

† ASH WEDNESDAY †

February 17, 2010

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The order of worship is printed out in the bulletin and the hymnal, “Lutheran Service Book,” is located in the pew racks in front of you.

We extend a special word of welcome to first-time visitors and invite you to take a welcome kit located by the Jesus Fountain in the church entrance. Our regular worship services are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.

*To register member and visitor attendance, provide updates or other information, or to submit comments/requests to the pastors or church office, please use the **Welcome Card with Sign-Up/Information Sheet** in the bulletin. Church offerings, welcome cards and any other information will be collected during the offering time or may be left in the wicker basket by the Jesus Fountain after the service.*

Lenten midweek services continue each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. from February 24 through March 24. The theme for this Lenten season is “The Body of Christ,” with devotional services that look at Jesus’ ministry through the physical and metaphorical image of His body. A time of fellowship will follow each service in the Friendship Room. Please join us in worship.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

- *The congregation of Village Lutheran Church welcomes to Holy Communion those baptized Christians who: †Know Jesus Christ as their Savior (John 20:31); †Recognize that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:29); †Are able to examine themselves and repent of their sins (1 Cor. 11:28); and †Look to God’s Holy Spirit for help in living the Christian life (Col. 1:10). Persons not receiving Communion may come forward to receive a blessing.*
- *Non-Alcoholic Fruit of the Vine: Persons who are sensitive to alcohol are welcome to receive the blood of Christ in the sacrament using non-alcoholic grape juice. The juice is located in the center circle of each individual tray and is lighter in color. Wine is always available with the Common Cup or Individual Cups.*
- *Gluten-free consecrated hosts (the bread of Holy Communion) are available for all those with allergies or intolerance to gluten. Simply say “Gluten-Free” to the minister or bring your bulletin forward and point to the Gluten-Free symbol prior to receiving the bread.*
- *Communion may be brought to those with limited mobility. Please alert a Pastor or usher if you wish to commune in this way.*



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP at 7:30 p.m.
Service of Holy Communion with Ashes

BRASS PRELUDE

Agnus Dei

- Thomas Morley

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)
Jesus Sinners Doth Receive (v. 1-5)

LSB **Hymn #609**

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 John 1:8-9*)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

♪ **KYRIE** (*Mark 10:47*)

(LSB Page 168)

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us by our baptism to provide for those who are poor, to pray for those in need, and to fast from self-indulgence, that we may find our treasure in the life of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:10

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

O Lord, Hear Me

- Hal H. Hopson

O Lord, hear me, heed my supplication. Come in love to heal my broken spirit.

Look in mercy, see my anguish, heed my supplication...heal my broken spirit.

Show me the way, and guide my footsteps.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear me.

VERSE (Congregation rising)

P: Return to the Lord, Your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.** (Joel 2:13)

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB **Hymn #761**

SERMON

“Advertised Goodness”

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

OFFERING/HANDBELL VOLUNTARY

Psalm 27

- Judy Hunnicutt

♪ OFFERTORY (*Congregation rising*)

(LW Hymn #956)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

†HOLY COMMUNION†

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness and salvation that come to us in His life-giving body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Matt. 6:9-13)**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

LSB Hymn #570

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB Hymn #426

CLOSING PRAYER

A: O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Bless us this Lententide so that in the power of the Holy Spirit we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB Hymn #434

DISMISSAL

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

We depart in quietness and meditation.

*Worshippers may receive the sign of ashes from the pastors
on either the forehead or the hand.*

VLC NEWS AND NOTES

PRAYER LINE: Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Dawn Galloway, Lyn Hartwell, Scott James, David Just, Robert Kubic, Gene Lunog, Janet Lunog, Alexis Matos, Luz Maria Nieves, Sylvia Puig, John Rapillo, Julio Sanchez. Also keep our shut-in/homebound members & friends in your prayers.

Names are listed for 3 weeks.

PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK: HIPAA legislation prohibits hospitals from sharing names of those receiving care, even to clergy. If you are hospitalized or learn of a fellow VLC member who is hospitalized, please call the church office at 914-337-0207 x 1003, so a visit can be made.

