



Inside Lisha's Kill

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PASTOR'S PONDERING FOR MAY

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Sunday Service
9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m.
Christian Education
11:00 a.m.

Dear Friend,

Psalm 150 says:
Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with
lute and harp!
Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise
God with strings and pipe!
Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God
with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

What a wonderful mix of ways to worship God!



Recently I came across a devotion by Lillian Daniel that I thought would be helpful for us at Lisha's Kill Reformed Church, where we love music and have definite preferences for the type of music we love. This is what Lillian writes:

"I find it interesting that so many churches these days give their worship service titles based on what type of music is played. If you tell me you attend the "traditional" service, I think of hymns from the eighteenth century, an organ and a four-part choir. If you tell me you go to the "contemporary service," I imagine a band, a drum set, microphones and a clock that stopped in the late eighties on the soft rock channel. If your service is "Taize," I think of that particularly meditative form of singing, and if it's "gospel," my mind goes to another inspiring style. [I wonder what "blended" brings to mind—a mixer?]

"But when did music become the primary descriptor of worship?

"I think this happened as congregations engaged in what we've come to call the "worship wars," which often got played out with "traditional" and "contemporary" as opposing forces, making sweeping pronouncements about the future of the church. "If you don't change your music, you will never appeal to young people." "If we change our music, we will lose the great tradition of the church." So we gave our worship titles, like advance warning, to make sure nobody had to ever hear anything they didn't like. Now who is being worshiped here?" Of course none of the sweeping statements proved to be true. Not all

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We, the members of the Lisha's Kill Reformed Church, are called together by God to profess our belief in Jesus the Christ, proclaim the Word of God, and bear witness to that Word. Our ministry of preaching, teaching, fellowship, and service is intended to nurture that community so that we may grow and mature in faith and reach out to others in the name of Jesus the Christ to the end that God may be glorified and His kingdom on earth increased.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	9:30 a.m.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (for all ages)	11:00 a.m.
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY	Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY	Wednesday 6:45 p.m.
SENIOR CHOIR.....	Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
CHRISTIAN CLUB "55"	4th Thursday 11:00 a.m.
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY	2nd Saturday 7:30 a.m.
FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES	As Announced
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP	As Announced
CREATIVE MINISTRIES	First Friday of the Month

Food Pantry



Editor's Note:

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

(Continued from page one.)

young people want rock bands in church, and not all older people object to something new. And the church seems to continue to exist with a wide variety of music.

"I like worship that is just called worship, with no hint as to the music one will be hearing that day. As the psalm tells us, there are many different ways to praise God with sounds. But we gather to worship God, not one musical style over another."

What I think is so helpful about this devotional is that it reminds us that it is not our preferences in music or anything else in worship that are the important thing. Rather, the key is that our hearts are tuned toward the God we worship. May we bear this in mind the next time we love that song we sing—and the one we don't know or love so well.

To God be the praise and the glory!

Prayer:

Thank you, God, for the music that makes my heart sing and draws me closer to you. Thank you also for the music that I don't appreciate but which draws my neighbor closer to you. Amen.

Joyfully serving with you,

Pastor Lisa

SPECIAL DATES

- Christian Family Week, May 3-9, 2010
- National Day of Prayer, May 6, 2010
- Mother's Day, May 9, 2010
- Ascension of the Lord, May 13, 2010
- Armed Forces Day, May 15, 2010
- Pentecost, May 23, 2010
- Memorial Day, May 31, 2010

BIBLE QUIZ

One Old Testament prophet believed that God had consecrated him to be his spokesman even before his birth. He wrote: "Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'"

Choose the correct prophet from the list below.

- A. Amos
- B. Jeremiah
- C. Micah
- D. Hosea

Answer: B (See Jeremiah 1:4-10, NRSV.)

MOTHER / DAUGHTER BANQUET

Reservations are being taken by the Fellowship Committee for the Mother/Daughter Banquet to be held on Friday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Alicia Zhe Dining Room.



All ladies are invited to join an evening of fun, food and festivities at the Mother/Daughter banquet. If you would like, please invite a friend to join in the fun too.

Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Please call the church office (346-2710) by May 5th to make reservations. We looking forward to seeing you on May 7th.

MY MOTHER'S GARDEN



*A mother is a gardener,
Planting the seeds
Of faith, truth and love
That develop into the
fairest flowers
Of character, virtue and
happiness
In the lives of her children.
— J. Harold Gwynne*

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EASTER SUNDAY



HALLELUJAH, HE IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED!

