

# † FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER †

## The Good Shepherd

April 25, 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**

Old Hundredth

- Johann Pachelbel

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd, who willingly gave His life for His sheep.

C: **Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto our God, forever and ever. Amen.**

P: It is on account of our wanderings that it became necessary for Christ to sacrifice all on our behalf. Therefore, we humbly come before God, confessing our sin and awaiting His word of forgiveness and comfort.

*(Silence for personal reflection and confession.)*

P: O Lord, so often we have not listened to Your voice as we should.

C: **Have mercy on us.**

P: O Christ, we have strayed from You and have been disobedient.

C: **Have mercy on us.**

P: O Lord, we have been rebellious and have turned to our own way, following our own wisdom, relying on our own strength.

C: **Have mercy on us; renew, restore and refresh us by Your grace.**

P: Our Good Shepherd sacrificed His life that all who believe in Him will not perish but have forgiveness for their sins and eternal life in His kingdom. Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of His resurrection, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

LSB Hymn #791

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that, when we hear the voice of our Shepherd, we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Acts 9:36-43

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

Revelation 7:9-17

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C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM OF THE DAY** (Congregation rising)

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **GOSPEL**

John 10:22-30

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</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**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB **Hymn #709**

## **SERMON**

“Held Close By the Good Shepherd”

Rev. Deric Taylor

## **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

Savior, Like a Shepherd

- Phillip Keveren

## OFFERTORY

(LSB Hymn #740, v. 1)

I am Jesus' Little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;

For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well provides me,

Loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.

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

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 our Shepherd, You have prepared a table for us and have promised to walk with us through the valleys of death. Guide us by Your voice, that we may follow You in certainty and security to the joyous feast in Your heavenly home which will never end; 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**                      The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want                      LSB **Hymn #710**

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

**POSTLUDE**    Belmont    - Albert Beck

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**SUNDAY - 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.**  
Service of Hymnic Holy Communion

**PRELUDE**

Pastorale

- Raymond Haan

**ENTRANCE HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)  
All People That On Earth Do Dwell

LSB Hymn #791

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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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**of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that, when we hear the voice of our Shepherd, we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**(9:00) YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM**

Lambs to His Fold - Ruth Artman

*I think when I read that sweet story of old, what a wonderful day 'twould have been!  
Jesus called little children as lambs to His fold; I should like to have been with Him then.  
I wish that His hand had been placed on my head, that His arms had been thrown around me;  
And that I might have seen His kind look when He said, "Let the little ones come unto me."  
Yet still to His footstool in prayer I may go, and ask for a share in His love;  
And if I now earnestly seek Him below, I shall see Him and hear Him above.*

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**(9:00) CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

God Is My Shepherd

- Dvořák/Clokey

*God is my shepherd, I want for nothing. He shall feed me in pastures green, by the still waters He leadeth me. He doth restore my soul, He shall lead me in ways of peace for His name's sake.  
Tho' in death's dark valley my way must go, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.  
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

**PSALM OF THE DAY (Congregation rising)**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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♪ **SANCTUS** (*sung to the hymn "The Day of Resurrection"*)

**Sing "Holy, holy, holy," Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Your mercy and Your glory fill heav'n and earth with light!  
How blest is our Redeemer who comes to set us free.  
Hosanna in the highest to the great One in Three!**

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

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### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: Luke the Evangelist wrote of our risen Lord that when He was at table with the disciples at Emmaus, He took bread and blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. Our Savior invites those who trust in Him to share the feast which He has prepared. Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened His heart to us, and God will be glorified. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

♪ **AGNUS DEI** (*Sung to the hymn "On Jordan's Bank"*)

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, who takes the sin of the world away,  
Have mercy on us, grant us peace, and fill us with Your love and grace.

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  
O Living Bread From Heaven

LSB **Hymn #711**

LSB **Hymn #642**



# VLC NEWS AND NOTES

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration and honor of our beloved Aunt Carolyn Driessnack's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday from the entire Driessnack family.

**FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL WALL** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my parents Arnold & Gloria Mayer on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. May peace and the love of God continue to shine on them from Morris Mayer & family.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM** after the 9:00 a.m. worship service for cake, coffee and fellowship. Thanks to the Warnken 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 Warren Spatta, cousin of Carol Raff, who passed away on April 17, 2010. The family of Dr. Richard Dickinson, who passed away on April 17, 2010. The family of Pat Wick Golden, sister of Barbara Moccia, who passed away on April 15, 2010. The family of Nancy Ellen Stupple, niece of Mickie Hover, who passed away on April 7, 2010. The family of Waltraud Hutchins, who passed away on April 5, 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

**Today a Pastor's Discretionary Fund** Offering is received. The Discretionary Fund allows our Pastors to reach out with the love of Christ in the name of our congregation as needs arise. With the present economy, we have seen a rise in people from our community and our own congregation who need a little assistance to make it through these times. If God has blessed you, won't you consider a gift to the Discretionary Fund? Use the "**Love Offering**" envelope. Gifts of any size are appreciated and help us to share the Love of Christ.

**ATTENTION VLC VOTERS:** Join us for our April Meeting **TODAY**, Sunday, April 25 at **12 noon in the MPR**. Pizza and drinks will be provided. The Annual Budget will be presented.

**Update on Vacation Bible School:** VBS now has a link on our Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School website. On this you can sign-up for specific volunteer assignments or register as a volunteer or student for VBS. I urge everyone to use this. **There will be a brief meeting today between the 9 and 10:45 a.m. services** in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, for all interested volunteers. Our next meeting will be on

Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at the same time and place. Contact Deacon Ann Terenzio at 914-337-0207 x 1112 or [ATERENZIO@thechapelschool.org](mailto:ATERENZIO@thechapelschool.org) for more information.

