

# The Reformer

Lawyersville and Sharon Reformed Churches 173

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.

June 2016

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**LRC - Church Service**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Sunday School  
following worship**

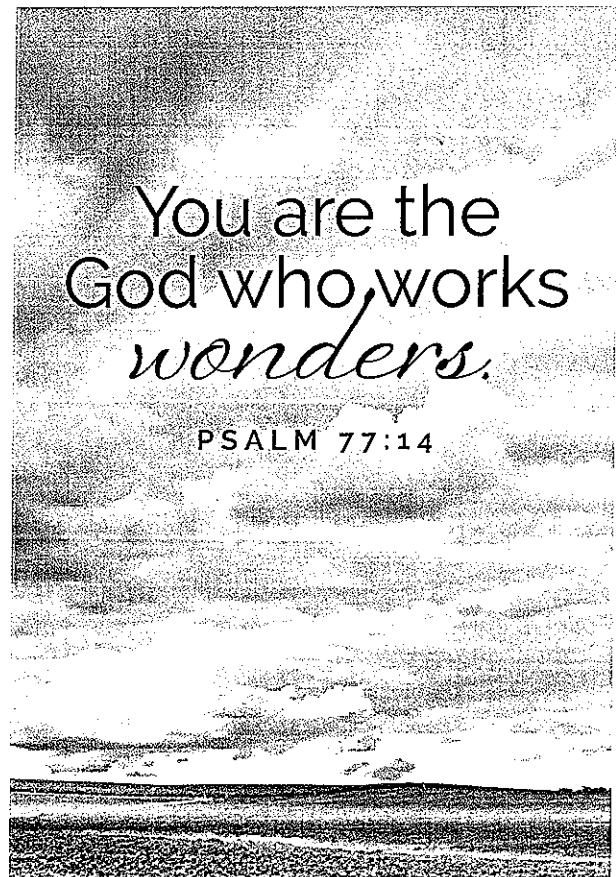
**SRC - Church Service**

**11:00 A.M.**

**Sunday School**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Rev. Paul Ferenczy**



**Coffee hour after services**

## Interim Pastor's Page

So what's wrong with this picture? A macho man is standing by the kitchen sink dressed in an apron, his arms up to his elbows immersed in soapy dishwater as he vigorously scrubs the caked on food from a sauce pan. He is alone in the kitchen. His wife sits in the living room **with her feet up and** reading the latest issue of her favorite magazine. So what's wrong with this picture?

What's wrong is that it doesn't fit the stereotype. There is something abnormal about the whole scene. It looks like some roles got reversed along the line and what should be feminine is masculine and what should be masculine has become feminine.

Now don't get me wrong. There's nothing wrong with a man doing the dishes or helping out around the kitchen, although some men wouldn't be caught dead doing it. The point is many men have some preconceived notions about what is masculine and what is not. Aprons are good for a once in a blue moon situation but they should certainly not be the dress of the day. Certain circumstances and work situations are always associated with the feminine side of life and others with the masculine side.

Unfortunately, it is this kind of perception that confuses men when we consider spirituality. Not that these things are unimportant to men, but rarely do men speak about their own tenderness, gentleness, affection, kindness and love. These belong in the feminine domain and to tell a man that he should be any of those things, is like asking him to don that apron and do the dishes every day. Yet, part of one's spiritual maturity, be that male or female, is to learn how to be more gentle, kinder, more tender and loving.

For a man to grow in spirit does not mean that he must get in touch with his feminine side. There would be something wrong in that picture. Growing in spirit means to become all that God intended you to be - to be whole and complete with qualities of strength and gentleness, determination and kindness, wisdom and love, dependability and tenderness. There's nothing wrong with that picture of such a man.

If we look at the personality of Jesus we find that he was strong and kindhearted, resolute and compassionate, wise and loving, trustworthy and tender. Now there was a man – a perfect example of what a man should be like.

## WHEN TO CALL THE PASTOR

Never quite sure about when you should call the pastor?

Below is a list of occasions when the pastor might be helpful.