A glorious worship service on a beautiful warm sunny morning was enhanced by Rev. Vander Wal's Easter message.

Worshippers were welcomed by the easily recognizable scents associated with the beautiful flowers that adorned the sanctuary.

Flowers are given each year by the members of the congregation to honor loved ones and are arranged by members of the worship committee.

A Maundy Thursday evening Communion service was celebrated by the congregation of the Lisha's Kill Reformed Church see gathered in the Alicia Zhe Dining Room. A light supper and an enactment of the drama "From the Table to the Cross" was brought to life by members of the congregation. Hymns and a choir anthem were interspersed with the scenes of the drama and provided a very meaningful evening celebration.

HOLY THURSDAY



A Good Friday service was held at noon. Each person received a small smooth stone as they entered. When the service ended, each was invited to leave their stone on the communion table signifying "leaving your worries, letting go of the weight, marking an encounter with God, and remembering the time Jesus spent in the grave until Easter morning." A four-year-old boy attended the service with his grandmother and he clutched his stone tightly. As they approached the cross, he looked up at his grandmother as if saying, I'll put my stone there too!

GOOD FRIDAY



HAPPY SPRING! HOW TO PLANT YOUR GARDEN

First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses....



FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING, plant three rows of peas :



1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:



1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:



1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:



1. Turn up for meetings
2. Turn up for service
3. Turn up to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:



1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

KIDS HOPE PROGRAM FOUR MONTH REPORT



"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

- Author unknown.

Time has gone by quickly, and our Kids Hope program has been up and running for almost 4 months now. Each week, ten mentors faithfully meet with their KH student, and ten prayer partners pray for the mentor and child behind the scenes. It is a team effort; the mentor, prayer partner and most importantly...God.

We know the positive, life changing influence a caring adult can make in the life of a child. Already we are seeing growing relationships, the smiles on faces and the joy a mentor can bring.

Our Woodlawn teachers are great. Some of the feedback I've received from the teachers whose students are visited weekly by a Kids Hope mentor include:

"...my student truly enjoys his

time with her. She goes out of her way to make him feel special and always brings him some kind of treat. He loves the attention! Both he and I are thrilled."

"This program is great. My students love it and I have terrific mentors. They are a great match for my boys. They listen and understand the needs of the children. Keep up the great work."

Our Kids Hope students are awesome, and they too have opinions about their mentors. Keep reading to get a glimpse of what the KH kids are saying:

"... I kept waiting every day until Thursday and kept watching the clock till it got to be 11 o'clock – our meeting time!"

"... You're very nice! Are you going to come every week?... Great!"

"... you're the best part of my day."

After our first Mentor's Meeting, I have no doubt that we are in the right place, doing the right thing for the right reasons; exactly where God wants us to be. Soon we'll be planning our end of the school year picnic, and begin looking ahead with excitement toward the next school year.

I urge you today, (yes I know it's only May) to consider being a mentor in the fall; it's not too early. Look ahead, adjust your schedule and join the Kids Hope program as a mentor, a substitute or prayer partner. One child, one hour, one church, one school... and YOU.

Sharon Nagell, Director



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**STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL
FRIDAY - JUNE 18th
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.**



**Featuring strawberries and ice cream
on homemade biscuits!**
Cost - \$4.00 ea. or \$5.00 at the door.



Tickets on sale June 6 and 13 during coffee hour.
Tickets will be available at the door or call the church office.
*(Please purchase your tickets ahead of time, if possible,
as this helps with the planning of the event.)*

(Proceeds benefit the Lisha's Kill Women - Missions)

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4th ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP DAYS

The theme for this year's summer camp days is "I AM."

Jesus is like a Global Positioning System (GPS) that points the way to the Kingdom of God. Jesus shows us how to be children of God. During this time at camp, we will experience life in a Christian community. As we grow together in our love of Jesus and demonstrate that love to others, we glorify God.



NOTE: An optional overnight at Camp Fowler is offered for this year's camp days. A brochure and registration form will be available soon.

Watch for details in the Sunday bulletin.

To receive an official registration / medical form for Lisha's Kill Summer Camp Days, complete the information below and send it to LKRC, 2131 Central Avenue, Schenectady, N.Y. 12304. Got a friend you'd like us to send information to? Fill out their name and address too.