BEREAVEMENT PRAYER LINE: We include in our prayers all those in our community that have recently lost a loved one, especially: The family of Laura Gregory, who passed away on February 12, 2010. The family of John Stull, uncle of Wendy Haddad, who passed away on February 9, 2010. The family of Karissa Kumpan, friend & neighbor of many in the Eastchester Community, who passed away in a tragic car accident on February 6, 2010. The family of Michael DeVito, who passed away on February 4, 2010. The family of Heather Mayhew, who passed away of February 2, 2010. Please share the information on the tear-off sheet in the bulletin or call the church office 337-0207 x1003.

Let us continue to pray for the soldiers, Marines, airmen, sailors and special forces who put their lives in harm's way, especially Joshua Alvarado AFSOS, Maj. Daniel Cahill, Sgt. Marco Cerbone, Chris Finocchio, Andrew Flink AFSOS, Bill Kavanagh, Chris Lena, Nick Lion, Olivia Lion, Ben Millarch, Dan Miller, Gregory Olsen, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith, Aaron Tiso.

CHURCH NEWS

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** will not rehearse on Thursday, Feb. 18, but will sing at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21; **Youth Choir** is on break this week and will rehearse again on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7:00 p.m.; **High School Choir** will resume rehearsals in March; **Village Brass** will rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.; **Village Bells** will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24, before the Lenten service.

Congratulations to Deacon Interns Betty Roberts and Faith Forliano who passed their Commissioning Interview and will soon be commissioned as Atlantic District Deacons at Village Lutheran Church; and to **Joan Condon and Morris Mayer** who passed their Pre-Internship and are now officially Deacon Interns at Village Lutheran Church. May God bless our growing deaconate.

New Member Weekend! We will be welcoming new members to Village Lutheran Church on the weekend of **March 6-7** at all services (Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.). If you would like to be welcomed as a member that day, contact Pastor Hartwell (pastorh@vlc-ny.org) or Pastor Taylor (dtaylor@vlc-ny.org) before Tuesday, March 2. You may also call the church at 914-337-0207.

Women's Bible Study/LWML - February 20 at 8:30 a.m. Please read **Chapter 6** of *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: The Night Has Eyes, Leah the Unseen*. If you have never joined us, or haven't joined us recently, we'd love to see you (no need to read previous chapters, you may pick up right at Chapter 6). Also, you may bring along your mission kits for Lutheran World Relief and mite boxes. If you are able, please bring a breakfast item to share. Questions? Call Julie Taylor, 793-9075.

Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be having a gathering on **Saturday, February 20, 2010, from 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon** in the library. Bring your shawl in progress and spend time with others as we stitch. Or bring materials and be taught how to knit or crochet. Materials needed: 3 skeins (6 oz ea) of yarn (Lion Brand, Homespun suggested), and either size 11 or 13 knitting needle, or size M crochet needle. We'd love to have you join us!

Wednesday morning Bible Study will reconvene (weather permitting!) on **Feb. 24** at 10:45 a.m. to discuss Isaiah chapter 43. Volunteers are also needed that day to stay afterwards and assist with getting out the monthly newsletter.

Midweek Lenten Services continue each **Wednesday at 7:30 pm from Feb. 24 through March 24**. Our theme will be "The Body of Christ," with devotional services that look at Jesus' ministry through the physical and metaphorical image of His body. **If you would be willing to provide special music or to host a light reception** for one of these services, please fill out the sign-up form or contact Minister of Music Deb Reiss at 914-337-0207, x1018 or DREISS@VLC-NY.ORG.

First Communicant Classes will be held for **students in 5th grade and above** during Lent. **CLASS TIMES: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning February 24**. The LOCK-IN will be held Friday, March 19 from 6-10 p.m. and the 1st Communion Service will be Sunday, March 21 at 10:45 a.m. All VLC members, visitors and Chapel School students in the 5th grade & above who have not had their 1st Holy Communion are welcome!

