

† FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT †

February 21, 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.
Spoken Divine Service

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major

- Felix Mendelssohn

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C: Amen.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. (*Psalm 130:3-4*)

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB **Hymn #655**

KYRIE

P: Kyrie eleison.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christe eleison.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Kyrie eleison.

C: Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+LITURGY OF THE WORD+

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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

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to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

I love to tell the story of how, from heav'n above, our Lord and Savior Jesus was sent to show God's love to ev'ry sinful creature upon this earthly place; how Christ, the gift from heaven, is God's great gift of grace. *Refrain*

SERMON

"Beautiful Feet"

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: We pray:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Diapason Movement

- John Stanley

OFFERTORY

(LW Hymn #956)

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

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

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

+LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST+

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

P: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words our Lord gave 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.

AGNUS DEI

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

COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

A: Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; 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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB Hymn #427

DISMISSAL

P: The Divine Service is ended. Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D Major

- J. K. F. Fischer

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SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m.
Service of Word and Prayer

PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

- J. S. Bach

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB **Hymn #904**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

GREETING and OPENING VERSICLES

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: The word is near you,

C: **on your lips and in your heart.**

P: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: **and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**

P: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: **and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.** (*Romans 10*)

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: **Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, my savior, I ask forgiveness.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF THE WORD

(LSB Hymn #712, alt.)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you! Thanks be to God for His mercy.

Ask and it shall be giv'n unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Thanks be to God for His mercy.

Man does not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Thanks be to God for His mercy.

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CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread/Lily of the Valley - Traditional

VERSE (*Congregation rising*)

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

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

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(After the message, children and teachers in Grades 3-6 go to their Sunday School classes)

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- Kevin Hildebrand

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(LW Hymn #956)

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

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LSB Hymn #427

SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

Rathbun

- Charles Cooke

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

PRELUDE

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ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB **Hymn #904**

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INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. (*A brief time of silence for reflection*)

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.** (*Psalm 124:8*)

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (*Psalm 32:5*)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

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LSB **Hymn #655**

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†HOLY COMMUNION†

PREFACE

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P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given us Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI (*sung to “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*)

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away – our faith increase.

Have mercy on us all, strengthen us when we fall, answer our fervent call and grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB Hymn #618

COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

A: Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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LSB Hymn #427

SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

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- Charles Cooke

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VLC NEWS AND NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hans Hover on the 4th Anniversary of his entrance into heaven, from his wife Mickie.

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

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

Names are listed for 3 weeks.

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

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

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

CHURCH NEWS

Pastor Deric Taylor, our Associate Pastor, has received a Divine Call to serve as Pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Fairlawn, New Jersey. In our Lutheran system, pastors receive a Divine Call directly from congregations and have the right to prayerfully accept or decline these Calls. Pastor Taylor will be reviewing the Call to this sister congregation of ours across the Hudson and will make a decision in 3 or 4 weeks. His intention is to let our congregation and school know as soon as he decides. Please express your feelings to Pastor Taylor. Please pray for Pastor Taylor and for Julie and Bradly as they together seek to follow God's leading. Please know that the Lord of the Church is with us and will help us to serve as His witnesses.

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, Feb. 25, but will not sing on Sunday, Feb. 28; **Youth Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 8:30 a.m.; **High School Choir** will resume rehearsals in March; **Village Brass** rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.; **Village Bells** will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24, before the Lenten service.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Serving Corned Beef, Cabbage and Irish Soda Bread. Fun for the whole family! Adults \$10, Seniors \$9, Children \$5 (12 and under). Celtic music and desserts! Make your reservation by March 14, 2010. Sponsored by the Crusader Youth Group in support of their Youth Gathering Trip to New Orleans. For more information call the church office at (914) 337-0207.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, March 27 (Palm Saturday) promptly at 11 a.m. This Easter Egg Hunt is for toddlers through the 2nd grade. Come join us on the Great Porch with your bag or basket to collect your eggs. This is always a great event with lots of candy and fun! Please be sure to arrive on time as the children hunt very quickly to gather their eggs! This is sponsored by our VLC Lifers and Crusader Youth Groups.

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

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

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

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

SENIOR NEWS

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Today in Sunday School the children will study the temptation of Jesus (Luke 4:1-13). Like us, Jesus was tempted by Satan to sin. Yet, for us, He overcame all temptation because we cannot. In your family discussions, consider how we are tempted to rely on ourselves and trust in our powers. Provide examples. Assure our children that God lovingly provides all that we need for this life and eternity, doing all things for us and ordering our days and life in His peace.

