

# † THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER †

## Youth Sunday Weekend

April 18, 2010

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *The order of worship for each of our three weekend services is indicated in the bulletin and the hymnal, “Lutheran Service Book” (LSB), 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.*
- *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.*

### 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.*



### TO KNOW LIVE AND SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

- *Under the blessing of God, the mission of Village Lutheran Church is a ministry of the Word and Sacraments. This ministry gives opportunities for mission, witness, nurture, fellowship, stewardship, and service. It focuses on the specific needs of individuals and groups within the congregation and extends to the church-at-large, the community, and the world.*
- *The Chapel School is an integral part of the congregation’s ministry directed specifically to children. It provides a distinctive Christian education enabling children to evidence a Christian lifestyle and to achieve academic success.*

**TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY**

**SATURDAY - 5:30 p.m.**  
Service of Holy Communion

**PRELUDE**

Praeludium in F Major

- Dietrich Buxtehude

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Sing to the Lord, you saints of His; praise His holy name.

C: **For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime.**

P: Weeping may remain for a night,

C: **but rejoicing comes in the morning.** (*Psalm 30:4, 5*)

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

C: **Almighty God, we confess to You that we are sinful by nature. We have sinned against You by our selfish thoughts, our hurtful words, and our unloving actions. We have not cared for others as You would have us do. Forgive us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: For the sake of Jesus, the Lamb of God who was slain for us, we have been set free from sin. 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.**

**OPENING HYMN**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB Hymn #477

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud Your majesty and might. By the resurrection of Your Son, show Yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Acts 9:1-6

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

Revelation 5:11-14

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## GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21<sup>st</sup> 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

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

LSB **Hymn #474**

## YOUTH MESSAGE

Kassie Maxeiner

## 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Let the Vineyards

- David Cherwien

### OFFERTORY

(LSB Hymn #469, v. 1, 4)

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!” Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.

Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting!  
Once He died our souls to save; where thy victory, O grave?

## †HOLY COMMUNION†

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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)**

### **AGNUS DEI and SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

**C: Have mercy on us.**

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**C: Grant us Your peace.**

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

A: O God, Your Son makes Himself known to all His disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Him in His redeeming work and follow in the way that He has taught us; 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**

Christ Be My Leader

LSB Hymn #861

**SILENT MEDITATION** (*Congregation seated*)

**POSTLUDE**

Choral Song

- Samuel S. Wesley

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**C: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud Your majesty and might. By the resurrection of Your Son, show Yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM**

Feed My Lambs

- Natalie Sleeth

**READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**

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**HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR ANTHEM**

Christ is With Me

- Gerald Coleman

**ALLELUIA VERSE** (Congregation rising)

P: Alleluia. Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. (*Romans 6:9*)

**C: To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Alleluia. (*Rev 5:13*)**

**GOSPEL**

John 21:1-19

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

*(The Gospel is read)*

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE and PRESENTATION OF "GOD AND ME" AWARD**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

LSB Hymn #474

**YOUTH MESSAGE**

Kassie Maxeiner

**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

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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY** Menuet from *L'Arlesienne* - Georges Bizet  
*Casey McGinnis, flute*

**OFFERTORY** (*Congregation rising*) (AGPS Hymn #236 v. 1)

There is a name I love to hear; I love to sing its worth.

It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Oh, how I love Jesus; oh, how I love Jesus; oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!

## **CLOSING COLLECT**

**P:** Heavenly Father, bless, guide and govern the children and young people of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Grant that they may serve You well and usefully, developing their talents for the glory of God and the well-being of their community. Protect and defend them from all danger and harm, giving Your holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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*)

## **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** Christ Be My Leader **LSB Hymn #861**

**SILENT MEDITATION** (*Congregation seated*)

**POSTLUDE** Maestoso - Robert  
Hughes

**SUNDAY - 10:45 a.m.**  
Service of Holy Communion

**PRELUDE**

Menuet from *L'Arlesienne*  
*Casey McGinnis, flute*

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**ENTRANCE HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)

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C: **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** (*sung to the hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns"*)

Worthy is Christ our Lord, the Lamb for sinners slain,

Whose blood has set His people free, who over all things reigns.

To Him be glory now, to Him be pow'r and might,

To Him be wisdom, honor, strength; the Victor in the fight.