PRAYER SERVICES are held regularly on the last Saturday of the month. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. (following the regular Saturday service), these brief moments for meditation & prayer offer personal prayers at the altar and the ancient tradition of anointing with oil. **The next service is Sat., February 27, at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for monthly worship at Sprain Brook Manor Rehabilitation in Scarsdale. Services are normally held at 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Future services: **March 9, April 13, May 11**.

The Village Lutheran Church will host the **Good News Christian Coffee House on Saturday, March 13, 2010** featuring Tina Wills and an Easter multimedia concert with Christian mime! The Coffee House opens at 7 p.m. with gourmet coffee and pastries, and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5/Adult, Seniors, Students. Children \$2 (ages 5-12). A love offering will be taken to offset expenses.

GATHERING OF FRIENDS X - Save the date & get involved! Friday, March 12, 2010. Gala Dinner and Auction benefitting Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School. For more information or to get involved, please contact: Ellen Bryceland, Event Chair at 914-439-2911 / e-mail eobb46@gmail.com or Jeanette Van Duyne, Development Assistant at 914-337-0207 x 1040 / e-mail jvandyne@vlc-ny.org.

Spring Alpha returns in April! Come join us on **Wednesday, April 7**: Celebration, Cocktails and Dinner. We will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room from **6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** What is it? An opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian Faith. Low Key, Friendly, Fun! Bring a Friend!

LWML News! With your generous support and mite box donations we have completed Mission Grant #13 (He Lives). We are now working on Mission Grant #14 (Cross Cultural Youth Expansion). We have 4 more grants to go before March 31, 2010 to complete all projects for this year. Please join us in the endeavor. Coins and bills are graciously accepted and all funds stay predominately in the U.S.A. where God's Word is spread and provisions are made for the needy.

The women of VLC have started a PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. A Prayer Shawl is knitted or crocheted and given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a crisis. When the prayer shawl is completed, it will be turned in to the church office, blessed with special prayer and delivered by the Pastors or Deacons to someone in need. To assist in this endeavor, please contact Shawl Coordinator, Erika Doherty, at 914-337-1080. For more information, see the pamphlets in the Tract Rack, in the Narthex of the church.

Did you know? Pastor Hartwell is teaching at Concordia College this semester in the Education Department as an Adjunct Professor. EDU 343 Home, School, Church and Community Relations is a course that helps teacher candidates understand the unique relationships teachers have with parents, administrators, communities and churches and to begin thinking about building bridges with these important constituency groups as they educate children. A Professional Development School relationship (PDS), called “Concord of Excellence,” between Concordia College and The Chapel School seeks to empower both institutions via shared resources and sharing of knowledge and expertise. Please pray for our PDS relationships as Concordia and The Chapel School seek “to know, live and share the love of Christ,” especially to children and families.

SENIOR NEWS

Upcoming Seniors’ Luncheons - Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch begins at 12 noon. All VLC Seniors, Loehman Village Residents and community members welcome!

March 9 - Rich O’Donnell, Appraiser for Eastchester shares tax issues for seniors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Special children’s bulletins called “Kids Celebrate” are available each week to reinforce the Bible lessons read in church, using puzzles, questions and other activities. Use them in church or at home!

From *Life’s Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, [www. barbourbooks.com](http://www.barbourbooks.com)). This week, remind that special child in your life: **Even when you feel lonely, God is with you.**

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

God’s standards are higher for His people, because He expects not only upright behavior but also proper motives and attitudes. God is not looking for us to do the proper things because others will be pleased, but because we want to please Him. Paul spoke to the Thessalonians saying, “*We are not trying to please men but God, Who tests our hearts*” (1 Thessalonians 2:4). As redeemed people, we strive to do His will, because God deserves nothing less from us.