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

From *Life's Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, www.barbourbooks.com). This week, remind that special child in your life: **Let Jesus change your heart!**

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

God never abandons us, but we can elect to turn away from Him. In spite of the good things and miracles Jesus did on earth, many rejected Him. They cried, "*Crucify Him! Crucify Him!*" (Luke 23:21). We are appalled. "How could they?" we think, but whenever we refuse to deny ourselves and follow Him we reject the Savior as well. When our focus is on ourselves, we push God out of our lives. "*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*" (2 Cor. 9:15), our Good Shepherd Who comes looking for His lost and erring sheep (John 10:14-16).

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

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

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

EASTER BASKETS - Please help share the love of Christ this Easter with children in need. Pick up an empty Easter basket in the Friendship Room and fill it with goodies. Easter Basket suggestions: markers, crayons, children's scissors, coloring books, learn to count, read or write books, stuffed animals, toothbrushes, socks, hair brushes, barrettes, small balls, matchbox cars, play doh, blowing bubbles, notebook, pens, pencils and a bit of candy. Please be sure to wrap them in cellophane for easy transport. People are welcome to buy their own baskets as well. **Filled baskets should be brought back to church by Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday).**

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

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

PARISH HEALTH NEWS

Health tip from your Parish Health Practitioner Joy Elwell - Vitamin E helps support cell membranes and repair damage by free radicals, is necessary for structural and functional maintenance of skeletal, cardiac & smooth muscle, assists in the formation of new red blood cells and helps to maintain the body's supply of vitamins A & K, iron and selenium. You can save some money and get vitamin E by eating healthy foods. Add vitamin E to your diet with foods such as nuts, spinach, sunflower seeds, wheat germ and whole grains. People taking blood thinners or aspirin should consult with their health care provider about taking a vitamin E supplement to avoid potential drug interaction. If you do supplement with vitamin E, take it with a meal that contains some fat to aid in its absorption.

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

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

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

YOUTH NEWS

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

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

Crusaders (9th-12th) - Pray for the chaperones and youth signed up for the Crusader H.S. Youth Gathering Trip this summer (July 17-21, 2010) to New Orleans. Mrs. Warnken, Pastor Hartwell, Rachel, Josh, Tom, Hannah, Ian, Alex, Max and Rachel. **There is still time to sign up for the Youth Gathering.** Youth who are currently Freshman through Seniors in High School are welcome. Registration fee goes up after March 2, so contact Pastor Hartwell if you wish to go. Visit www.lcmsgathering.com for more information or call Pastor Hartwell 914-337-0207 (1022) or PastorH@vlc-ny.org. **Upcoming Crusader Youth Activities: St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper Fundraiser**, Wednesday, March 17 from 5 - 7 p.m., **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children, Saturday, March 27 at 11 a.m. * **Note: new date!*** (Lifers and Crusaders arrive at 9:30 a.m. to set-up), **Tag Sale** (Collection/set up days: April 29-30). Saturday, May 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For questions/concerns about our Crusader Youth, please contact Pastor Taylor at (914)337-0207 (1021) or e-mail Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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LENTEN WORSHIP

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT - Devotional Service at 7:30 p.m.

February 24, March 3, March 10,
March 17 - Preceded by a Youth Sponsored "St. Patrick's Day Feast"
March 24 - Special music by the Chapel School Select Choir

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

March 27-28 - Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Palm Processional and Reading of the Passion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1 - 7:30 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord's Supper and Jesus' commandment (Latin *mandatum*) to love

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2 - 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service

EASTER VIGIL

April 3 - 5:30 p.m. - Baptismal Remembrance and First Service of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4 - 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. - Festival Worship with Holy Communion
Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

Assisting Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Elect Betty Roberts
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Elect Faith Forliano
	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.	Kit Nagel
	9:00 a.m.	Sharon Peterson
	10:45 a.m.	Carolyn Driessnack
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Kit Nagel
	10:45 a.m.	Carolyn Driessnack
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Jason Napolitano
	9:00 a.m.	Casey McGinnis
	10:45 a.m.	Kaitlyn Gotte
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	Bill Vogt, Grant Geiling, Frank McGinnis, Sarah McGinnis, Warren Wong
	10:45 a.m.	Georgine Read, Dan Chao, Skip Hansen, Katrina Vidal
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Elect Betty Roberts
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Amy Heath, Bradley Taylor
Sexton:		Natalie Vidal

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

WED., Feb. 24, 2010 7:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service
SAT., Feb. 27, 2010 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service / 6:30p.m. Prayer Service
SUN., Feb. 28, 2010 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion

SERMON: "O Jerusalem"
Rev. Deric Taylor, preaching

LESSONS: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$7,143
Amount received to date: \$217,238
Amount needed to date: \$218,955
\$6,635 average weekly need to meet our 09-10 commitment

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 10:8-13

⁸“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Luke 4:1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.