My Name:

My Friend's Name:

Name_____ Name_____

Address_____ Address_____

Age_____ Grade_____ Phone_____ Age_____ Grade_____ Phone_____

e-mail_____ e-mail_____

EASTER EGG HUNT...

An Easter Egg Hunt was held after Easter Sunday service.

Children participating could be seen eagerly hunting for those eggs containing slips of paper indicating candy prizes and the coveted golden slips of paper proclaiming the winners.



AND THE WINNERS...



...hold their baskets and prove with their smiles they're pretty happy about the whole thing.



GOOD NEWS T-SHIRT

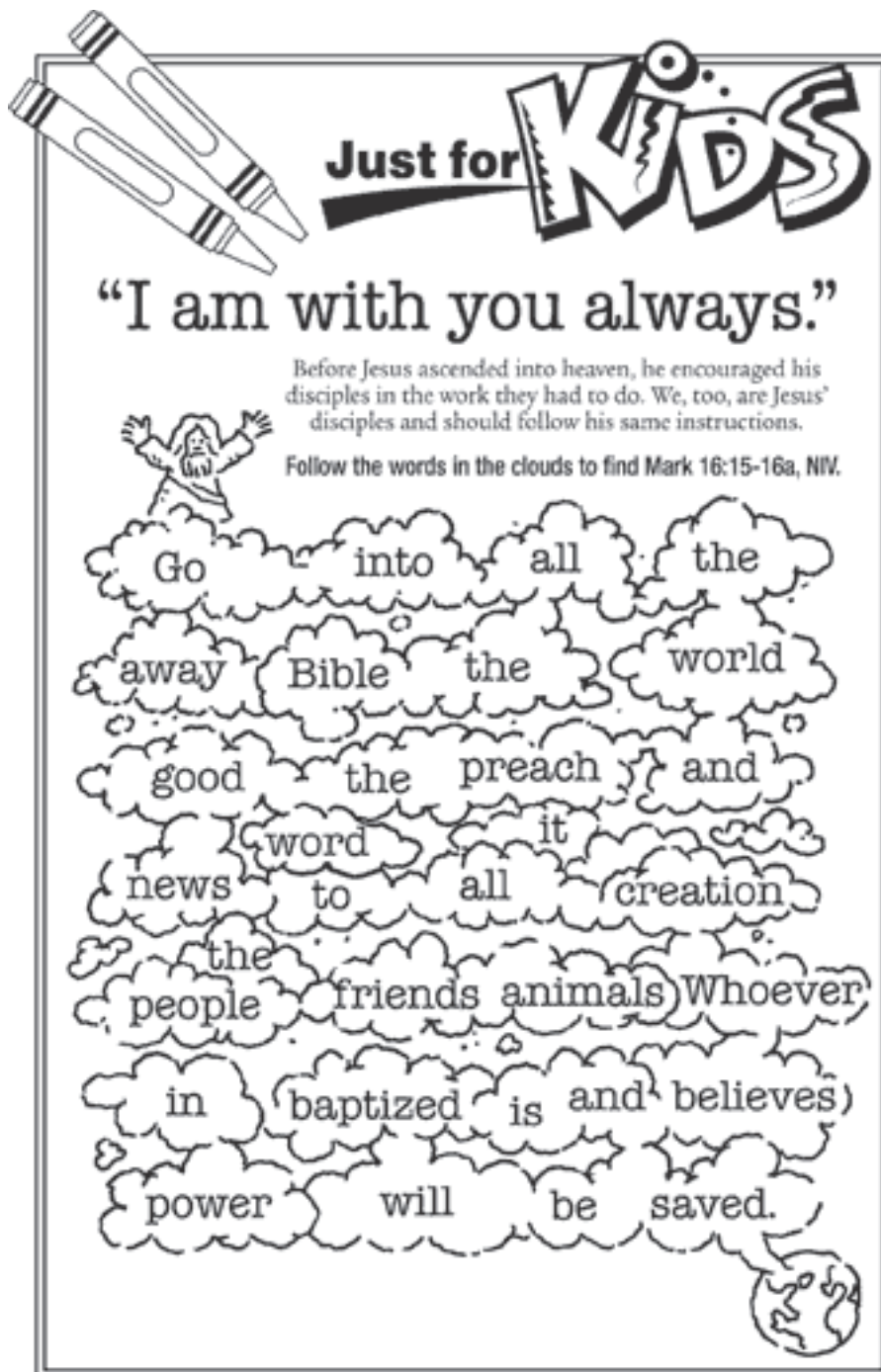
Jesus told his disciples — and us — to go into all the world and preach the good news. Wherever you go, this cool T-shirt will help spark conversations about your faith.

