

The Reformer

Lawyersville and Sharon Reformed Churches 170

Mission Statement: As disciples of Christ, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to join together to worship God, to study his Word, and use our gifts to extend God's grace and love to others.

February 2016

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LRC - Church Service

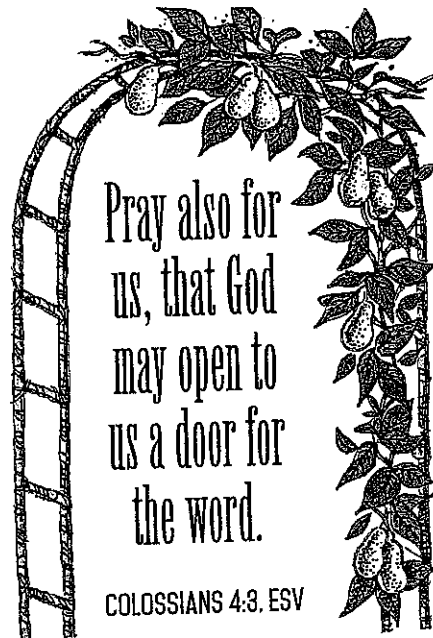
9:00 A.M.

**Sunday School
following worship**

SRC - Church Service

11:00 A.M.

**Sunday School
9:30 A.M.**



- "They lose nothing who gain Christ."
—Samuel Rutherford
- "Christians are not men and women who are hoping for salvation, but those who have experienced it."
—Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- "They who love are but one step from heaven."
—James Russell Lowell

Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 7, 2016
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 7, 2016
- Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016
- First Sunday in Lent, February 14, 2016
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2016
- Presidents Day, February 15, 2016
- Second Sunday in Lent, February 21, 2016
- Third Sunday in Lent, February 28, 2016



Prayer Requests

Church

Pastor Pacia
 Lee Empie, Jr./cardiac surgery recovery
 Muriel Homes/St. Johnsville Nursing Home
 Debbie Stanton/heart issues/knee surgery
 Rev. Jared van Wegenen/pace maker
 Lois Wright/Bells Palsy
 Garber Family/health issues
 Steve DiCicco/pending back surgery

Family/Loved Ones

Margaret Springstead/cancer on face
 Matt and Zawisza (Living Gospel Ministries)/
 health issues
 Sylvia-Ferrell Jones/lung cancer/doing
 better
 Richard Nirschl/ St. Johnsville Nursing Home
 Sue Jones/Marchand Manor

Updates on those on the prayer list are needed, so that we know how best to pray. Inactive requests will be taken off the list.

Those homebound/in nursing homes:

Muriel Holmes (LRC)
 St. Johnsville Nursing Home
 7 Timmerman Ave.
 St. Johnsville, NY 13452

Sue Jones (LRC)
 Marchand Manor
 121 Main St.
 Sharon Springs, N.Y. 13459

Josephine King (SRC)
 418 Ridge Rd.
 Broadalbin, NY 12025

Richard Nirschl (SRC)
 St. Johnsville Nursing Home
 7 Timmerman Ave.
 St. Johnsville, NY 13452

Community

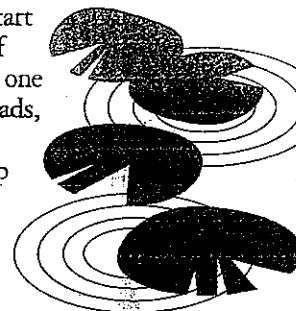
Our sisters and brothers in Christ from the Dorloo,
 Hyndsville, Mineral Springs United Methodist and
 Warnerville United Methodist Church
 All Teachers and students
 Family situations impacting students' performances
 in school
 Grand-parents serving as guardians for their grand-
 children
 All families impacted by alcoholism and/or substance
 abuse
 Increased heroin addiction in our county
 All families and marriages in crisis
 All children suffering from physical, emotional and/
 or sexual abuse
 All God's children impacted by hunger and food inse-
 curity
 All those impacted by Irene, Lee and Sandy
 Schoharie Area Long-Term Recovery (SALT)
 Concerns about the economy, unemployment and
 foreclosures
 All soldiers (esp. those deployed) and their families

Nation and World

Crisis of refugees and migrants
 Extremists' intolerance and violence
 Persecuted Christians
 The global economy
 All unrest in God's world
 Local, state national and world leaders
 Peacemaker groups
 Government dysfunction

Leaps of faith

My coming to faith did not start with a leap but rather a series of staggers from what seemed like one safe place to another. Like lily pads, round and green, these places summoned and then held me up while I grew. Each prepared me for the next leaf on which I would land, and in this way I moved across the swamp of doubt and fear ... to the verdant pad of faith on which I somehow stay afloat today.