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Joyful, Joyful

- Laura Bergquist

OFFERTORY

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and



# VLC NEWS AND NOTES

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Caroline Schmeling's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday from Mommy, Daddy, Elizabeth & Abigail.

**ALTAR FLOWERS MAY BE GIVEN** in honor or memory of a loved one or a special occasion. The cost is \$35.00 per week and flowers may be taken home after the 10:45 a.m. service. Please sign up on the chart by the Jesus Fountain or contact the church office at 914-337-0207, ext. 1003.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM** after the 9:00 a.m. worship service for cake, coffee and fellowship. Thanks to the Divi Family for providing the refreshments.

**PRAYER LINE:** Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Bob Ficchi, Scott James, Nicholas Johnson, Mitchell Lunog, Louise Podszus, Linda Voelk. 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 Rita Smyth, aunt of Tricia McGinnis, who passed away on March 28, 2010. The family of Mary Hines, who passed away on March 28, 2010. The family of Genara Rodriguez, aunt of Nelly Palumbo, who passed away on March 27, 2010. 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, Michael Porter, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith, Aaron Tiso.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Katherine Maxeiner** is sharing the Youth Message. Kassie is a Senior at Bronxville High School and is a long time member of our congregation and was confirmed at the VLC by Pastor Hartwell. Please thank Kassie for her sharing of God's Word and thank all of the young men and women who serve in God's house today as readers, prayers, servers, ushers or musicians. We are a blessed congregation today and have a bright and exciting future through our active and faithful youth.

**GOD AND ME MEDAL:** Anthony Masella received the God and Me Medal at a ceremony in the 9 a.m. service. Anthony has studied about God and specifically his relationship to God in Christ and worked with his family and troop, and was mentored by Pastor Hartwell in this process. Please congratulate Anthony for his study of God's Word and this exciting scouting achievement. Girl and Boy Scouts interested in completing their religious awards should call the church office (914) 337-0207 (1022) to arrange mentoring with Pastor Hartwell or a Deacon. Completing religious medals is encouraged and a wonderful way to grow in faith through scouting.

**WE REJOICE ON THE OCCASION** of the baptism of Craig Volcovici. The baptism will take place at a special service on Saturday, April 17, 2010.

**Voters' Meeting next Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the MultiPurpose Room.**

**Wednesday morning Bible Study** will meet on **April 21** at 10:45 a.m. We will be studying the second "servant song" found in Isaiah chapter 49.

**VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, April 22, at 8:00 p.m. and will sing at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 25; **Youth Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, April 25, at 8:30 a.m.; **High School Choir** will be off next Sunday (April 25); **Village Brass** rehearses on Wednesdays, time TBD; **Village Bells** will rehearse on Wednesday, April 21, at 7:15 p.m.; **FaithWalk** will rehearse on Monday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m.

**ALPHA** continues on **Wednesday, April 21**, from **6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** with food, fellowship and discussion. What is it? An opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian Faith. Low Key, Friendly, Fun! Bring a Friend!

**A Memorial Service** will be held for long-time member Laura Gregory at Village Lutheran Church next **Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 11 a.m.**

**PRAYER SERVICES** are held regularly on the last Saturday of the month. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. (after 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., April 24, at 6:30 p.m.**

**On Saturday, May 8, 2010**, we will host an **Equipping to Share Workshop** sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries. This is a marvelous workshop to equip us to share the Christian faith with someone you already know. We will meet from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. A light breakfast, a delicious lunch and other treats will be provided. A \$10.00 free will offering is welcome. Please RSVP to the church office by May 3, 2010.

The next **Good News Christian Coffee House** will be held at VLC on **Saturday, May 8, 2010** with Servants of the Shepherd (featuring new music!). 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.

**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: **May 11, June 8.**

**Farewell Events for Pastor Deric Taylor & Family - May 15-16** . Please join us in honoring Pastor Taylor, Julie and Bradly for their service, love and commitment to this community:

- **Farewell Dinner and Roast on Saturday, May 15, 2010**, at Lake Isle Country Club (\$60 per person). Invitations were mailed out with an RSVP card. Make checks payable to: Village Lutheran Church. If you need another copy or further information, please contact Kim Rapillo in the church office (914-337-0207, x1003 or KGRAP@VLC-NY.ORG).
- **One special worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 16**, with Pastor Taylor preaching. Pastor Taylor has also graciously agreed to participate in the Rite of Confirmation at Village Lutheran Church on May 23.