The Simply Giving Program - Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Village Lutheran Church relies upon your regular contributions. Village Lutheran Church deeply appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year. To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions: This program is offered by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Contact Jeanette Van Duyne (914) 337-0207, x1040.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE - February 21 through March 21, 2010 - Bring in targeted items each week and leave them in the collection bins throughout the campus. Donations will be delivered to the hungry and homeless in our community:

Week of February 21: Beverages - 100% juice, shelf-stable milk (Parmalat, powdered), coffee, tea

The **Blessing Basket** collection will continue under the piano in the Friendship Room. Non-perishable items will be taken to ECAP.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF - Thank you to the families of The Chapel School and Village Lutheran Church for your support and involvement with relief for Haiti by donating completed health kits, supplies for kits, boxes for shipping and funds to cover shipping costs. If you would like to keep up with Lutheran World Relief emergency updates, go to their website: www.lwr.org. There is no deadline for the health kits, so you can continue to bring in items and drop them off by the reception area. **Please donate only what is specifically requested. For a complete description of the items and kit assembly, please see the flyer on the tract rack.**

PARISH HEALTH NEWS

Health check on Sunday, February 21 - Senior nursing students from the College of Mt. Saint Vincent, will be at Coffee Hour with their instructor, Nancy Manister. They will be taking blood pressure and offering health tips. Please stop by after the 9:00 a.m. service or before the 10:45 a.m. service to check your blood pressure.

Yoga is held on **Mondays at 7 p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Rm. Cost \$10. If you need more information call Faith Forliano 725-8035. No pre-registration required.

St. Monica's Circle: St. Monica (b.333, d.387), the mother of St. Augustine, is a patron saint of mothers. A caring initiative for families growing through childbirth and adoption, St. Monica's Circle will provide 5 meals to benefit the growing family.

If you are expecting a child through pregnancy or adoption, please notify the church office at 337-0207 when your child is expected to come home, so that we may coordinate volunteers.

AED: Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School have three **Automated External Defibrillators** (AED) located on each level of our campus: by the lunchroom, outside the gym and outside the sanctuary (in the closet marked AED) in the Friendship Room. These life saving devices are easy to use in the event that someone on our campus experiences distress and their heart stops beating.

Lutheran Counseling Center provides caring, Christian professional counseling right on our campus. Under LCC's Membership Assistance Program (MAP), VLC members & friends can access these services at the rate of only \$25 per session (for up to 4 sessions). Major health care insurance companies reimburse for LCC services and LCC uses a sliding scale. Call Pastor Hartwell at 337-0207 (1022).

CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

Lutheran Schools Week will begin on **Sunday, February 28**, and continue through **Friday, March 5**. We will celebrate Lutheran Schools Sunday on Feb. 28, including our school faculty and staff, the Chapel School Award and music by the Chapel School Select Choir. Under the theme "Covered with Kindness," students will participate in many special activities during the week. God bless our Chapel School!

YOUTH NEWS

Voyagers (3rd-6th) - Meetings are held in the Multi-Purpose Room 6 - 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The next meeting will be held on **Feb. 25, 2010**. Questions, call Erika (914)395-1954 or e-mail tyandbash@aol.com.

Lifers (7th-8th) - Meet on Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. for Confirmation. Please visit our VLC website under the youth section for more information or contact Pastor Taylor at (914)337-0207 (1021) or e-mail to Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org.

Crusaders (9th-12th) - Pray for the chaperones and youth signed up for the Crusader H.S. Youth Gathering Trip this summer (July 17-21, 2010) to New Orleans. Mrs. Warnken, Pastor Hartwell, Rachel, Josh, Tom, Hannah, Ian, Alex, Max and Rachel. **There is still time to sign up for the Youth Gathering.** Youth who are currently Freshman through Seniors in High School are welcome. Registration fee goes up after March 2, so contact Pastor Hartwell if you wish to go. Visit www.lcmmsgathering.com for more information or call Pastor Hartwell 914-337-0207 (1022) or PastorH@vlc-ny.org. **Upcoming Crusader Youth Activities: St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef &**

Cabbage Supper Fundraiser, Wednesday, March 17 from 5 - 7 p.m., **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children, Saturday, March 27 at 11 a.m. * **Note: new date!*** (Lifers and Crusaders arrive at 9:30 a.m. to set-up), **Tag Sale** (Collection/set up days: April 29-30). Saturday, May 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For questions/concerns about our Crusader Youth, please contact Pastor Taylor at (914)337-0207 (1021) or e-mail Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lenten Prayer Breakfast - "Fellowship and Prayer for Local Church Leadership" **Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.** Guest Speaker: The Rev. Sarah Fogg, Director of Pastoral Care, St. John's Riverside Hospital. Topic: "Living for Jesus without Losing Your Peace" Long Term Effective Service for Christ. Bryn Mawr Park Presbyterian Church, 20 Buckingham Road, Yonkers, NY. RSVP helpful but not necessary (914) 963-0400.

