

† EASTER VIGIL †

April 3, 2010

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *The order of worship is printed 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.*



NOTES ON THE VIGIL

The Christ Candle was removed from the sanctuary on Good Friday to visually remind us of Christ’s human death and the temporary darkness which fell over the earth. To begin this Easter Vigil, the Christ Candle is brought back into the sanctuary with a blessing of the “new flame” and the return of the Light. The Paschal Candle is then lit, symbolizing Christ’s resurrected presence from that first Easter until He returned to heaven on Ascension Day. The Easter Vigil is also a celebration of the re-birth and new life which is given to each of us through Holy Baptism.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP AT 5:30 P.M.

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

- Wilbur Held

† SERVICE OF LIGHT †

INVOCATION

(While the church is still in semi-darkness, the congregation is invited to stand and turn towards the back of the church. The Pastor then enters the sanctuary silently with the Christ Candle.)

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church invites its members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. In hearing the Word and celebrating the Sacraments, we share in Christ's victory over death.

C: **Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and Omega.**

P: His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever. By His wounds we have healing both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE NEW FLAME

P: Let us pray. O God, through Your Son You have bestowed upon Your people the brightness of Your glory.

C: **Bless this new fire and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration that we may be brought one day to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE and PROCESSION OF LIGHT

P: The Paschal candle represents our risen Lord shining in the light and splendor of His resurrection. He is the new "pillar of fire" leading redeemed Israel out of the bondage of sin into the promised land.

C: **May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

P: Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

(The Paschal candle is lit)

P: The light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(The congregation is invited to proceed down the center aisle to the front of the sanctuary. As you pass by the Paschal candle, light your candle and then return to the pews by way of the side aisles. When all the individual candles are lit, the Pastor continues:)

P: Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

PASCHAL HYMN The Day of Resurrection (LSB Hymn #478)

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
And list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin.
Let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(The individual candles are extinguished)

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE (*Congregation rising*)

P: In Holy Baptism our sins are forgiven and we are granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: **I do renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C: **Yes, I believe 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: **Yes, 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.**

P: May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

THE EASTER GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th 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.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB Hymn #463

SERMON

“Earthshaking Good News”

Rev. Deric Taylor

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Hear us, O God;

C: **Your mercy is great.**

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Easter Song

- Anne Herring

Sung by Sharon April Miller

OFFERTORY

(LSB Hymn #633, v. 1)

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

† HOLY COMMUNION †

PREFACE

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: 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. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life’s blood poured out for our salvation, until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal. Hear us as we pray in Jesus’ 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)**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

CLOSING PRAYER

A: O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN I Know That My Redeemer Lives (v. 1-4 and 8) **LSB Hymn #461**

SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE This Joyful Eastertide - Jan Bender

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VLC NEWS AND NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our dear mother Ruth Reichelt with all our love, from Eileen, John, Cathy and grandchildren.

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.

FLOWERS DECORATING OUR CHURCH THIS EASTER WERE DONATED BY:

The Albano Family	Rose Marie Menduni
Richard & Carlette Allen	Carole Michelsen
Daniel & Lydia Chao	Kit & Molly Nagel
Connie Conway	The Palumbo Family
Anton & Ruth DeRosa	John & Joanne Peeck
The Dhyne Family	Heike Pelka
The Divi Family	Cliff & Sharon Peterson
Carolyn Driessnack	The Podoll Family
Richard Foster	Lorane Prendergast
The Gleason Family	Carol Raff
The Gotte Family	The Reyes-Guerra Family
Paul Grand Pre	Bob & Betty Roberts
Skip Hansen	Ron & Sharon Sjonvall
The Hartwell Family	Peter Soans
Robert & Rosemarie Hehn	Virginia Stong
Karen Holzer	Robert & Lynette Taylor
The Kollmann Family	Deric, Julie & Bradly Taylor
Toba Lumbantobing	Ed & Katrina Vidal
The Maxeiner Family	Dorothy Zelenko
The McGinnis Family	

In memory of Gary Bevers & the Blanck & Bevers family

In memory of Frank Coffey, Bill & Helen Messner from Kathy Coffey

In memory of Edwin A. Andrews, Jr. from Joan Condon

In memory of Don Gilder from the Rapillo family.

In memory of Andrew Pinka from his family.

In memory of William G. Podszus from Louise, Elaine, Edward, William, Sue, Warren Podszus & family.

In memory of Frederick Reiss and Nina (Reiss) Bargo from Deborah Reiss

EASTER FLOWERS may be picked up following the 10:45 a.m. service on Easter morning. **Please be sure to look for your name on the plant.**

PRAYER LINE: Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Robert DeMatteo, Dawn Galloway, Pat Golden, Scott James, David Just, Mitchell Lunog, Alexis Matos, Luz Maria Nieves, Marci Pietarinen, Sylvia Puig, Julio Sanchez, Linda Voelk, Frances Yakman. 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. The family of Richard Guidorizzi, who passed away on March 17, 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, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith, Aaron Tiso.

CHURCH NEWS

Pastor Deric Taylor, our Associate Pastor, has accepted the Divine Call to serve as Pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Fairlawn, New Jersey. Pastor Taylor will be honored the weekend of May 15-16 (details will be forthcoming) and 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.