Our Trustee Board and leadership will be working in the days to come to make sure that the many activities that Pastor Taylor coordinated are covered. We could never replace Pastor Taylor but will work diligently to make sure we are properly staffed in the interim and also for the future. Please express your appreciation to Pastor Taylor and Julie and Bradly as they follow God's leading.

**New Member Weekend!** We will be welcoming new members to Village Lutheran Church on the weekend of **May 22-23** 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](mailto:pastorh@vlc-ny.org)) before Tuesday, May 18. You may also call the church at 914-337-0207.

**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. 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.

**LWML News - Mission Completed!** To all you good people who helped fill the mite boxes - Thank you. New grants are being made. We will keep you posted as to what they will be. Please continue your support to the LWML & fill those boxes with your coins or bills. Every cent supports Christianity. How great is that!

**TABLE TALK** with Pastor Hartwell - All are invited to attend our informal worship service (Mass) with the Lord's Supper at 5:30 pm on **Saturday, June 5 and 12** and then stay for refreshments and an hour Bible Study called "Table Talk." Visitors and newcomers welcome. The basics of the Christian Faith and the Lutheran Tradition will be explored. Perfect for long-time members to discuss the basics, for seekers, and for prospective members to learn more about the Lutheran tradition. For information call 914-337-0207 or [www.vlc-ny.org](http://www.vlc-ny.org).

### **SENIOR NEWS**

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

**May 11** - Help us say good-bye to Pastor Taylor and thank him for his service to our community and learn about his call to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Fairlawn, NJ.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

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: **Handmade presents are the best kind to give - and to get.**

### **STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

As God's stewards, we are managers or caretakers of all that He entrusts to us. Because we are given a privileged position as stewards, we need to be responsible. The Apostle Paul wrote, "*Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful*" (1 Corinthians 4:2). Because all that we have belongs to God, we understand our need to manage wisely the blessings God gives us. To be faithful with our lives and blessings implies that we use all that we are and have to fulfill God's purposes.

**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**

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

**NEEDED: A GENTLY USED LAPTOP COMPUTER** - Invest in the education of a teenager in Malawi! I am currently looking for a gently used laptop computer (less than 2 years old) for a teenager that I know. Her name is Charity and she has recently passed exams and was accepted to a university level certificate course in computers. This is a great accomplishment in Malawi! See the April edition Village Voices article on the educational system in Malawi for details. Her family are my friends and extended many kindnesses and support to me on my trip this past summer. Contact Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier @ 914-772-5971 or [carolpfiz@aol.com](mailto:carolpfiz@aol.com). Thanks & God Bless!

### **PARISH HEALTH NEWS**

**Health tip from your Parish Health Practitioner Joy Elwell** - Now that it's officially Spring, how about doing a "Spring Cleaning" on your medicine cabinet? Medicines will usually have an "expiration date" printed on the side of the bottle. If not, they can be considered good for a year after purchase. If you have medications which are past their expiration date, or are more than a year old, discard them. If you would rather not throw them in the trash, take them to the pharmacy where they will discard them for you. Do not flush them down the drain; it is not good for the water supply.

**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.

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

**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).

### **FELLOWSHIP ACTION GROUP NEWS**

The Annual VLC and The Chapel School Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 12 - 3 p.m.** Fun for the whole family. Plenty of food: hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Bring a dish or dessert to share. DJ, Entertainment, prizes, water balloon relay races, face painting, jumping castle, snow cones, build your own ice cream sundae & much more! Bring a friend or two & neighbors welcome. Questions or for additional info contact Fellowship Chair Morris Mayer 914-906-3323 or [morris.mayer@yahoo.com](mailto:morris.mayer@yahoo.com).

### **CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS**

**Keep Up the Pace, Run the Reading Race!** The Chapel School's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Fair - Wednesday, April 21 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Thursday, April 22 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday, April 23 from 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

**Summer Program** brochures are now available on the tract rack or from the school office. Mad Science will also be on site this summer. Offering 9 weeks of flexible scheduling and classes with many of our own teachers, The Chapel School summer program is a great opportunity for your family and friends with children.

## 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 **April 29, 2010**. Questions, call Erika (914)395-1954 or e-mail [tyandbash@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org).

