

† **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT** †

**Lutheran Schools Sunday**

**February 28, 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**

Praeludium in G Minor

- Nicholaus Bruhns

**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**

The God of Abraham Praise (v. 1-4)

LSB Hymn #798

**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. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, even as You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who teach and those who are committed to their instruction that they may know Your eternal truth and trust in You all the days of their lives; 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+**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

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**GOSPEL**

Luke 13:31-35

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13<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**

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB **Hymn #725**

**SERMON**

“O Jerusalem”

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**

Offerande

- Flor Peeters

**OFFERTORY**

(LW Hymn #851, v. 4)

Lord of glory, You have bought us with Your life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.

Give us faith to trust You boldly, hope to stay our souls on You;

But, oh, best of all Your graces, with Your love our love renew.

## +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

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**A:** Almighty God, we thank You for feeding us through this Sacrament of Your Son's body and blood. May it strengthen us to follow where You lead us, and to serve You in the power of the Holy Spirit with lives full of love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness; 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**

Glory Be to Jesus

LSB Hymn #433

**DISMISSAL**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

Finale (from Concerto No. 5)

- G. F. Handel

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## CHOIR ANTHEM TEXTS

### **Make Your Life a Song to God**

- Jayne Southwick Cool

Make your life a song to God; sing loud and strong and clear.

Make your life a song to God for ev'ryone to hear. Jesus will put the melody into your heart.

Make your life a song to God, a sweet, well-crafted tune.

Make your life a song to God, and do it very soon. Jesus will put the melody into your heart.

Listen to the steady beat when rhythms change around you (and new sounds confound you).

Listen to the constant beat; God's love surrounds you.

In your highs and your lows, let the Word of the Lord be your accompaniment;

It will make your music strong, so you can sing your whole life long.

Make your life a song to God and live in unity.

Make your life a song to God, arranged in harmony.

Jesus will put the melody into your heart.

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### **Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit**

- arr. Jurriaan Grootes

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving; 's in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountains my Lord spoke; out of His mouth came fire and smoke.

Looked all around me, it looked so fine; I asked the Lord could it be mine.

Oh, I have sorrows and I have woe and I have heartache here below.

But while God leads me, I'll never fear; for I am sheltered by His care.

*Traditional Spiritual*

### **Pie Jesus (from *Requiem*)**

- Andrew Lloyd Webber

*Pie Jesu,*

*qui tollis peccata mundi,*

*dona eis requiem.*

Merciful Jesus,

who takes away the sin of the world,

grant them rest.

*Agnus Dei,*

*qui tollis peccata mundi,*

*dona eis requiem sempiternam.*

Lamb of God,

who takes away the sin of the world,

grant them eternal rest.

*Latin Mass Text*

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## 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

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

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## SERMON

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# CHAPEL SCHOOL AWARD/RECOGNITION OF FACULTY & STAFF COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

Fairest Lord Jesus

- Mark Patterson

**OFFERTORY** (*Congregation rising*)

(LW Hymn #851, v. 4)

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## †HOLY COMMUNION†

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

The Lamb

LSB Hymn #547

Jesus Loves Me

LSB Hymn #588

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB Hymn #691

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

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

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude & Fugue in D minor

- J. S. Bach

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# VLC NEWS AND NOTES

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

**PRAYER LINE:** Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Dawn Galloway, Scott James, David Just, Robert Kubic, Mitchell Lunog, Alexis Matos, Luz Maria Nieves, Sylvia Puig, John Rapillo, Julio Sanchez, Pastor Deric Taylor & family. 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 Nicolas Polidoro, brother of Patrick Durkin, who passed away on February, 22, 2010. The family of William Snyder, father of William & Diane Snyder, who passed away on February 18, 2010. 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. 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

**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.

**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, March 4, and will sing at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 7; **Youth Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 7, at 8:30 a.m.; **High School Choir** will rehearse at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, March 7; **Village Brass** rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. during Lent; **Village Bells** will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, before the Lenten service, and ring in worship on Sunday, March 7.

**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](mailto:pastorh@vlc-ny.org)) or Pastor Taylor ([dtaylor@vlc-ny.org](mailto:dtaylor@vlc-ny.org)) before Tuesday, March 2. You may also call the church at 914-337-0207.

**Wednesday morning Bible Study** will meet on **March 3** at 10:45 a.m. to conclude Isaiah chapter 43 (if necessary) and begin chapter 44.

**Midweek Lenten Services** continue each **Wednesday at 7:30 pm through March 24**. The theme for this week will be "The Hands of Christ," using music, Scripture passages and the meditation to focus on the beautiful image of being in God's hands. A light reception will follow the service. Please join us in worship.

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

**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 - Friday, March 12, 2010.** Gala Dinner (7:00p.m. to midnight) and Auction benefitting Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School. **The reservation deadline is Monday, March 1!** For more information, please contact: Ellen Bryceland, Event Chair at 914-439-2911 / e-mail [eobb46@gmail.com](mailto:eobb46@gmail.com), or Jeanette Van Duyne, Development Assistant at 914-337-0207 x 1040 / e-mail [jvandyne@vlc-ny.org](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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., March 27, at 6:30 p.m.**

**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. 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, Lohman Village Residents and community members welcome!