Many thanks for the Beautiful Easter Baskets that were filled and returned. Over 140 baskets were distributed to the Center for Learning Headstart in New Rochelle (formerly St. Bernards), Mommy & Me at Sacred Heart in Mt. Vernon and Social Services in New Rochelle. Thanks to Faith Forliano for the wonderful job of coordinating this project and Kim Rapillo for her help in distribution.

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** will be off the week after Easter (April 8 and 11) and will resume on Thursday, April 15, at 8:00 p.m.; **Youth Choir** will be off April 8 and 11, and will rehearse again on Thursday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m.; **High School Choir** will rehearse at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 11; **Village Brass** rehearses on Wednesdays, time TBD; **Village Bells** will not rehearse on Wednesday, April 7, and will resume the following week at 7:15 p.m.; **FaithWalk** will rehearse on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on **April 7** at 10:45 a.m. We are working on Isaiah chapters 47 and 48.

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!

The next **Good News Christian Coffee House** will be held at VLC on **Saturday, April 10, 2010** featuring HIS with Diane & Doreen. 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.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! It is with great joy that we **celebrate the commissioning** of Deacon Elect Faith Forliano and Deacon Elect Betty Roberts at our 10:45 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, April 11, 2010**. Betty and Faith have worked very hard over these past years completing the Atlantic District Diaconate Program and are now ready for their commissioning as Atlantic District Deacons, serving our congregation and school. Please join us on this special day!

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: **April 13, May 11**.

A Memorial Service will be held for long time member Laura Gregory at Village Lutheran Church on **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.**

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!

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 5, 2010.

Village Lutheran Church invites all to attend their 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.

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!

April 13 - George Heath, Cantor at Village Lutheran Church, will be performing.

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). This week, remind that special child in your life: **Love others!**

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). This verse presents the most fundamental premise for stewardship. Motivated by God’s love, we give our lives and resources so the mission of Christ and His church is accomplished. Our giving is a response out of gratitude for the love that God has given to us through His Son.

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

EASTER SUNDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, APRIL 4th - Let’s share the JOY of Easter Morning in fellowship with one another! Join us for a continuous continental breakfast in the Multi-Purpose Room from 8 a.m. - 12 noon on Easter Sunday.

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 Voice 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. Her father, Luzu, was our driver who guided and protected us throughout our trip. Contact Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier @ 914-772-5971 or carolpfiz@aol.com. Thanks & God Bless!

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

PARISH HEALTH NEWS

Health tip from your Parish Health Practitioner Joy Elwell - Vitamin C is an antioxidant that’s found primarily in citrus fruits, leafy green vegetables, broccoli, potatoes and other fruits and veggies. Significant enough vitamin C deficiency can lead to a condition called scurvy. Here are warning signs that you’re not getting enough vitamin C: Excessively dry hair with ends that split easily; Scaly, rough, dry skin; Bleeding or inflamed gums; Wounds that heal slowly, frequent infections and bruising easily; Frequent nosebleeds; Pain and swelling in the joints; Anemia and Weakened tooth enamel.

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).

CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

Keep Up the Pace, Run the Reading Race! The Chapel School's 29th 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 8, 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) - 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 18th, 2010, at 6 p.m. at Village Lutheran Church in Bronxville, NY. The cost of the tickets for the event is \$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

COMMUNITY NEWS

The community is invited to join us at the Wartburg for the upcoming play, To Whom It May Concern, on **Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 4:45 p.m.** in The Chapel at The Wartburg Adult Care Community, 1 Wartburg Place, Mt. Vernon, NY. This powerful play is written from the perspective of those with early Alzheimer's and performed in monologues by community volunteers with the disease. It is insightful for family caregivers and health who interact with people having dementia, as it discusses the issues of anger, fear and frustration that patients often find difficult to express. Tickets are Free. Pre-registration is recommended. Call 914-513-5317 or register online <http://www.wartburgtowhomImayconcern.eventbrite.com>

It's Luau Time! Friday, April 9, 2010 at Our Savior Gym. Cocktail Hour at 6 p.m., Dinner & Show at 7 p.m. Our Savior Lutheran School, 1734 Williambridge Rd., Bronx, NY 10461. For more information call 718-792-5665 or e-mail: oslpaul@aol.com

Women's Wellness Weekend at SonRise. (April 9-11). Spend a weekend indulging yourself in body, mind and spirit by taking part in the wellness weekend. This truly is a unique experience for women age 18 & older. \$200 per participant includes two nights' lodging in a Lakeside unit, six meals and programming. Upgrade to private room for an additional fee. Some activities may require additional fees.

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.

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 Minister: Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
Organist: Marcia Kollmann
Lector: Morris Mayer
Communion Assistant: Morris Mayer
Youth Worship Assistant: Jason Napolitano
Usher: Chuck Horvath
Altar Guild: Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
Altar Flowers: Kim Rapillo
Sexton: Rebecca Kollmann

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

SAT., Apr. 10, 2010 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
SUN., Apr. 11, 2010 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion

SERMON: "He Has Unlocked Life"
Rev. Deric Taylor, preaching

LESSONS: Acts 5:27-32
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$5,407
Amount received to date: \$254,167
Amount needed to date: \$258,765
\$6,635 average weekly need to meet our 09-10 commitment

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord – and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 6:3-11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”

⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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