**Wednesday morning Bible Study** will meet on **April 28** at 10:45 a.m. to continue studying Isaiah chapter 49.

**VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, April 29, at 8:00 p.m. and will sing at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 2; **Youth Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 2, at 8:30 a.m.; **High School Choir** will rehearse on Sunday, May 2, at 10:15 a.m.; **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 26, at 7:00 p.m. and participate in worship on Sunday, May 2.

**Choir Invitation for May 16** - The Chancel Choir will be singing two familiar anthems for the special farewell service at 10:00 a.m. - "E'en So, Lord Jesus" by Paul Manz and Peter Lutkin's "The Lord Bless You and keep You." If you would like to sing with the choir for this service, please contact Deb Reiss at 914-337-0207, x1018 or [DREISS@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:DREISS@VLC-NY.ORG).

**ALPHA** continues on **Wednesday, April 28**, 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 beautiful new eucharistic table covering has been given in memory of Ruth Reichelt** by her loving family. As we join the hosts of heaven at the Lord's table in singing praise to God, we remember our dear friend Ruth and her loving witness in word and deed. The parament will be dedicated at a future service.

**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.

**Attention: Men of VLC!** Volunteers are needed for a special Mother's Day coffee hour event on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> following the 9 a.m. service. Let's show appreciation to Mother's and Mother figures of VLC. Decorations will be provided. Sign-up on back or use the sign-up sheet located on the Fellowship bulletin board in the MultiPurpose Room.

**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](mailto: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.

**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., May 29, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Deacon Program Graduate Rosemarie Gustafson** and the Graduating Class of 2010 of The Atlantic District Diaconate Program requests the honor of your presence at the Graduation Liturgy at Village Lutheran Church on **Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** Reception will follow at the church. Clergy, Deacons, Graduates and students are invited to vest. The color of the day is Red.

**TABLE TALK** with Pastor Hartwell - All are invited to attend our informal worship service 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).

**Join our 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.

### 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.

**June 8** - Will be our end of year luncheon at Siwanoy Country Club at 11:30 a.m.. The cost is \$35 per person for this beautifully catered lunch with cocktails. Please call the church office (914) 337-0207 to make your reservations.

### 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: **God is here, even when you can't feel Him.**

**Jesus calls Himself our shepherd (John 10:22-30).** In Sunday School today, the children learned how we are all like sheep who have gone astray. As a family, talk about this Good Shepherd Jesus, who rescues, gathers

and cares for us through His Word and Sacraments. In what ways has He rescued you? Where can we find our Shepherd? (In His Word and Sacraments.) Review the blessings of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in the catechism.

### **STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

As we become more Christ-like, we become more interested in others and less likely to serve only ourselves. This transformation is possible because God renews our minds and changes our hearts. Because God enables us to see things through His eyes, we begin to comprehend what His will is, and we live our lives trying to please Him. With our focus on ourselves diminished, we look for opportunities to help the people God places around us. Whenever we help those in need in Christ's name, we are in reality doing our acts of service unto Jesus Himself (Matthew 25:40).

**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.

**The Lenten Food Drive** was a success. We collected 10 full shopping carts worth of non perishable food which was distributed locally through ECAP in Tuckahoe and also in Mt. Vernon. The timing was a God send for ECAP whose shelves were becoming bare. We will continue bringing non-perishable food to ECAP, which can be placed under the piano in the Friendship Room. The highest need items are canned meats and powdered milk, but all other non-perishables are appreciated too. Thank you for all your support.

**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 passes exams and was accepted to a university level certificate course in computers. This is a great accomplishment if 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** - Go outside and garden! Not only does it make your landscaping pretty, but gardening also burns approximately 250 to 350 calories an hour. For optimal health benefits, garden three times a week for an hour at a time. Anything that makes you sweat - mowing the lawn, pulling weeds, hauling mulch - qualifies as exercise. Rotate tasks every 20 minutes or so to give all your major groups a workout and to avoid over straining one set of muscles.

**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 Forliano 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**

**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 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.

**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. 9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Deacon Wendy Haddad George Pietarinen Deacon Intern Morris Mayer
Organist:	5:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss Marcia Kollmann
Lectors:	5:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Patrick Durkin Mimi Blanco Deacon Intern Morris Mayer
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Patrick Durkin John Divi, Mark Blanco, Charles Eisenberg Carolyn Driessnack
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sean Durkin Nicholas Clausen Diana Mayer
Ushers:	5:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Matthew Callanan George Pietarinen, Anne Losee, Richard Graham Ralph Schoene, Mickie Hover, Lydia Chao, Georgine Read
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio Marion Scaramuzzino, Deacon Ann Terenzio Deacon Intern Joan Condon, Helen Britz
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Brianna Blanco
Sexton:		Natalie Vidal

**NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP**

<i>SAT., May 1, 2010</i>	5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
<i>SUN., May 2, 2010</i>	9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion
SERMON:	“What It Means To Be a Family” Dr. Robert Hartwell, preaching
LESSONS:	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

**Stewardship Update**

Amount received last week: \$6,342

Amount received to date: \$278,570

Amount needed to date: \$278,670  
\$6,635 average weekly need to meet our 09-10 commitment

### **Acts 9:36-43**

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

<sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around

the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **John 10:22-30**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them,

and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else,

and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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