—Anne Lamott, *Traveling Mercies*

B I B L E

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

When in sorrow.....	John 14
When men fall you.....	Psalms 27
When you have sinned.....	Psalms 51
When you have worry.....	Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....	Psalms 91
When God seems far away.....	Psalms 139
When your faith needs stirring.....	Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....	Psalms 23
When you grow bitter and critical.....	1 Cor 13
When you feel down and out.....	Romans 8:31-39
When you want peace and rest.....	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God.....	Psalms 90
When you want Christian assurance.....	Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel.....	Psalms 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....	Psalms 67
When you want courage for a task.....	Joshua 1
When you think of investments/returns.....	Mark 10
How to get along with fellowmen.....	Romans 12
For great invention/opportunity.....	Isaiah 55
For Paul's secret to happiness.....	Col. 3:12-17
If you want to be fruitful.....	John 15
If your pocketbook is empty.....	Psalms 37
If your losing confidence in people.....	1 Cor 13
If people seem unkind.....	John 15
If discouraged about your work.....	Psalms 126
If you find the world growing small, and you great.....	Psalms 19

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DIRECT PETITIONS HEAVENWARD

Food donations

Thank you to all who contribute donations of Food for the Food Pantry, held at the Baptist Church. We know, due to the economy, that there is an increase in requests. Some who have donated in the past find themselves in need of help. Please continue to give as you are able. Thank you for participating in this ministry of care. First Sunday of each month.



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FEBUARY

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper
LRC Worship 9:00 A.M.
SRC Sunday School for all ages 9:30 A.M.
SRC Worship 11:00 a.m.
SRC Consistory 5:00 P.M.
LRC Consistory 5:15 P.M.
March Reformer Deadline

The greatest love of all

On Valentine's Day, we remember that God is the source of all love in the world. His perfect love for us has made all human love possible.

For God so loVed the world
thAt He gave His
onLy
begottEn
SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN Him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.
(John 3:16, NKJV)

Love notes

When it comes to relationships, kid quotes are priceless:

- "I love you so much that even God is amazed!"
- "Dear Mom, I love when you spend time with you." (A mom can only dream!)
- "I'm sorry that I've been chasing you outside. If you start to like me, I will not chase you."
- Responding to a note that asked, "Do you like me?" a child wrote, "I don't know. I don't know myself yet. Plus I'm under a lot of stress at home so, I can't tell. P.S. You don't know yourself until you're 18."



- FEBRUARY**
- 3 Rena Copper
 - 3 Gina Proctor
 - 4 Betty Cullen
 - 7 Harold Hall
 - 23 Heather Stidle



- FEBRUARY**
- 14 Jeff & Adriene Cullen



Knowing God

God cares about how we live. And a relationship with God naturally will flow out in daily attitudes and actions. So if you look good, you are good, right? Well, maybe not. Knowing God can lead to a positive lifestyle, but the reverse isn't true. Our outward actions alone don't prove that we enjoy an inward relationship with God. Just because we do good doesn't mean we know the One who is good.

—Craig Groeschel, *The Christian Athiest: Believing in God But Living As If He Doesn't Exist*



**GOD
WATCHES OVER
ME,
OVER MY
HOUSE,
OVER ALL MY
LOVED ONES,
IN
HIS PEACE
I HAVE
PEACE**

An Ash Wednesday prayer

Dear righteous Lord, we enter the holy season of Lent confessing our many sins that separate us from you. We're sincerely sorry for offending you repeatedly through our thoughts, our words and our actions — and often through our inactions, too.

Forgive us, Lord, and show us your tender mercy. Restore and strengthen us to become your faithful and faith-filled servants. During our Lenten journey, remind us to show mercy to other people, just as you've shown mercy to us. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIS IS BEAUTIFUL.... TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS..

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents,
and we believe they will always travel on our side.

However, at some station
our parents will step down from the train,
leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by,
other people will board the train;
and they will be significant
i.e. our siblings, friends, children,
and even the love of your life.

Many will step down
and leave a permanent vacuum.

Others will go so unnoticed
that we don't realize
they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy,
sorrow, fantasy, expectations,
hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship
with all passengers
requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is:
We do not know at which station
we ourselves will step down.

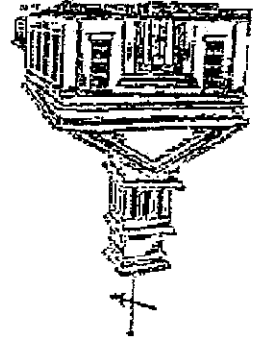
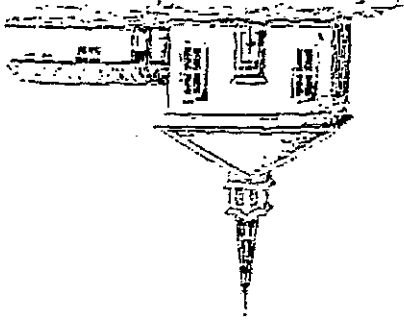
So, we must live in the best way,
love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do
this because when the time comes for us to step down
and leave our seat empty
we should leave behind beautiful memories
for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life.
Reap success and give lots of love.
More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you
for being one of the passengers on my train.

(By the way, I am not planning to get off the train anytime soon
but if I do, just remember I am glad you were part of my journey.)



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Our Servant-King

Jesus began his ministry by being hungry,
yet he is the Bread of Life.

Jesus ended his earthly ministry by being thirsty,
yet he is the Living Water.

Jesus was weary,
yet he is our rest.

Jesus paid tribute,
yet he is the King.

Jesus was accused of having a demon,
yet he cast out demons.

Jesus wept,
yet he wipes away our tears.

Jesus was sold for 30 pieces of silver,
yet he redeemed the world.

Jesus was brought as a lamb to the slaughter,
yet he is the Good Shepherd.

Jesus died,
yet by his death he destroyed the power of death.
—Gregory of Nazianzus (4th-century church father)