**Crusaders (9th-12th) - Singing for Cure Band Bash:** Autism Speaks will be a beneficiary of the upcoming Singing For A Cure, an autism diabetes awareness concert sponsored by the Crusader Youth Group of Village Lutheran Church on **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 , at 6 p.m.** at VLC in Bronxville, NY. The cost of the tickets are \$11.

**Recycle and Help the Youth Attend the Gathering in New Orleans:** VLC Crusader Youth Group will hold a **Tag Sale on Saturday, May 1** from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Donations will be accepted on Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30. Volunteers are needed to help sort items for the tag sale from 8 am - 8 pm on Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30. If you could donate an hour or two, please sign up on the tear off sheet. Perfect for all ages and service hours may be earned by students needing to fulfill community service hours for school requirements. Proceeds benefit the youth group's trip to New Orleans for the LCMS Youth Gathering over the summer. For more information call 914-337-0207 or [www.vlc-ny.org](http://www.vlc-ny.org)

**Welcome to Kate Porter, our new Crusader Youth Group Leader.** Kate steps into the leadership position held by Mindy Warnken, who recently completed her nursing degree at Concordia in the inaugural nursing cohort. We appreciate Mindy's work with the youth and wish her well in her new ventures. Kate will provide leadership to the group in a pivotal time of activity as the youth finalize plans to attend the tri-annual gathering. Kate will chaperone the New Orleans trip along with Pastor Hartwell. Please pray for Kate as she leads and shepherds our high school youth programming.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Organ/Vocal Recital** - Dr. Marsha Long, an internationally acclaimed organist, harpsichordist and vocalist, will be performing a program of organ works by Bach, Dupré and Vierne, as well as singing Italian arias and traditional Irish music, on **Sunday, April 18, at 3:00 p.m.** The concert features the magnificent 45-rank pipe organ at Saint Barnabas Church, 409 E. 241<sup>st</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10470. Tickets are \$10/general admission or \$25 advance purchase for reserved seats. For more info, call Music Director Thomas Fierro at (718) 325-5531, or go to [www.stbarnabasbronx.org](http://www.stbarnabasbronx.org).

**Organ Recital by Anthony Rispo** - West Point Cadet Chapel, **Sunday, April 25 at 3:00 p.m.** Anthony played a recital at the VLC in spring 2009 and is currently studying in Cleveland.

**The Eastchester and Tuckahoe Chamber of Commerce** Person of the Year Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Isle Country Club. Pastor Hartwell will deliver the Invocation, and Cornell's (the Fix Family) and Richard Forliano (VLC Member and Town Historian) will be honored. Please join us in congratulating and honoring Richard and the fine work of Cornell's and the Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the Chamber at <http://www.eastchestertuckahoechamberofcommerce.com> or [cetcoc@aol.com](mailto:cetcoc@aol.com).

**Travel and Learn with Concordia College-New York** In the Footsteps of St. Paul...travel to Greece and Turkey (October 19-29). For more information call Rev. Greg Dwyer at 914-337-9300 x 2198.

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**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES**

Assisting Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Tim Elwell
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Intern Joan Condon
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Kevin Warnken
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	9:00 a.m.	Tyler Schultz, Bradley Taylor, Marcello van der Ree Hernandez
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Intern Joan Condon
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	10:45 a.m.	Ian Elwell, Rebecca Blanco
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Claire Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	Wendy Snyder
	10:45 a.m.	Casey McGinnis
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath, Kristofer DePalermo, Matthew Callanan
	9:00 a.m.	Bill Vogt, Grant Geiling, Frank McGinnis, Sarah McGinnis, Warren Wong, Morgan Crystal Roeder, Brian Crystal Roeder
	10:45 a.m.	Georgine Read, Dan Chao, Skip Hansen, Katrina Vidal
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Wendy Haddad
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Amy Heath
Sexton:		Alex Hartwell

**NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP**

*SAT., Apr. 24, 2010* 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service  
*SUN., Apr. 25, 2010* 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion

SERMON: "Held Close By the Good Shepherd"  
Rev. Deric Taylor, preaching

LESSONS: Acts 9:36-43  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

**Stewardship Update**

Amount received last week: \$4,516  
Amount received to date: \$272,228  
Amount needed to date: \$272,035  
\$6,635 average weekly need to meet our 09-10 commitment

### **Acts 9:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Revelation 5:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **John 21:1-19**

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?"

They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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