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

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

In Sunday School today, the children learned that as Jesus healed the ten men with leprosy, Jesus forgives and heals us from the sickness of sin and death (Luke 17:11-19). Discuss with your children how in faith we respond with thankful hearts, praising Him for His love for us. Talk about what it means to be healed of our sin-sickness. How do we thank God for His grace? As a family, consider the words of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.

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

From *Life's Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, [www.barbourbooks.com](http://www.barbourbooks.com)). This week, remind that special child in your life: **And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him.**

### STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Jesus had just told His disciples about His impending death when talk of self-exaltation caused dissension among them. Jesus, ever patient, “*called them together,*” and talked to them about humility, about what makes us great, and how to be Number One. “Be a servant,” He said, “*just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*” (Matthew 20:28).

**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** will continue 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 28** - Pasta, rice, cereals, crackers, granola bars

**EASTER BASKETS** - Please help share the love of Christ this Easter with children in need. Pick up an empty Easter basket in the back of the church 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** - In the past six weeks, over 500 Health Kits have been shipped to Lutheran World Relief for Haiti. We thank the families and students of The Chapel School, VLC members, The Wartburg Adult Care Community of Mt. Vernon, Immanuel Lutheran Church of Mt. Vernon, and some of the local Girl Scout Troops for participating in this huge joint effort to bring some relief to the suffering people of Haiti. Thank you for donating completed health kits, supplies to assemble kits, shipping boxes, or funds to cover shipping costs. We bring this project to a close on Monday, March 1. God abundantly blessed our work!

### 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.

**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. **There will not be a Yoga class on Monday, March 1.** 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**

**This morning we will be presenting the 2009-2010 Chapel School Award** To Chapel School parent Kathy Connor-Wareham. The Chapel School Award honors people for their distinguished service and dedication to The Chapel School and its children. Kathy is our current PTO President, has volunteered many hours in our library, co-chaired one of our book fairs, has helped with our athletic program, serves on the school advisory committee and has been a class parent. We congratulate Kathy Connor-Wareham, recipient of The Chapel School Award and thank her for her involvement on behalf of our teachers and students.

**Lutheran Schools Week** continues through **Friday, March 5.** The Chapel School is one of about 2,500 schools in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, comprising nearly 300,000 students and more than 18,000 teachers. God has truly blessed us at The Chapel School with a dedicated, caring and talented faculty and staff, an active partnership with parents, 350 wonderful students, and a caring, supportive congregation. We are truly "Covered in Kindness."

### **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 **March 4, 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)** - 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](http://www.lcmsgathering.com) for more information or call Pastor Hartwell 914-337-0207 (1022) or [PastorH@vlc-ny.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 \$30 per person. Morning hospitality and lunch are included. Please contact Carol Mittelstaedt - [carolmittel@aol.com](mailto:carolmittel@aol.com) or 914-337-5700 x 6.

**The Concordia Conservatory presents the Juilliard String Quartet on Sunday, March 7, at 4:00 p.m.** This is a rare opportunity to see an American musical treasure right here in Bronxville, at Concordia's Sommer Center for Worship and the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$25 for adults/\$12.50 for children under 12 and seniors. To purchase, call 914-395-4507 or go to [ConcordiaConservatory.org](http://ConcordiaConservatory.org).

**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 the Martin Luther HS (Queens) 50<sup>th</sup> 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 914-202-7548 or e-mail [Kevincook@optonline.net](mailto:Kevincook@optonline.net). Free transportation for a terrific show in honor of our superior Lutheran high school! Join us!

**The Concordia Festival Choir Spring Concert** will take place on **Sunday, March 21, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sommer Center. The concert will be a benefit for Haiti relief, with all proceeds going to "Save the Children." The program will feature the Bach Cantata No. 80 "Ein feste Burg" (A Mighty Fortress is Our God) as well as a **guest appearance by the Chapel School Select Choir.**

**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](mailto:randal.gast@concordia-ny.edu).

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

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

***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.	Rosemarie Gustafson
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Intern Morris Mayer
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Kevin Warnken
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Patrick Durkin
	9:00 a.m.	Mimi Blanco
	10:45 a.m.	Paul Grand Pre
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Patrick Durkin
	9:00 a.m.	Joy Elwell, Michael Schultz, John Divi, Tyler Schultz
	10:45 a.m.	Richard Allen
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Sean Durkin
	9:00 a.m.	Bradly Taylor
	10:45 a.m.	Luke Geiling
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	George Pietarinen, Anne Losee, Richard Graham
	10:45 a.m.	Mickie Hover, Ralph Schoene, Georgine Read, Carolyn Driessnack
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
	9:00 a.m.	Ellen Spring, Deacon Elect Betty Roberts
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Intern Joan Condon, Helen Britz
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Brianna Blanco
Sexton:		Hannah Geiling

**NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP**

<i>WED., Mar. 3, 2010</i>	7:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service
<i>SAT., Mar. 6, 2010</i>	5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
<i>SUN., Mar. 7, 2010</i>	9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion
	SERMON: "Never Give Up"
	Dr. Robert Hartwell, preaching
LESSONS:	Isaiah 55:1-9
	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
	Luke 13:1-9

**Stewardship Update**

Amount received last week: \$8,016

Amount received to date: \$225,254

Amount needed to date: \$225,590

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

### **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” <sup>8</sup>But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” <sup>9</sup>He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.... <sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Philippians 3:17 – 4:1**

<sup>3</sup> <sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. **4** <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Luke 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’” <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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