What you need:

- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Plain white, cotton T-shirt
- Permanent markers
- Goggles (optional)
- Eye dropper
- Rubbing alcohol
- Clothes hanger

What you do:

1. Cover a table with newspaper. (Work outside or in a well-ventilated area.)
2. Place a piece of cardboard inside your T-shirt. (This keeps pen marks from going through to the other side.)
3. With permanent markers, draw a design of large circles, spirals, hearts, etc.
4. Wear goggles while dropping rubbing alcohol onto your designs with an eye dropper. As the alcohol permeates the permanent marker, the color will break up and spread in interesting ways.
5. Hang the shirt to dry.
6. When the shirt is dry, place cardboard inside it again. On the front, write "I have some good news to share with you." You can also write a Bible verse.



Answer: Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. (Mark 16:15-16a, NIV)

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LISHA'S KILL REFORMED CHURCH - MAY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30a.m. Worship Communion 1:30p.m. Church Walk Meet at Emmanuel Friedens Church @1pm	3	4 No Women's Bible Study 6:00p.m. Going to the Dogs classes 7:30p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study	5 No Pastor's Bible Study 7:30p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6	7 6:00p.m. Mother/Daughter Banquet	8 7:30a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9 Mother's Day	10 7:00p.m. Outreach Meeting	11 10:00a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00p.m. Going to the Dogs classes 7:30p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study	12 6:45p.m. Pastor's Bible Study 7:30p.m. Choir Rehearsal	13 7:00p.m. Consistory Meeting	14	15
16 Sunday School Children's Day Rehearsal	17	18 10:00a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00p.m. Going to the Dogs classes 7:30p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study	19 6:45 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study 7:30p.m. Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22 Historic Tour and Dinner
23 Children's Day - Last Day of Sunday School	24 7:00p.m. Book Club	25 10:00a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00p.m. Going to the Dogs classes 7:30p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study	26 6:45p.m. Pastor's Bible Study 7:30p.m. Choir Rehearsal	27 11:00a.m. Club SS	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					



2010 COMMUNITY CHURCH

Softball Schedule

revision date:

April 15, 2010

Warm-ups at 6:00. Game start time is 6:30. Home Team is responsible for all necessary field equipment, however, the visiting team should bring their equipment also to avoid problems. Issues & results can be called in or e-mailed to:

Mark Obleman (518)-641-2095 cell phone SportsandRec@openarmsonline.org

Let's have fun & fellowship and be safety conscious all the time!

<u>Team</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Manager</u>	
<u>Phone</u>			
1. Lynnwood Reformed	Nott Rd Recreation Fac	Matt Sociagrosch	588-6039 (M)
2. Lisha's Kill Reformed	Lisha's Kill Reformed	Dan McConnelee	396-0966
3. Open Arms Church 1	Nott Rd Recreation Fac	Mark Obleman	641-2095 (M)
4. Open Arms Church 2	Nott Rd Recreation Fac	Mark Obleman	641-2095 (M)
5. Niskayuna Reformed	Avon Crest Park	Scott DeBlock	785-4470 (H)
			423-7901 (M)
6. Carman Methodist	Lisha's Kill Reformed	Tom Palmatier	843-0502 (H)
248-6216 (M)			

Second team listed is the home team. All game dates are Thursdays.

April 29

2-1 3-6 5-4

May 6

5-1 3-2 6-4

May 13

2-3 6-5 1-4

May 20

3-1 5-6 2-4

May 27

6-1 5-2 3-4

June 3

1-3 2-6 4-5

June 10

4-1 6-2 3-5

June 17

2-3 1-6 4-5

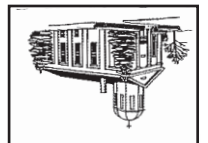
June 24

1-3 2-5 4-6

July 1

4-3 1-2 6-5

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Hello!

Here is your monthly 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. Visit us on our web site: www.lishaskill.org.



"There never was a
good war or a bad
peace."
—Benjamin Franklin

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