When there is a serious illness

Before hospitalization or surgery

When a new baby has arrived

When death has occurred

When you are anxious about someone else

When a young person is about to leave home

When there are domestic troubles

When you face a difficult decision

When you are bothered about your Christian faith

When you are thinking about getting married

When you want to make your life count for more

Other.....

In doubt as to whether or not to call?.....please CALL If you do not call, we do not know. Pastor 827-7884

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### **The gift of yourself**

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If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.

—Fred Rogers

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### **What can I do?**

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Pastor and hymn writer Phillips Brooks penned these words in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but they're just as relevant for Jesus' followers today:

"[People] are questioning now, as they never have questioned before, whether Christianity is indeed the true religion ... Can [Christianity] meet all these human problems, and relieve all these human miseries and fulfill all these human hopes?"

"It is for us, in whom the Christian church is at this moment partially embodied, to declare that Christianity ... can do for the world [that] which the world needs.

"You ask, 'What can I do?'"

"You can furnish one Christian life — so faithful to every duty, so ready for every service, so determined not to commit every sin — that the Christian church shall be stronger for your living in it; and the problem of the world be answered; and a certain peace come into this poor, perplexed phase of our humanity as it sees that new revelation of what Christianity is."

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### **"Reflecting His Love"**

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My prayer to God is that you see  
his presence when you look at me.  
His steadfast love has set me free,  
and his reflection I can be  
when God is shining bright in me.

—MaryAnn Sundby

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### **God's plan**

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God has a plan for every life in Christ Jesus. What a wondrous truth ... and yet how reasonable. Shall the architect draw the plans for his stately palace? Shall the artist sketch the outlines of his masterpiece? Shall the ship-builder lay down the lines for his colossal ship? And yet shall God have no plan for the soul which he brings into being and puts "in Christ Jesus"? Surely he has.

Yea, for every cloud that floats across the summer sky, for every blade of grass that points its tiny spear heavenward, God has a purpose and a plan. How much more then, for you who are his own in Christ Jesus, does God have a perfect life plan.



Prayer Requests

Church

Jean Wormuth/stroke/ Cobleskill hospital  
 Muriel Homes/St. Johnsville Nursing Home  
 Steve DiCicco/hip pain/pending surgery  
 Jo King/improving  
 Jan Liberti/chemo treatments

Family/Loved Ones

Margaret Springstead/cancer on face

Those homebound/in nursing homes:

Helen Holmes (LRC)  
 153 Hansen Rd.  
 Cherry Valley, NY 13320

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

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

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

**“Thank you so much to every one for their prayers, cards, flowers, visits and concern during my recent hospitalization at St. Mary’s. Again—many, many thanks and God bless everyone.”**

**Josephine King**

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 grandchildren  
 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 insecurity  
 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

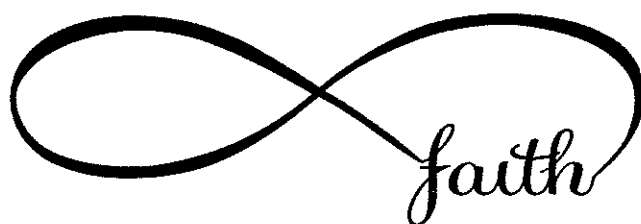
Crisis of refugees and migrants  
 Extremists’ intolerance and violence  
 Persecuted Christians  
 The global economy  
 All unrest in God’s world  
 Local, state national and world leaders  
 Peacemaker groups  
 Government dysfunction

**Please let me know of any updates or additions so we can direct our prayers to them.**



# Share Our Joy

A Musical Presentation of



Sunday ~ June 12, 2016 ~ 4:00 pm

Lawyersville Reformed Church

**Directed by: Meta Watts**

FREE WILL DONATION



**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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**Deadline: June 22nd** Thanks to all for your information and contributions.

**MEMO BOARD**

June

5,12,19,26

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LRC Worship 9:00 A.M.  
SRC Sunday School for all ages 9:30 A.M.  
SRC Worship 11:00 A.M.

Coffee hour is now offered after each service  
"SHARE OUR JOY" concert @ LRC @ 4:p.m.

With our choir performing and others

All donations will go to the fundraising project.