Piano Concert - Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. featuring Raj Bhimani performing works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Maurice Revel, Thérèse Brenet and Frédéric Chopin (celebrating his 200th birthday). West Center Congregational Church - United Church of Christ, 101 Pondfield Road West at Chatfield Road, Bronxville, NY 10708. (914) 337-3829. www.westcentercc-ucc.org. \$10 suggested donation.

Winter Bereavement Support Group Offerings - Senior Loss of Spouse on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester, 311 North Street, Suite 204, White Plains, NY. Pre-registration is required! Contact: Janice Sauer, Bereavement Coordinator (914) 682-1484 x130.

Village Lutheran Church members and the Chapel School families are invited to BE TRANSFORMED, at the 2010 Festival of Workshops hosted by The Atlantic District on Saturday, March 6, at Concordia College, Bronxville. A complete list of workshops and registration information is available on the home page of the District's website, www.ad-lcms.org. Several workshops will be offered twice during the day to give people the opportunity to attend a variety of programs that interest them. Registration is \$25 per person if received by February 19th; the fee is \$30 per person thereafter. Morning hospitality and lunch are included. Please contact Carol Mittelstaedt - carolmittel@aol.com /914-337-5700 x 6.

LUTHERANS LOVE TO LAUGH! Join many fellow Christians for a delightful evening with the noted humorist Garrison Keillor on **Tuesday, March 9** - a 7:00 p.m. show at C.W. Post College in Nassau County - as a benefit honoring Martin Luther HS (Queen's) 50th Anniversary! Our local Thrivent Chapter is paying for a chartered bus for the first 47 guests to register. The bus leaves Concordia College at 5:00 p.m. Order your show tickets at 1-800-745-3000 and THEN contact Thrivent Chapter leader Kevin Cook at home or e-mail Kevincook@optonline.net. Free transportation for a terrific show in honor of our superior Lutheran high school! Join us!

The Senior Center at Lake Isle is planning a 3-day trip to Washington, D.C., March 28-30, 2010, featuring a special exhibit from China called "Terra Cotta Warriors." Cost for 3 days and 4 meals is \$445/person double occupancy, \$568/single occupancy or \$416/triple occupancy. For a detailed itinerary and further information, contact Norah Rossi Monday thru Friday, 9am-3pm, at 337-0390.

The Baltimore Lutheran H.S. Choir will be touring New York from **April 16-18, 2010**, and will be in need of some housing for the evenings of April 16 and 17. Please contact Randy Gast at Concordia College if you are able to help. Randy can be reached at 914-337-9300 x. 2106 or e-mail randal.gast@concordia-ny.edu.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

Assisting Ministers: Deacon Intern Joan Condon
Organist: Deborah Reiss
Lectors: Sharon Peterson
Comm. Asst: Sharon Peterson
Ushers: John Divi, Sylvia Essington
George Pietarinen, Georgine Read
Altar Guild: Deacon Intern Joan Condon
Deacon Ann Terenzio
Altar Flowers: Kim Rapillo
Sexton: Alex Hartwell

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

SAT., Feb. 20, 2010 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
SUN., Feb. 21, 2010 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion

SERMON: “Beautiful Feet”
Dr. Robert Hartwell, preaching

LESSONS: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$7,143

Amount received to date: \$217,238

Amount needed to date: \$218,955

\$6,635 average weekly need to meet our 09-10 commitment

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near – ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.... ¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:10

⁵²⁰We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. **6** ¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech,

and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

¹[Jesus taught them, saying:] “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.... ¹⁶And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**