

June

- 3 Steve Shirikian
- 4 Ed Overholt
- 9 Diane Clark, Joan Niles
- 10 Donna Rejak
- 12 Dan Heacock
- 17 Audrey Meyer
- 18 Valerie Vander Wal
- 24 Pat Eberhard
- 27 Tom Brennan
- 28 Linda Brennan
- 30 Dick Farmer



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

- 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
- NEAT 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