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SRC/RCWM @ 6:30 P.M.

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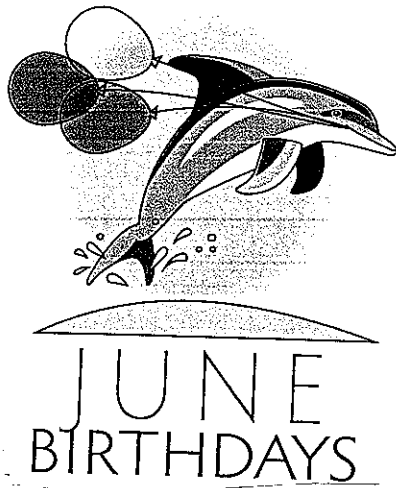
SRC Consistory meeting: Elders/Deacons @ 5 P.M.

Total consistory @ 5:30 P.M.

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LRC Consistory @ 5:15 P.M.

The consistory has received notice that the food pantry at the Baptist church is very low and is in need of donations of food. They now have some who used to give to the pantry and now are in need of it themselves. Please remember to bring canned goods the first Sunday of each month. Remember the poor. Thank you for your blessings.



- June**
- 11 Kathy Parsons
  - 16 June Slater
  - 18 Linda DiCicco
  - 19 Ava Maknowski
  - 22 Barbara Hall
  - 24 Jill Cullen
  - 27 Meghan Keaney
  - 29 Talan Smith

- June**
- 1 George & Lola Fletcher
  - 10 Verne & Kathy Venette
  - 24 Jeff & Janice Van Van
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**REMEMBER**

**THE**

**POOR!**



# Kid's Page

## In my FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

### What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

### What you do:

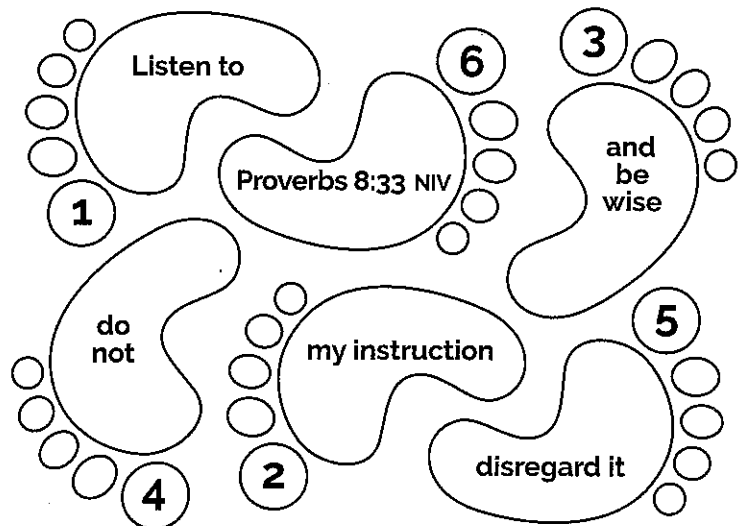
1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



## FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.


*Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.*



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Answer: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it." Proverbs 8:33, NIV



*Lawyersville Reformed Church*   
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May 29, 2016

Dear Church Members, Friends, and Family,

The Lawyersville Reformed Church has served our community for many years, next year we will begin the process of seeking a new minister who will join us in that mission.

Members of Consistory have reviewed the status of the parsonage, and to date have found that there are major repairs required before a minister can be called to serve our congregation.

These repairs cannot be accomplished solely by our present budget funding. We have cashed in a CD for use of this project but believe fundraising will certainly help in our cause.

A fundraising committee has been formed to take ideas from you. For more information please see Lisa after church during the coffee hour.

On June 12, 2016, we will have a "SHARE OUR JOY" concert with our choir performing. All donations will go to the fundraising project.

There will be a list of things that we can do ourselves, such as painting, spackling, outside work, etc. However, we will also require the talents of electricians, plumbers, and carpenters.

Initial financial analysis indicated that approximately \$25,000 will be needed, which \$8,000 has already been spent.

We need your financial support and your talents to accomplish this project.

In Kind Regards,

The LRC Consistory